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Kiwanisland benefits from the efforts of those who supported our Ray Beaudoin Memorial Drawing ...

Ray Beaudoin Memorial Drawing A Success!

Tonight's **Garden Grove Kiwanis Club** meeting had a several special guests visiting with us tonight. **Sally Monsoor & Pam Pantiru** from the **County's Domestic Abuse Services Unit** were with us to tell the **Club** about our Holiday Gift Program for the children that they serve. And **Laura Scher** of the **Huntington Beach Kiwanis Club** was here for a special reason.



Ray Beaudoin Memorial Drawing

The **Club's Ray Beaudoin Memorial Drawing** was held on Oct. 29th and a good crowd of people showed up to see if this year would be their year to be drawn as the lucky winner. Cocktails and appetizers were served and the evening concluded with the grand event of drawing of the lucky ball that contained the winning ticket number (thanks to **Craig Howard** for his ball wrangling!). After months of preparation and dedicated work, the evening was a success for not only **KiwanisLand**, but also from **Laura Scher** of the **Huntington Beach Kiwanis Club**. She had purchased the winning ticket. **Laura** was here with us tonight to see the **Park** that she helped to support with the purchase of her ticket and to visit with our **Club** (as well as the minor detail of picking up her winnings.) **Jerry Kelly** spoke a bit about the **Ray Beaudoin Memorial Drawing** and then presented **Laura** with her \$5,000 and then she told us a little bit about herself. She has been a member of the **H.B. Kiwanis Club** for 3 years. They are a lunch **Club** with around 90 members and they meet at **Meadowlark Golf Course** on Tuesdays at noon. **Laura** says she has never won their **Club's** weekly 50-50 drawing and was very excited to hear she had won our **Club's** drawing.

Thanks to all of the Club members who helped make this years Ray Beaudoin Memorial Drawing a success!

Announcements

- We will again this year be working with **Sally Monsoor & Pam Pantiru** along with other Social Workers from the **O.C. Domestic Abuse Services Unit** for our **Club's Holiday Gift Program**. They thanked our **Club** for our past holiday support and told us the gifts will be for the children of battered women who the social workers assist and who quite often have to pick up and leave with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. It is especially difficult during the holiday season when the children are already upset about the disruption to their family life and often the families don't have the resources to provide much of a Christmas for the kids. They brought children's wish lists from some of the families that they support for our **Club** members to take thanked us for any support that we could provide to these kids to make their holidays a little bit brighter. **Club** members should plan on getting the items purchased, wrapped and turned in by the Dec. 9th meeting. Gift cards are acceptable in lieu of listed items.
- Thursday, Nov. 18, will be our **Club's pre-Thanksgiving Dinner Party** event. This gala event will be a "bring your special guest (a.k.a. a **Ladies Night**) event and sign-up sheets are being passed around in order to get an accurate count for the event. This is the event that will kick off the Holiday season and you will want to be sure not to miss it! So make sure to sign up or contact **President Brent** and let him know. We will be dark on Nov. 25th.
- Remember that our **Club's annual Turkey Trot** event will be on Wed., December 22nd. On that date, **Club** members are asked to bring their cooked turkeys to the **Clubhouse** and experience a bit of Holiday cheer. The collected cooked turkeys will be transported to the **Garden Grove Methodist Church** the next morning where they will be prepared in order to be served to the needy on Christmas day. The **Club** will then be dark on Thursday, Dec. 23rd. Additional reminders will be provided at upcoming meetings.

Happy/Sad

Don N. - Happy \$ to be here tonight with us and that he paid off his mortgage. **Tom E.** - Happy \$ to be here tonight.
RC - Happy \$ for great job **Jack W.** does taking care of the **Park**. Sad \$ that **Jack** fell and broke his thumb.
Gary S. - Happy \$ because **Bruce B.** won his election. Sad \$ that so many Democrats in **California** won.
Ed H. - Sad \$ that his dog had to have surgery. (Not sure if this was true or just the start of an **Ed H.** joke.)
Bruce B. - Happy \$ that **Gov. Brown, Sen. Boxer & Reid, Loretta Sanchez** all won. Happy \$ that he did also.
Fred W. - Sad \$ that his dog died. Happy \$ that he got a new Dachshund dog and it seems to be doing well.
Jerry K. - Happy \$ that the **Ray Beaudoin Memorial Drawing** was successful (and is over)!
Jack W. - Sad \$ that he fell and injured his hand. **Brent H.** - Happy \$ for everyone being here at tonight's meeting.
Don S. - Happy \$25 for a new truck and to be here tonight. **Tom P.** - Happy \$ that **Laura** came to visit tonight.
Will S. - Happy \$ **Bruce B.** won his election and for **Laura Scher** winning the drawing.
Walt D. - Happy \$ the **Oregon Ducks** are winning and are rated #1. Sad \$ missed a couple of weeks.
Gerry N. - Happy \$ for **Sally, Pam** and **Laura** being here with us tonight. Sad \$ that he missed last week and will miss next two weeks while traveling. Sad \$ that **Craig H.** was not here tonight.
Laura Scher - Happy \$20 to get to come visit with us tonight and to see the **Park**. Happy that she bought a ticket.

Thought For The Week

"I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it." ~ Thomas Jefferson

Gerry Newlark