



Ramblings

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Both Holiday Cheer and Joyous Spirit were in abundance this evening...

Kiwanis Club Holiday Party Extravaganza!

In order to get into the right frame of mind for the holidays, we had our annual **Kiwanis Club Holiday Party** this evening complete with **Club** member's special someone's, liquid refreshments served up by one of Santa's finest assistant (no not Rudolph, it was our very own **KiwanisLand** elf - **Jack Wallin**), a fine meal from **Jay's Catering** and enough holiday cheer to choke a reindeer!

Reveling in tonight's festivities were: **Brent & Saimi Haynes; Craig & Monnie Howard; Gerry & Marlene Newkirk; Walt & Dianne Donovan; Bruce & Peggy Broadwater; Tom & Pat Elliott; RC Gall and Marilyn; Gary & Sharon Sunda; Peter & Suki Carter; Bob & Lennie Main; Carol Singer; Scott & Susan McIlvain; Dick & Sarah Lobin; Jerry & Connie Margolin; Tony & Emma Lombardi** (and Emma's mother); **Jerry & Becky Kelly; Jack & Marge Wallin; Ed Beaudin & girlfriend Suzie; Don Nielsen;** and **Tom Petrosine's** granddaughter **Angela** (**Tom** wasn't feeling well and couldn't make it at the last minute). Not only was this a night to celebrate all of the joy and good will that we normally associate with the holiday season, **Club** members and their special guests also got to feel the warmth of playing Santa's helper by bringing in their gifts for children who are assisted by the **Orange County's Domestic Abuse Services Unit**. **Sally Monsoor** and **Pam Pantiru**, the social workers with whom we have worked with during the past few years, came by at the conclusion of our party to gratefully pick up and deliver the gifts that we were providing to the children of the families that they support. They also were very grateful to receive the food that we collected from our Canned Food Drive and said that all of the items will go a long way in making the children's holidays a little brighter as they go through this difficult, disruptive and confusing time in their lives.



Our Club's donated gifts and food drive collections will brighten children's and needy families Holidays .

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Announcements

- The **Club's** annual **Turkey Shoot** event will be held on Dec. 22 at **KiwanisLand**. It will start at 6:00 pm and **Club** members and anyone else who wishes to participate will be bringing in their cooked turkey and partake of a little bit of holiday spirits. The cooked birds will be delivered in a turkey caravan to the **Methodist Church** on the 23rd and will go towards providing a hot Christmas dinner for the members of the community who are in need. This will also be our **Club** meeting for the week.
- **Sharon Sunda**, representing the Lamplighter Guild of CHOC presented **KiwanisLand** with a \$250 donation for their use of the **Park** for meetings and events. We also received donations from the two different **Boy Scout troops**; the **Girl Scouts of Los Alamitos - Rossmoor** ; and the **Alano Motorcycle Club** all for letting them use the **Park** for their events. We also received a \$2000 donation from the **Garden Grove Lions Club** (they hold their annual **Pancake Breakfast in the Park**).
- In keeping with a long-standing **Garden Grove Kiwanis Club** tradition, **Bob Main, Jim Hansen** and **Carol Singer** made donations to **KiwanisLand** in lieu of sending Christmas Cards. Thanks and Happy Holidays!

Happy/Sad

- Gerry N.** - Happy \$ to wish all a Merry Christmas and that daughter's boyfriend is graduating from Sheriff's academy.
Ed B. - Happy \$ to wish Merry Christmas to all. **Don N.** - Happy \$ to see everyone and say Merry Christmas.
Jack W. - Happy \$ to wish a Merry Christmas to everyone and he will miss us while he is in **Texas**.
Craig H. - Happy \$ for **Jack W.**'s decorating, all of the **Club's** Angels, Happy Holidays to all. Happy \$ for his daughter graduating from **Cal State Fullerton**. **Dick L.** - Happy \$ for **Gary S.**'s **Corvette** (He's thinking of getting one).
Jerry M. - Happy \$ so no one bitches at him. **Jerry K.** - Happy \$ that **Becky** is still working and supporting him.
Bob M. - Happy \$ to donate to **KiwanisLand** in lieu of Christmas cards. **Tony L.** - Happy \$ to be here with **Emma**.
Scott M. - Happy and Sad \$20 in memory of past member **Jon Elliott** who would have been 50 years old today.
Tom E. - Happy \$ to wish a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all. **Peter C.** - Happy \$ for Happy Holidays to all.
Walt D. - Happy \$ that **Oregon Ducks** will be playing in the **Rose Bowl**.
Bruce B. - Happy \$ for **Bruce** and **Peggy** to wish a Merry Christmas to everyone.
Gary S. - Happy \$ to wish all **Club** members a Happy Birthday (?) and Merry Christmas.
RC - Happy \$ for **Jack Wallin's** great job of decorating the **Clubhouse**. **Marilyn H.** - Sad \$ for **USC's** losses.
Brent H. - Happy \$ for his daughter who is graduating from **UC Santa Cruz**. Happy \$ to wish Merry Christmas to all.

Upcoming Events

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| Dec. 17 | Last regular Club meeting for 2009 |
| Dec. 22 | Turkey Shoot - Turn in your cooked bird at KiwanisLand starting at 6:00 pm |
| Dec. 24 & 31 | Club will be dark |
| Jan. 07 | First Club meeting of 2010 |

Thought For The Week

"Christmas is the season when you buy this year's gifts with next year's money."

Gerry Newkirk