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R. PARKER SULLIVAN CLUB

MARY'S MEMO

Thought it was about time to fill you in to what we have been up to lately.

As most of you know by now we had another successful Christmas luncheon at the Country Harvest in Newbury Park. There was a big turnout with lots of good food, prizes and fellowship. See pictures later in this newsletter.

St Judes of Nevada is back in business making greeting cards to sell and make money to help keep their valuable service going. With this in mind please keep your used greeting cards, all types, and get them to us. We will see that the cards get to them. The club also still needs toiletries, therefore please keep these items from your travels and we will put them to good use.

You are invited to attend any of our board meetings which are normally held the third Monday at 9:00 am every

other month. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16th in the conference room at 851 Lawrence Dr Newbury Park. For more information call the office at **805-375-4027**.

We plan to resume candy sales very soon and we will need all of the help we can get. Please keep this in mind if you would like to become involved.

Your club has an ongoing project to provide dictionaries to schools in the Ventura area. These books are always well received. In addition to this project the club continues to support our local charities.

Another reminder: we really need your e-mail addresses. This will make it a lot easier for us to provide you with the newsletter and other important information. Simply call our office at **805-375-4027** and leave the information.

Until next time

Mary Wellington Club President

THE R. PARKER SULLIVAN CLUB CONTINUES TO WORK ELECTIONS

Eleven club members worked the November 4th presidential election. As usual they donated the money they received to the club to support our charities. Many thanks.

The names of those working this event are: Clayton Benner, Rick Hanney, Walt Malang, Eleanor Moore, George and Marlene Nichol, Larry and Jeanne Stermolle, Ed Viggers, Mary and Jim Wellington.

If you would like to take part in a future election please contact **Walt Malang at 805-492-3268.**

2009 SCHOLARSHIPS

In January of this year the Telecom Pioneers of California are again offering scholarships to deserving college students.

In 2008 we provided eight \$1,000 awards to students. This year we hope to do the same. It is very easy to enter the program. The only requirements are that the person applying be the relative of an active or retired employee of Verizon of California. The sponsor need not be a Telecom Pioneer to qualify for this program. The individual applying simply must have at least a 2.4 GPA and be carrying a minimum of 12 units and have completed one or more semesters of college.

You will never find an easier way to make \$1,000. If you or someone you know is interested simply call Dan Nelson Scholarship Chairperson at 818-884-4389 or e-mail him at daanel@sbcglobal.net and he will mail you an easy to complete application.

SAD TO REPORT

Since the last newsletter we have lost the following friends:

George Clapsaddle died after a tough battle with cancer this February. He was 74 years old. George retired from Verizon in the early 1990's. He held positions out of state before coming to California in the 1970's. While here he held positions in the training department, however most of his time was spent in marketing where he rose to the executive ranks up to and including Sales Director.

After leaving the Valley a few years ago he and his wife Kathy moved to Big Bear and more recently to Yucaipa. George loved life. He was a good friend and a super guy. He will be greatly missed.

John Ford died of a stroke on January 5th he was 79 years old. John spent 38 years with GTE in engineering.

He was well known for his involvement with the barber shop quartet. He and his friends sang together for many years. A few years ago they sang at our Christmas luncheon. He was not only a fine singer he was also a great story and joke teller.

Paul Haag died last October following a second bout with cancer. We think he was about 85 years old. His wife Mildred died a few years earlier with cancer. Both of them worked almost every candy selling event that our club sponsored. They also attended most of our social functions.

Paul was a very good golfer. He even played as long as he could after he was stricken with cancer. He was a very nice man.

Virginia (Sees) Jacobs passed away in October. She had been ill for sometime. At the time of her death she was in her late 80's. She and her husband had moved back to Long Beach after living in Santa Maria for several years.

Virginia was very active in pioneering. She was the president of the Dean M. Barnes club in Santa Maria for several years.

She spent her entire career with GTE in Long Beach. In addition to her job with the telephone company she did a lot of modeling even into her 60's and 70's. Virginia was a good looking woman.

Ken Murakami died recently at age 80. Over his long career with GTE he worked in the northern area and general office plant department. Ken also worked for GTE of Hawaii for several years. He retired in 1987. He was well liked by everyone.

Bill Otis died the week of January 11th he was 79 years old. Bill loved to play golf. In his earlier years he was a splendid golfer. As the years

passed his game lost a little, however his enjoyment of the game didn't lose a thing. Bill was a charter member of the General Telephone Golf Association and long time treasurer of that organization.

Other than a three year stint in Florida Bill spent the remainder of his time in the GTE of California engineering department. Another individual that will be sorely missed.

Russ Philbrick died in November after a long battle with cancer. He was in his late 80's. Russ and his family lived in Malibu for many years. He was an avid tennis player and also played a little golf. He ended his career with GTE in Revenue Requirements. He and his wife could always be seen at pioneer functions. Russ was a very nice guy and will be missed.

Another reminder: If you know of any active or retired GTE/Verizon that has passed on please let us know so that we can get their name in the newsletter.

THE CONEJO VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE APPRECIATION GROUP HONORS TWO OF OUR MEMBERS

Each year this group honors individuals who have provided outstanding service for residents and organizations in Ventura County.

This January Eleanor Moore and Mary Wellington were selected for this honor. Congratulations ladies.

FIRST, MANY PEOPLE ARE UNAWARE THAT

The main difference between http:// and https:// is It's all about keeping you secure HTTP stands for Hyper Text Transport Protocol,

This is just a fancy way of saying it's a protocol (a language, in a manner of speaking) For information to be passed back and forth between web servers and clients. The important thing is the letter S which makes the difference between HTTP and HTTPS.

The S (big surprise) stands for "Secure". If you visit a website or webpage, and look at the address in the web browser, it will likely begin with the following: http://.

This means that the website is talking to your browser using the regular 'insecure' language. In other words, it is possible for someone to "eavesdrop" on your computer's conversation with the website. If you fill out a form on the website, someone might see the information you send to that site.

This is why you never ever enter your credit card number in an http website! But if the web address begins with https://, that basically means your computer is talking to the website in a secure code that no one can eavesdrop on.

You understand why this is so important, right?

If a website ever asks you to enter your credit card information, you should automatically look to see if the web

address begins with https://. If it doesn't, there's no way you're going to enter sensitive information like a credit card number.

IDLE THOUGHTS OF A RETIREE'S MIND WANDERING

...I planted some bird seed. A bird came up. Now I don't know what to feed it.

...I had amnesia once -- or twice.

...Protons have mass? I didn't even know they were Catholic.

...All I ask is a chance to prove that money can't make me happy.

...If the world was a logical place, men would be the ones who ride horse's sidesaddle.

...They told me I was gullible... and I believed them.

...Experience is the thing you have left when everything else is gone.

...My weight is perfect for my height -- which varies.

...I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not sure.

...The cost of living hasn't affected its popularity.

...How can there be self-help "groups"?

...Is it my imagination, or do buffalo wings taste like chicken?

...Hopefully I'll figure this out in 2009