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New Times!
11:45 – Lunch
12:10 – Meeting
12:30 Program
1:00 - Dismiss

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Mister Smooth – Editor

Side note #1= Some idiot asked me to do the newsletter? So I'll need to apologize in advance, so here goes, TO THOSE OF YOU THAT GET INSULTED, PLEASE EXCEPT MY SINCERE APOLOGY FOR LIVING ON THE EDGE.

Side note #2= Sarcasm is just one of the services that I offer!!!?

In no particular Order

Sitting Bull is Back From the Rainforest?

Ricky Pershing brought his attorney to the meeting today; we non-attorneys were outnumbered, as "Abe" Ridley was also present. "Smokin Joe" Vogel took a pink slip to the right jaw from Sitting Bull for a new car [Col. Gary will fill us in later], to go along with "Smokin Joe's" new fridge that his insurance company bought him last week, but the claim for his burnt socks didn't work? His socks definitely have a serious problem but it isn't fire damage [it's his feet]. Richard "Bowl and Juggle" Blecker finally fessed up and was promptly fined by "Bull" for causing "Yours truly" financial distress, Boo Hoo. Ed "Are We Home Yet" Conerly had a fish story to tell from his most current vacation which covered 237 states in 68 countries on 72 continents, Welcome home Ed, Oops he's gone again. E. Mac went on vacation to visit his dad's old 360-acre farm in upstate New York, only to find the old farm was falling apart, except for the metal barn, it was just rusting. He also had to go visit the towns cemetery twice, that's where all his old friends ended up according to Heb. "Sitting Bull" made it rain on his vacation, everywhere he went, 24 hours a day, no wonder they loaded old soggy bottom on a boat and floated him to the county line and dumped him. Kathi "Bell Free" got zapped twenty bucks for the silent start to today's meeting; she had "The Bell" when she was hangman for a day last week. Spike Hill say's don't forget Sunshine School on December 11th at 11:30 A.M. Doctor Jerry "the tooth jerker" Miller say's the Christmas Wreath program is over, those who ordered should get delivery on or about December 1st. Jerry Dennington got dinged five dollars for a phone call [hope it wasn't a wrong number] as his cell phone was heard ringing by "Sitting Bull" he's all ears. The fix was in as "Bull called his own number for the blue marble contest, but no blue marble, anyone tell Bull we haven't had a blue marble in that bag since 1997? Guess not!!!

On a somber note; it has been ten years since we lost George Tavaglione in November of 1993, George was one of the finest people that I've ever met, and one of the best Rotarians that this club has ever had. He had a knack of making everyone feel special, he left footprints on my heart, as did Larry Lawler, another extraordinary Rotarian that we lost ten years ago on New Years Eve, and not a week goes by that I don't think of my friends George and Larry. This club changed with their passing, my life changed, and I just needed to help all of us who knew them to remember two fine Rotarians and friends.
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Important Dates

- Nov. 20th Past Presidents Meeting- Tava Lanes- 11:00 A.M.
- Nov. 23rd Non- Perishable Thanksgiving Basket Items Due
- Nov 27th Dark for Thanksgiving

Today's Program

Paul Lay from Redlands Rotary

Paul gave us a look through his eyes at Iraq during these tough times. According to Paul, the U.S. military took over with no clear plan after an easy military defeat of Saddam's army. Basra was running out of fuel, we knew it but didn't get it corrected in time, and fuel is still a problem in a country that produces fuel. The city was intact after the war, our weapons only took out military targets because of their accuracy and there were no refugee camps as in other wars. He said the hospitals are starting to come back, as are the newspapers, and a few of the shops. Kids are in school, but there are no phones, only the microwave phones of the media and U.S. military. Traffic is a problem, but security is the number one problem, the Iraqi's think we should shoot looters and car jackers [car jacking has risen to about 70 a day], they say they want strong leadership, they need a dictator, it took the United States 200 years to get where we are, they can't do it in 200 days. He also said the textbooks aren't purged of Saddam yet, and 33 people were killed by falling lead "or Rain" when thousands of Iraqis fired their weapons into the air in celebration of Uday and Qusays death. Paul said that there is no easy solution, most of the shops are still closed, kidnapping and ransoms are rampant with humanitarian organizations targeted. Saddam let 100,000 criminals out of his prisons just before he went into hiding.

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Don't Forget: NEW MEETING TIMES – SEE ANNOUNCEMENT

Nov. 20th Past Presidents Meeting at Tava Lanes-m 11:00 a.m. @ Tava

Nov. 15th Rotary Foundation Dinner and Reception

Nov. 27th HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL OUR MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

Nov 27th We Are Dark

Dec 11th Sunshine School 11:00 a.m.