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R. PARKER SULLIVAN CLUB

MARY'S MEMO

We had a great luncheon on December 5 at the Country Harvest. We had 35 Pioneers who enjoyed either a Prime Rib, Chicken or Fish luncheon. If you missed this luncheon plan on attending this year, December 4 at Ottavios Italian Restaurant in Camarillo. Already scheduled so you know in advance.

All were greeted with a 2010 calendar and one free raffle ticket. Most purchased extra tickets for the prizes that were both bought and donated. See's candy certificate, Country Harvest certificate, Knott's Berry Farm jelly, Kahlua candy, Snowmen & Santa candy towers were some of the prizes won by the raffle tickets.

The food, toiletries and toys that were donated were given out to three agencies. The local agencies were: Manna, Spark of Love and Interface in Camarillo.

Please collect soaps, shampoos, toothbrushes, combs, brushes and other items for the club. We always need

these for when fire breaks out in our area and also with Verizon's Shower to Shower program.

The programs that your club helped with or partnered with: Verizon's Shower to Shower, Verizon's Season's Readings, The Dictionary Project - we donated over 1000 dictionaries to 8 local schools, three local Domestic Violence shelters with backpacks and a laptop. The money was given to us by Verizon and then distributed throughout the many chapters and then to the clubs. We were so lucky to get money last year for both dictionaries and domestic violence. Hopefully the chapter will be granted money from Verizon and the club will be the recipient.

This year we already plan several of these projects. One more will be added but this is still in the planning stage. More about this project in a later newsletter.

Just want to thank all of you for your support these past years with the club. I hope that more of you will get out there and volunteer. As a volunteer club all hours are counted. The Verizon West Chapter for the year 2009 did over 10,000 hours. This is combined with the

other clubs that make up Verizon West.
All of you who volunteer please pat
yourself on the back.

Have a great 2010!

Mary Wellington
R. Parker Sullivan Club
Verizon West Chapter

2010 SCHOLARSHIPS

This January the Telecom
Pioneers of California again began
offering scholarships to deserving
college students.

In 2009 we provided fourteen
awards to students. Next year we hope to
do at least five and hopefully more. 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.

Don't put this on the back
burner.

SAD TO REPORT

We lost several more good
people.

Jim Johns passed away on
December 30th 2009. You may
remember Jim was a Division Manager
in the Eastern Area before his
retirement. He then moved to Texas and
ended up in South Dakota. He was a
very nice guy.

Fran Stuber died in January.
She was the long time secretary for Dave
Anderson.

Pat Smail died in late January
after a long battle with leukemia. Pat
was the wife of Bill Smail who retired
from GTE. He worked in Revenue
Requirements. Pat was a big time
volunteer with the R. Parker Sullivan
club. She was always there ready to
help.

Fred Boggs died at age 73 on
January 2, 2010. He retired after 30
years of service as an inside technician.

Aileen Allen passed away on
July 19, 2009. Sorry that we don't have
more detail to report on Aileen.

Judy Ramay passed on around
November of 2008. Again sorry that we
didn't have more information.

Linda Jones the wife of Dick
Jones formerly the Director of the
GTE Video Studio died on January 31,
2010.

Leonard Licata passed away on
January 18, 2010 after many months in
the hospital. Attached is some

information on Leonard from an earlier R. Parker Sullivan club newsletter.

Leonard began his career in the telephone industry in 1950 in the central office equipment installer at time the Associated Telephone Company.

He quickly traversed all of the hourly positions and soon moved on to engineering where he held various administrative and management positions.

In 1965 he was promoted to Area Operations Manager. In 1967 he became Area General Manager – Southern Area. From the Southern Area he moved to the same position in the Central Area. In 1972 he was again on the move and became Vice President / General Manager – Northern Area. In 1973 he was elevated again this time to the position of Vice President – Operations. Still on the move in 1976 he transferred to the GTE Service Corporation and became Vice President - Engineering and Network Facilities.

Still with the Service Corporation he advanced to Senior Vice President – Marketing and Planning.

Moving up again in 1979 he was selected as President of GTE Automatic Electric.

In late 1981 he was selected to head up GTE Communications Products – Japan as President.

In 1983 Leonard retired from GTE, however not from the industry.

Leonard refers to one of the highlights in his time with the industry.

It occurred as the result of the Sylmar earthquake. The Sylmar Central Office was destroyed. Working 24 hours a day and 7 days a week it was restored in a very short time considering the huge amount of damage. This effort was supported by every department in the California Company. To date this record of restoration in the Telephone Industry has not been exceeded.

Soon after his retirement Leonard founded a Voice/Data network engineering and installation company, Office Communications Systems “OCS” in Santa Monica. Within five years the company had grown to \$15,000,000 in sales. At its peak OCS had approximately 200 employees. Many of these employees were ex-GTE workers. A few years later OCS merged with Tricom a company headquartered in the East. This allowed Leonard to take his profits and this time take a complete retirement.

Leonard a long time member of the Riviera Country Club and now plays golf four times a week with 6 to 8 of his other cronies. He has remained active and has served on the Riviera Advisory Board for many years.

Leonard’s family consists of this wife Bonnie. His two sons Vance the oldest and his wife Ann. His youngest son Rand and his wife Leslie are both former GTE employees. He has one grandchild Leann who is a senior at the University of Arizona.

Very seldom do we see an individual move up from the bottom of the ladder and become a driving force in the industry; however Leonard has what it takes to accomplish this task.

Note: if you know of an active or retired employee who has passed on or in need of help please let us know and we will report the news or provide what ever help that we can.

HAVE SOME USED READING OR SUN GLASSES THAT YOU NO LONGER NEED?

Wal-Mart has a used glasses collection location in their optical departments. If you have glasses that you no longer need why not drop them off at Wal-Mart. The store gives the items to people that can't afford eye glasses.

PHONES FOR THE HANDICAPPED

The R. Parker Sullivan club no longer reconditions handicapped telephone instruments and provides them to the handicapped. Goodwill Industries of Orange County has taken over this task.

If you know of anyone who requires this type of service have them contact Goodwill Industries of Orange County at 714-361-6200 ext 5081.

Los Angeles County American Red Cross Receives \$10,000 From Verizon to Aid Storm Victims

*Network Performance and
Wireless Handset Donations Keep*

Relief Workers and Verizon Customers Connected During Extreme Weather Conditions

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. –

Verizon is stepping up with \$10,000 to assist Southern Californians who have evacuated their homes because of the recent storms that have caused floods and mudslides across the region. The Verizon Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Verizon, is donating the funds to the Los Angeles County Chapter of the American Red Cross to support its shelters for residents.

In addition, Verizon is offering services to help its residential landline customers who have been affected by the storms stay connected with friends and family. Customers who have been evacuated can opt – at no charge – to have their telephone calls automatically forwarded to a working phone number at another location where they are staying, or to a wireless number.

Customers will not be billed for the one-time setup fees or monthly charges for call forwarding, although customers will be responsible for any toll charges on forwarded calls and wireless airtime charges.

“Our thoughts and hopes go out to our fellow Californians who are coping with the impact of this severe weather,” said Julia Cooksey, external affairs director for Verizon. “Through this monetary contribution and by providing additional telecommunication services to those in need, we hope we can make their lives a little easier at a very trying time.”

Support for Emergency Responders

Currently, Verizon is providing the following support to agencies assisting flood and mudslide victims:

- Forty wireless handsets and five Mobile Broadband cards for the Greater Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley chapters of the American Red Cross.

- Twenty wireless handsets for the Orange County Fire Authority

HELPFUL HINT

How to clean your computer keyboard.

To remove dust and dirt from the keyboard, hold it upside down and brush between the keys with a soft watercolor brush or the soft-brush attachment of a vacuum cleaner. To remove visible dirt from the keyboard, shut down the computer, unplug the keyboard, and wipe with a soft lint-free cloth lightly moistened with mild detergent and water or rubbing alcohol, or use a commercial keyboard wipe. Keep a dust cover on the keyboard cover when not in use.

From Consumer Reports

BROCHURES, VERY INTERESTING

You may find this site very nostalgic, but interesting. A web site featuring original factory brochures for nearly every American car you have ever owned or wanted to own. Pick the manufacturer, the year and the model. Enjoy!

<http://www.lov2xlr8.no/broch1.html>

QUOTES

If you have an apple and I have an apple and we exchange these apples, then you and I will still have one apple, But if have an idea and I have an idea and we exchange these ideas, then each of us will have two ideas.

George Bernard Shaw

