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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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2010 IS HERE AND ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING

The recession was hairy, the swine flu was scary, and Oprah announced she was quitting. While we love Lady Gaga, Octomom saga struck many as shameless and wrong! We witnessed the rift between Kanye and Swift, and Phelps was caught smoking a bong! When a pilot's quick brain saved his passenger plane on the Hudson, the tale was a thriller.

Balloon Boy was phony as rubber baloney. The abs on the werewolves were killer! A governor's flame was an Argentine dame, bringing scandal to South Carolina. There were pirate attacks, there was Goldman and Sachs, there was poisonous drywall from China!

The prez was sworn in after his big win while exuding his usual charms. Though some thought it shady the stylish First Lady asserted her right to bare arms.

While Michelle was in Vogue, Sarah Palin went Rogue, and political tensions were showing. With the gathering storm over health care reform, the Tea Party movement was growing.

The Hollywood crew gave us "Transformers 2," while "Up" was a true work of art. There was Bruno, plus a young Captain Kirk and an overweight mall cop named Blart.

Those admen on "Mad Men" were sexy yet sad men with lives full of pressure and toil. Adam Lambert came out, leaving no shred of doubt, and who didn't love Susan Boyle?

O'Brien shone bright as the star of "Tonight." Stephanopoulos stepped in for Sawyer. And of course a divorce was so quickly in force that we watched "Jon and Kate Plus Her Lawyer!"

When a huge SUV hit a hydrant and tree and the juiciest rumors proved true, The endorsements went winging, for that kind of swinging just wasn't the Tiger we knew!

And Pop lost it's King! What a terrible thing for an artist with hit after hit! There were songs and orations with loud lamentations, for everyone knew this was it.

There were others as well who went out, sad to tell. We saw Cronkite and Kennedy fall. Bea Arthur is gone, Ed McMahon has passed on, and Mary left Peter and Paul. With the passing of Farrah we ended an era and Soupy and Swayze went too. DeLuise said goodbye, as did Oxy-Clean Guy and the soft spoken star of Kung Fu.

Yet some news was brighter and made us feel lighter in spite of our sorrows and peeves. There was Google Wave chat and a keyboarding cat. There were trendy new blankets with sleeves!

Though we still can't erase all the troubles we face from the climate to high unemployment,

Lets be of good cheer and they won't interfere with our holiday fun and enjoyment.

We'll turn from the news to whatever we choose be it Lifetime or ESPN.

And after a break we'll be ready to take the big plunge into TWO THOUSAND TEN!

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LOOK WHAT YOU MISSED IN DECEMBER—HARD TO TELL THIS WAS A BUSINESS MEETING!

Thank you to all who attended this lovely holiday meeting hosted by the Camarillo Healthcare District—Susan Craig and Renee Sulser did a magnificent job of making us feel welcome and in the holiday spirit. The Wine with dinner was a nice touch. Thanks Jane Rozanski and Kara Partridge Ralston

A special “Thank You” to the following Districts for providing such “top notch” drawing prizes:

RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK

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A Great Time Was Had By All!

Judy Cofer, Don Hauser, Bill Seaver, Ted Grandsen, Al Fox, Cindy Fox, Jim Acosta, Marvin Hanson, Jack Curtis, Susan Craig, Renee Sulser, Kate O'Brien, Lee Martin, Howard Smith, Elaine Freeman, Jared Bouchard, CJ Dillon, Ellen Spiegel, Les Spiegel, Brad Marcus, Marsha Marcus, Janna Orkney, Paul Rockenstein, John Bailey, Jane Rozanski, Kara Ralston, Nancy Acosta, Gail Pringle, Scott Quady, Jim Hensley, and Keith Moore.

WE MISSED YOU!



We missed Immediate Past President, George Lange but he had a good reason. George was being honored by the City of Thousand Oaks for his “Significant Contributions to the City’s Community Heritage” **CONGRATULATIONS GEORGE!**



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Contributed by Elaine Freeman

We all heard the comments of the Governor on the State budget situation and will be waiting for more detail and the response from legislators. The one thing that is certain is there is a real problem and what we need to be mindful of, is how they try to get money from local government. On the budget note, it is interesting too that the State has \$58.5 billion in obligation bonds that have been approved by the voters. Of this amount, \$53.2 billion has yet to be issued. Debt service payments on the issued bonds, represents 7% of the general fund this current year and by the 2014-15 fiscal year it will amount to 10% of the general fund. This is just for those bonds that have currently been issued. These numbers do not include the \$11.5 billion water related bonds scheduled for the November 2010 ballot.

Just this week, Assemblywoman Strickland's proposed AB-1192 which would have prohibited local government from leasing properties including buildings, was pulled by the Assemblywoman. This was after a strong statement by CSDA and others that the State should not have the ability to further limit the ability of local government to manage their own budgets.

Assembly member Bass has submitted AB 1602 regarding health care coverage. The bill would enact the California Patient Protection and Affordable Health Choices Act. It would create the California Cooperative Health Insurance Purchasing Exchange in state government to be governed by an executive board appointed, in an unspecified manner, by the governor and the legislature. This bill would specify the powers and duties of the board relative to determining eligibility for enrollment and arranging for coverage with participating health, dental and vision provided. It would also create the California Health Trust Fund and enact other related provisions. It is an encompassing piece of legislation that creates a broader state government health care program. The bill will be available for handout at the February 2 VCSDA meeting.

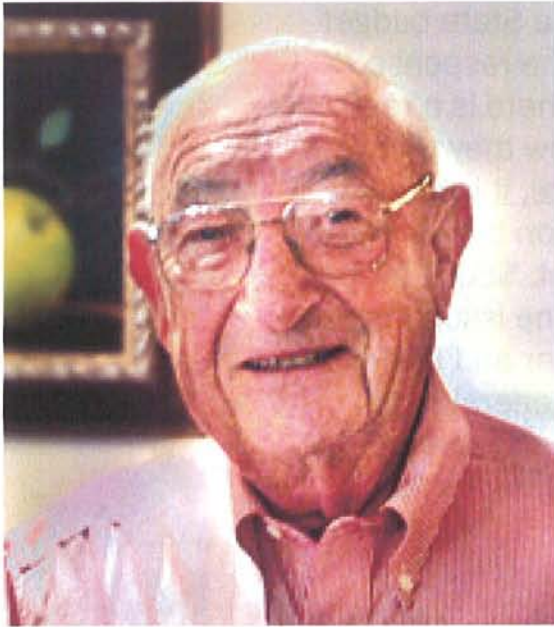
And, at this time, there will be eleven (11) initiatives on the November ballot.



IN MEMORIAM

William E. Lotts, 85, passed away peacefully after a short illness on

Saturday Jan. 2, 2010.



"Bill" was born in La Jolla, Calif. on March 21, 1924, served in the US Navy during WW II as a Radio Officer where he received training in electronics and continued his endeavor after the war at Point Mugu Missile Test Range (PTMC), Targets Directorate for 28 years until retiring in 1976, then self employed as an electrical contractor until his retirement at the age of 84.

Bill moved to the Ojai Valley in 1948 (before all the streets were paved) and was a founding member of the Rotary Club of Ojai-West holding various board positions with special involvement in the Wine Festival of Ojai, elected to the board of directors of the Ojai Valley Sanitation District, elected to the board of directors of the Pine Mountain Club Property Owners Association, commissioner to LAFCO and representative to VCSDA. He was a passionate volunteer in the community of Ojai and spent many hours supporting Help of Ojai, and many other projects. Bill was very active in VCSDA and will be missed!

Annual Dinner Meeting and Awards Night Tuesday February 2, 2010 5:30 No Host Bar—6:30 Dinner Topa Tower Club

This year's Annual Dinner Meeting and Awards Night proves to be the best yet. We have confirmed the attendance of Ms. Shirley Turner. Name sake of the Shirley Turner Award and one of the original founders of the Ventura County Special District's Association.

Nominations are in for the coveted awards for General Manager of the Year and Director of the Year as well as the Shirley Turner Award.

The Awards Committee has some tuff decisions to make and we'll all be on pins and needles waiting to hear the results.

Make sure you get your reservations into Robin by the 27th of January. Remember you can email them to:

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or snail mail to:

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