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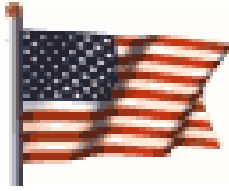


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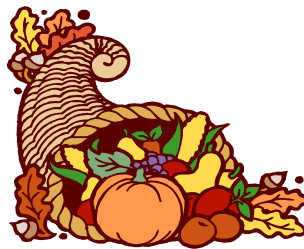
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO THE ORGANIZATION!

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FALL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 17, 2011 JEANNIE WOMACK PARK

Michael Jones commenced the meeting at 4:05p.m. In attendance were: Ruby Melton, Cardell Portis, Laura Vo, Anabel Crouch, Jesse Bello, Eric and Colleen Childers, Betty Hughes, Michael and Teresa Jones, Raymond Martin, Dan Walsh, **and guest speaker Detective Sean Smith**, Sacramento Valley High-Tech Crimes Division



There were no minutes of the last meeting. It was cancelled due to rain.

The Treasurer, Teresa Jones, reported a beginning balance of \$939.99. Expenses were \$150.00 for the National Night Out entertainment, and interest earned was \$.32. The ending balance was \$790.31. It was unanimously accepted as read.

Michael discussed the following :

CRIME STATISTICS:

This website allows you to look up crimes which have occurred in your neighborhood. Remember to utilize www.crimereports.com website to check for crime in a particular area of concern, even nationwide. There is also a mobile app available.

WINTERFEST 2011:

County Supervisor Don Nottoli will again be the guest judge for the Winterfest holiday decorating contest, taking place on December 17th 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, Detective Sean Smith with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department Hi-Tech Crimes Division shared his knowledge from his five years of experience enforcing high-tech crimes.

- a) Best advice for parents: Visit netlingo.com for commonly used acronyms and urbandictionary.com for phrases. These are resources for parents to be aware of their children's online conversations. Be aware that sites such as Facebook, My Yearbook, and Club Penguin are frequently utilized for child exploitation.
- b) Detective Smith's office handles about 200-300 high-tech and ID theft cases per month. The office also works

40-60 cases per month in conjunction with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

c) Identity theft continues to be an issue. The average take for identity theft is \$5,000. Most of the offenders are meth addicts and organized gang involvement is increasing. Be very aware of any card readers at the gas pump or at the ATM that appear they may have been tinkered with. Also, get in the habit of using a credit card, not a debit card when making purchases. There are greater protections, and the theft won't be directly against your bank account.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm. Minutes submitted by Colleen Childers, Secretary.

WITH GRATITUDE

Thank you to Colleen and Eric Childers for their services as Co-Secretaries. They did an excellent job and served our community and public with enthusiasm, dedication and creativity. They also provided those great piñatas that caused much excitement for our children during our activities. We will miss their assistance.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Please continue to be aware of Emergency Preparedness. **Know what to do if a Disaster Strikes** and visit the City of Elk Grove website: Emergency

Preparedness for information to Make a Plan, Build a Kit and What to do if...

<http://www.elkgrovecity.org/ep/index.asp>

ELK GROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT

www.elkgrovepd.org

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

WINTERFEST 2011

As mentioned earlier, we will continue our Christmas light decoration contest **Saturday, December 17, 2011, 6:30pm.** Start Planning. Let's make this year even more creative, decorative and festive.

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

- Wear bright or reflective clothing when walking, jogging or riding bicycles at night.
- Avoid the holiday rush – shop early and during the day!
- Remember to make your home secure and appear lived in.
- Don't place purchases in your trunk and then leave to purchase more. Move your car. There are criminals watching and can get into trunks quickly and easily.
- Use the buddy system – shop with a friend.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Drive extra carefully and slowly when weather changes.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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

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A Happy New Year!