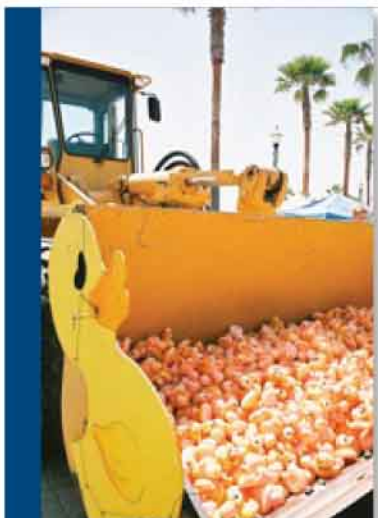


## THE TOYMAKERS

Huntington Landmark is a little retirement village located in south Huntington Beach. Pete Jantz and his wife Prue moved to the community in 1988. When Pete built an impressive wooden playhouse in the woodshop for his grandchildren, he was drafted to serve as the secretary of the Woodshop Club. As a club Secretary, Pete, Jean MacLennan, and others, organized an activity that would provide a way for the members to enjoy their woodworking while doing good works for the community. So a separate organization was created - The Toymakers! Members of the Toymakers Club build neat toys for needy children all over Southern California and as far away as Egypt! Now, some of the workers in the club even make doll cradles and the Club buys the dolls. The bedding is made by the clever handicraft of women members! As their enterprise grew, donors of wood and materials wanted to be able to make their contributions tax-deductible. About four years ago, an agreement was reached between the Toymakers and the Kiwanis Foundation of Huntington Beach which provided that donations could be made to the Foundation on behalf of the Toymakers. A copy of this agreement is in the hands of the Foundation Treasurer and the Foundation Secretary. The Toymakers regularly make about 4,000 toys a year and in 2009, they made 4,500. This effort gives retired people projects to be proud of and provides very high quality toys to children literally all over the world. The Kiwanis Foundation is really pleased to be able to facilitate this wonderful program!

## FISHING DERBY!

On May 7th, members participated in the Fishing Derby at Carr Park for Special Needs students from local elementary schools. Art Hospiepan, Mark Finseth and other stalwarts showed up to make sure these youngsters enjoyed an exciting day at the old fishing hole. Special thanks to Chair Nouha Hreish for making sure this wonderful event was a success.



**Thanks for Making the Duck-A-Thon a Success!**

## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS!**

**John Baars**

**Adam Bowermaster**

**Mark Finseth**

**Jonathan Ford**

**It's Your Birthday!**

**So DON'T FORGET**

**TO SIGN UP FOR**

**PROJECT CHERISH!**

## **NEW OFFICER TEAM!**

It's time to vote in a new slate of officers, and unlike the heated primary battles slated for June, our Kiwanis family elections have a decidedly more civil nature. Our processes miss out on the outlandish claims and counter-claims of the major parties and their candidates. The most ornery comment we might hear is, "If nominated I will not run, and if elected, I will not serve!" Effective October 1st, Big Stick Ed Vickery will pass the gavel to President Adam Bowermaster. Adam will be the youngest President we've had in many a year, so we're expecting a great deal of energy and excitement under his leadership! Our VP and Chief Fundraiser Mike Grumet will move into the President-Elect spot. Heywood will continue as Secretary assisted by Rochelle Groh, and Dick Green will serve as Club treasurer with John Baars handling the Foundation treasury function.

## **YES, eHARMONY REALLY WORKS!**

Walter Smith was born in Allen, Oklahoma. He was one of eight children, seven boys and a girl. Walt's dad was a farmer, but the dreaded Dust Bowl drought of the thirties drove the family off the farm and down to a Texas oil field. At the start of WW II his dad returned to the farm. Things were still tight but thanks to Walt's natural mechanical aptitude, he and his dad assembled and ran a tractor built from spare parts! As Walt put's it, "Necessity really is the mother of invention." Walt and his older brother left the farm and headed to the Golden State, where using doctored identification papers (Walt was only 14!) he joined the Merchant Marine. After a brief stint in the Ventura oilfields, Walt joined the California National Guard and found himself back at sea after getting some basic infantry training at Camp Cooke. January 2, 1952 saw Walt wading ashore at Korea's Inchon Bay along with an officer and a handful of men. At this point there was a tentative truce between North and South Korea. After the service, Walt earned his BSME at Cal Poly SLO. Twenty years later he found his true calling, financial services. Since 1984 he's been with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. June 1952 I returned to Ventura to continue my career in the oilfields. My company management threatened to fire me if I did not return to get my college education. Along the way, Walt found time to father two fine sons, David, a successful businessman living in Poway and Daniel, a technical consultant with Pratt Whitney attached to American Airlines. Daniel is the father of, according to Walt, "the two best grandchildren in the world. Brandon, a world class hockey goalie and pianist, and Erica, a world class flautist and pianist -- so much for my world class bragging rights!!!" After his wife passed away in 2005, Walt struggled with being single again. Unlike many folks his age who are "technology challenged" Walt turned to eHarmony and found a wonderful match in Barbara" a retired Burbank Police Officer of twenty-five years! Since then Walt says, "I've walked the blue line...fortunately blue is my favorite color." We're really pleased to have someone of Walt's knowledge, energy and experience in our club!

## TOP TEN CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Last month Mike Grumet ran a survey to determine members' favorite charitable activities. All of our activities were listed on the survey, and members indicated the relative importance of each activity. Here's a list of the top ten as voted by participating members:

1. Easter Hunt
2. Key Club
3. Cooking for our Troops
4. KIWIN'S
5. Scholarships for Key Club
6. Homeless Students
7. Clothe the Children
8. 3/1 Marines
9. KKids
10. SLP Student Lunches



Kiwanis motto is Serving the Children of the World. It's not surprising that eight of the top ten activities are youth oriented. The other two most popular activities deal with our armed services.



**Special Thanks  
To All Who  
Made Project  
CHERISH on  
May 22  
A Success!**

### JUNE Member Anniversaries!

Member	Year Joined
Dennis Boggeln	1997
Stephen Fullmer	2006
Jon Groth	2002
Troy Hall	2008
Theo Shreve-Russell	1996
Chuck Thomas	2009



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and Join Us Online Today!

### NEW BANNER FEATURED AT DUCK-A-THON

Laura Scher's newly designed banner was featured at the Duck-a-Thon last weekend. It reminds folks that 100% of any contribution goes to support the many charitable activities the Foundation supports during the year. Check out the cool pictures of the Community Clinic fundraiser! While the managing agency for the Clinic is up in LA, the Clinic is still a full-fledged charity that provides a critical venue for residents who don't have access to medical care through health insurance.



## MEMBERS SUPPORTED 3/1 MARINE'S GOLF FUNDRAISER

Thanks to some timely reminders from Mayfish (dare we say "nagging") members turned out support the 3/1 Marine's Golf Fundraiser at the Navy Course in Cypress. Here are some pictures from that worthwhile event to help make life a little easier for Huntington Beach's adopted Marine Unit as they serve in Afghanistan.



**THANKS**  
to Stuart Matsuda  
for providing  
photos of this  
special event!

### OFFICERS

**President:** Ed Vickery  
**President Elect:** Adam Bowermaster  
**Vice President:** Mike Grumet  
**Immediate Past President:**  
Jeanne Hexem  
**Secretary:** Mike Heywood  
**Asst. Sec'y:** Rochelle Groh  
**Treasurer:** John Baars  
**Asst. Treas.:** Dick Green  
**Board Members:**  
Kevin Fossum 1  
Troy Hall 1  
Linda Hahn 1  
Pete Jantz 1  
Marcy Crouch 2  
Janet French 2  
Rochelle Groh 2

### COMING UP

June 1	Alzheimer's Care
June 3	Board Meeting
June 8	Toymakers
June 15	Member's Day
June 22	Clean Energy
June 29	Collaboration



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