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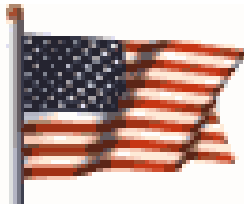


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**WELCOME NEW
MEMBERS TO THE
ORGANIZATION!**

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FALL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 25, 2010 JEANNIE WOMACK PARK

Michael Jones commenced the meeting at 4:05p.m. In attendance were: Maxine Richey, Austin Maydahl, Mark Cerniglia, Patrick Rakus, John Vishaj, Eric and Colleen Childers, Betty Hughes, Michael and Teresa Jones, Raymond Martin, Dan Walsh, Sean Smith and Dave Olson, Sacramento Valley High-Tech Crimes Force and guest speaker Jim Cooper, Captain, Sacramento County Sheriff's Department/ Councilmember, City of Elk Grove.



Colleen Childers read the minutes of the last meeting, and they were unanimously accepted as read. Teresa Jones

read the treasurer report. The beginning balance was \$1,013.02. Expenses for the National Night Out came to \$254.00 Interest earned was \$.87, leaving an balance of August 31, 2010 \$759.89. It was unanimously accepted as read.

Michael discussed the following Safety Tips:

IDENTITY THEFT:

Still quite prevalent. There is an increase in the skimming of credit cards at restaurants. Debit cards are especially targeted. Technology-based crime increased. Remember not to click on financial type links sent to you via email. Your bank or financial institution will not contact you this way. Call your financial institution or bank if you suspect any problems with your account. Check your credit report at least annually. Scrutinize your credit card or debit card charges frequently.

CRIME STATISTICS:

CRIMEREPORTS.COM: This website allows you to look up crimes which have occurred in your neighborhood.

WINTERFEST 2010:

County Supervisor Don Nottoli will again be the guest judge for the Winterfest holiday decorating contest, taking place on December 18 at 6:30pm. Prizes and Certificates will be awarded for lighting displays and decor in the following categories: Best Decorated,

Most Original, Most Creative and Honorable Mention.

Our Guest Speaker, Captain Jim Cooper, Sacramento County Sheriff's Department and Elk Grove City Councilmember spoke about the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) which is part of the Sacramento Valley Hi-Tech Crimes Task Force. <http://www.sachitechcops.org/children.htm>

The ICAC trains law enforcement, promotes public awareness, and develops public & private partnerships. With the internet an integral part of nearly everyone's lives, it is a predator's playground. Some statistics: 61% of children ages 13-17 have an internet profile and have posted pictures of themselves; 25% of solicited children tell their parents; 40% exposed to explicit content tell their parents; A predator's perfect victim is a child age 11-14, with little parent involvement, no definite bedtime, little supervision, and exclusive use of a personal computer in private. We were given a text messaging vocabulary test that we all had trouble with.

Safety tips to prevent your child from being a victim:

- a. Talk with your kids.
- b. Tell them that you have the right to monitor their computer usage (get software to help accomplish this).
- c. Set up screen names that don't reveal personal information.

- d. Do not allow your child to set up multiple email accounts.
- e. Know who your child's buddies are.
- f. Warning signs are your child being secretive and grades dropping.
- g. Call law enforcement if you suspect or notice a predator on your child's computer. Brochures on

this issue were given to the attendees. Detectives Smith and Olson briefly spoke of their work regarding registered sex offenders in the county.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Minutes submitted by Colleen Childers, Secretary.

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Website for "Crime Prevention Tips" and "Online Reporting".



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Emergency cell phone	714-5111
24 Hour Non-Emergency	714-5115
Traffic Issues	478-8300
POP Officers Sec.	478-8110
Service Center	478-8100
Graffiti Hotline	478-8231
Parking Enforcement	478-8160

WINTERFEST 2010

As mentioned earlier, we will continue our Christmas light decoration contest **Saturday, December 18, 2010 6:30pm.** Start Planning. Let's make this year even more creative, decorative and festive.



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Year!