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Good Riddance to 2009 and Welcome to 2010		

Coming Events

January 12th-Regular meeting at the Manhattan Country Club.

January 19th-Regular meeting at the Manhattan Country Club.

January 26th-Regular meeting at the Manhattan Country Club.

February 26th-Jewels and Jesters Fund Raiser for the Crown Jewel club at the Comedy and Magic Club in Hermosa Beach. Tickets are \$75. Fritz Coleman has agreed to be the MC.

The Meeting

It looks like inflation has hit late fines. Madame President nicked me for \$2 for being the first one late. Helen Duncan came in after me and the price of her admission was \$4.

Greg Schill tossed in a buck because he's thawing out from his trip to Pennsylvania. Madame President sensed there was a fine somewhere to be found, either for returning to our temperate climate or vacationing in exotic PA. After extended whining on Greg's part, which by the way prompted Jim Packard to add a dollar if only Greg would stop his complaining, Greg anted up \$10.

Stan Ralls found something to cheer about. His Trojans ended the football season on a high note by defeating Boston College in the Emerald Bowl. Stan acknowledged UCLA also won its finale. Stan had another happy dollar for his son winning two fantasy football leagues and netting \$1,200. The winnings went to buy a washer and dryer thus helping the economy.

Bibi Goldstein (nee ?????) was pleased Redondo won its post season game as well as the Packers in the

playoffs. She won \$170 in bets on her teams and was surprised we were looking for 10%. Bibi, please contact Don Gantner for the bylaw provisions on tithing gambling winnings.

Pete Salzer was looking snappy in his new member apron. Remember, heavy fines if you don't sign his apron. Pete was glad 2009 was gone and has high hopes for 2010. 2009 included breaking his wrist and losing his brother in law. His sentiments were echoed by Madame President who saw the year start well and then end with a new office with little furniture.

Helen added a dollar for 2010. 2009 saw the Chamber's budget reduced significantly. She also lamented the loss of city manager Geoff Dolan. Manhattan Beach will pay Dolan nearly \$195,000 for the departure.

Don Metcalf had \$5 hoping that 2010 will be better than any of his last three years. Don's birthday makes him a metal tiger as that is the animal from the Chinese calendar.

Jim is also hoping for a better year in 2010. Jim has thrown away a Kiwanis tradition, his beige briefcase. He now has a lighter and smarter leather attaché case in its place that his staff gave to him.

Greg is also glad to be rid of both 2008 and 2009. Maybe we'll see the stock market start to climb back to where it once was.

I had a few dollars. The first was for Bibi's firm, Buying Time, reducing Helen's stress levels. Another buck hoping 2010 will be a better year and, finally, seeing the closing of the case against Helen for elder abuse. Helen was accused (anonymously) of using undue influence on her cousins. Helen was trying to make certain they would be in a safe place that would guarantee they would be fed on a regular basis.

Madame President broke for lunch. While luncheon with Bibi, she didn't notice the bell had walked away.

After lunch, Madame President ignored her bell-less state and gave the floor to Bibi who complained her husband was sick during the holidays and shared his disease with everyone he met except Bibi. Happily, hubby is better.

Madame President was shocked to see an ambulance come to her neighbor's home on Sunday night. With a sigh of relief, DeAnn noted that it was only a dislocated hip. Her neighbor, Doris, was taken to Little Company of Mary and only a few hours later, Doris was back at home.

Helen announced one of her assistants will undergo knee replacement. Helen then asked Madame Presi-

dent where did the bell go and how much should she pay for the bell's safe return. It was a lot of fun seeing DeAnn's face that Helen of all people would be negotiating for the bellnappers. After DeAnn recovered, they reached a compromise of \$10 for the bell.

Stan mentioned that Scott Smith lost his mom. She was 99. Scott and Nancy are now residing in Apple Valley. Greg was pleased his mom is 86 and is in good health.

Door Prize

I won the \$10 door prize.

Fine Free

Fine Free for next week is the holder of ticket number 832998.

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