



Ramblings

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The 2010 year is almost complete, but we still have a few events on our plate ...

The Holiday Season is Upon Us!

The year end is closing fast and our **Club** still has a few annual events that we are wrapping up. Tonight's **Garden Grove Kiwanis Club** meeting was the first meeting after our Thanksgiving break and the room was abuzz with everyone talking about all of the events going on this month. We also had a few guests visiting with us tonight. Three members of the **Santiago High School Key Club** came by to talk with us about some of the activities that their **Key Club** had been working on and had plans for. Their President **Danh Lai** told us that they had recently worked at a disability center sorting items and getting them ready for distribution. They were also going to be working at a Food Drive at the Community Center and they also had plans to work on decorating the **Kiwanis International Rose Parade** float over their winter break and were looking for chaperones for the outing. **Danh** also said that they were looking for ideas for a fundraiser so that they could earn money for their **Key Club** members to attend the 2011 **Key Club Spring Rally Conference**.



Santa's elves have been busy and the Clubhouse has been decorated for the Holiday season!

Announcements

President Brent had several announcements this evening about the many events this month:

- The gifts for our **Club's Holiday Gift Program** with Social Workers **Sally Monsoor** and **Pam Pantiru** from the **O.C. Domestic Abuse Services Unit (DASU)** all need to be in the **Clubhouse** on Thursday, Dec. 9th. **Sally** and **Pam** will be coming to the meeting to pick them up that evening and will be distributing them to the children of battered women whom the **DASU** workers assist and who quite often have to pick up and leave with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. The gifts should be wrapped and have tags with the children's names on them. The original sheets with the child's and the social workers names on them can be attached also in order to make sorting and distribution easier.
- Our **Club's Annual Canned Food Drive** is also wrapping up on Thursday, Dec. 9th and all **Club** members are asked to bring in at least 6 items of canned food or dry goods donations that will be donated to a local **OC Food Bank**. Place your donated items under the tables in the back of the **Clubhouse**.
- Thursday, Dec. 16th, will be our **Club's Holiday Dinner Party** event. This gala event will be a "bring your special Holiday Helper (a.k.a. a **Ladies Night**) event and a sign-up sheets will be passed around at the next meeting in order to get an accurate count for the event. This is sure to be the Holiday event of the 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.
- Remember that the **Club's** annual **Turkey Trot** event is on Wed., December 22nd. **Club** members are asked to bring in their cooked turkeys to the **Clubhouse** and to 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 be dark on Thursday, Dec. 23rd.
- Outgoing **Garden Grove Police Chief Joe Polisar's** Retirement Party will be held on Dec. 20th starting at 5:30 pm at the CMC. Tickets are \$15 and interested attendees need to RSVP by 12/16/10 by calling 714-741-5901. The new **Chief of Police** will be **Kevin Raney**.

Happy/Sad

Walt D. - Sad \$ because he missed a couple of meetings. Happy \$ for his **Oregon Ducks** to go to **BCS Bowl**.

Jack W. - Happy \$ spent Thanksgiving with his daughter in Laughlin. Sad \$ that it took him 7 hours to drive there.

Jerry M. - Happy \$ and he's not sure why .

Brent H. - Happy \$ for everyone being here at tonight's meeting.

Don S. - Sad \$ because he has missed several meetings.

Will S. - Happy \$ for good trip to **Vegas** over Thanksgiving.

Tom P. - Happy \$ that he got the **Club** billing out. Sad \$ that he hasn't gotten any checks back yet.

Ed H. - Happy \$ for going to **Lake Havasu** with **Shirley** over Thanksgiving and for playing golf and beating her.

Jerry K. - Happy \$ that **Becky** came back from visiting **New York**. Sad \$ all he got was a T-Shirt!

Craig H. - Sad \$ he didn't get to solo today. Happy \$ to solo tomorrow. Happy \$ for **Gerry N.** being back to do bulletin.

Efrain D. - Happy \$ to be here tonight. Sad \$ that **Ed H.** beat his wife.

Don N. - Happy \$ to be here tonight with us and Sad \$ **Ed H.** is beating his wife.

Tom E. - Happy \$ spent Thanksgiving with son in **Minnesota**. Happy \$ they went on side trip to **Branson , Missouri**.

RC - Happy \$ for good crowd here tonight. Sad \$ for **Tom P.**'s remarks tonight.

Gary S. - Happy \$ that **GG Rotary** donated \$500 to **KiwanisLand**. Happy \$ for **Marge's** list of **Park** users this year.

Gerry N. - Sad \$ for missing couple of weeks. Happy \$ to be here tonight with everyone. Sad \$ **Ed H.** is a wife beater

Thought For The Week

"The simplest toy, one which even the youngest child can operate, is called a grandparent."

Gerry Newlark