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See's Candy-A Family Tradition Continues

Coming Events

February 16th-Regular meeting at the Manhattan Country Club.

February 23rd-Regular meeting at the Manhattan Country Club. Brooke Dafresh will talk about the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Los Angeles.

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. Nick Griffen will be the headliner.

March 2nd- Regular meeting at the Manhattan Country Club.

March 4th-Board Meeting at Rick's office 12:30.

March 9th-Regular meeting at the Manhattan Country Club.

May 20th-Tentative date for our fundraiser at the Comedy and Magic Club.

The Meeting

"Bring a guest day" was a rousing success as the room was filled with fresh faces. Sue Poindexter, Judy Giss, Helen Block, Karen Block, Michael Block of WPromote, David Coe of Freedom Growth, Personal Trainer Maria Missive, Steve Dalit of Aim Mail Center in the Manhattan Market Place mall and our guest speaker, Po-Yon Palmer of See's Candy in Manhattan Beach.

Pon-Yon made a lot new friends by passing out two boxes of See's Candy.

The Program

After the introduction of guests, Madame President had Pon-Yon give us a presentation on See's Candy

and especially See's Candy Fundraiser.

A little history of See's Candy: Mary See created recipes for candy that she gave as gifts. When her son, Charles, came to Los Angeles in 1921, he started See's Candy, used his mother's recipes and placed Mary See on each box of candy. Charles promised his mother that the company would only use the best and freshest ingredients. During World War II when the country suffered sugar shortages, Charles decided to cut back on production rather than use inferior products. In 1972, the family business was sold to Berkshire Hathaway, Inc. where it still maintains the family traditions.

Pon-Yon discussed their fund raising ideas. Their fund raising year starts on September 1st and ends on August 31st. If we sell \$615 of candy within that period then for amounts in excess of \$615, the scholarship fund would receive 40%-60% of the proceeds. It's an interesting idea and will be discussed by the board at its March meeting.

Happy Dollars

My son Mike was seated next to Stan Ralls who was recruiting Mike to join the club and be our liaison to the Mira Costa Key Club. When Mike attended Mira Costa, he and his friends led a membership drive that swelled the ranks of the Key Club to over 100 members.

DeAnn matched Stan's dollar. Now we only have to get Mike to sign on.

Helen Duncan attended a meeting of Chamber executives and felt the Manhattan Beach chamber is in better shape than other chambers. Helen's grandson, Brandon, was included in Cabaret Night with other young actors. Helen was very impressed with the professionalism of each actor.



Don Metcalf is a Saints fan and was thrilled with their Super Bowl victory. Jeff Wilson bragged he won a Super Bowl bet with Bill Glavin. I didn't hear Jeff say he would donate the traditional 10% of his winnings to the club.

Ken Giss thought Valentine's Day was especially special for women who will celebrate their second week without football.

Bibi's daughter turned 18 on the 8th and the family is still surviving. Bibi ran in the Redondo Beach Super Bowl 10k race and turned in a 1:15:18.1 time, her best to date.

Jim Packard thought he could get away with \$1 for his vacation. Jim returned from Hawaii where he grouched the weather was really rainy. It took little coaxing from Madame President to get \$20 from Jim.

I had a couple of dollars. The first was my mom was back home from the hospital. The second is that I've been asked to speak at two conferences this year.

DeAnn announced the Manhattan Beach City Council honored her as Person of the Month. The presentation by Mayor Mitch Ward was the first acknowledgement our club has ever received. I hope someone had the presence of mind to record the event.

Helen was honored by the Lion's Club as Citizen of

the Year. Helen went on to mention that she was the first woman member of our club and DeAnn the first woman president.

Announcements

The Manhattan Beach Young Professionals will have their Speed Networking event at the Manhattan Country Club on February 22nd.

Governor Ron Talley will visit Southern California on March 14th at the Hermosa club's meeting hall.

On tax day, April 15th, the Chamber will run its annual Women in Business conference.

Our fundraising event will take place at the Comedy and Magic club on May 20th. This event will be combine fundraising, a membership drive and charter party together. Each member will be given two tickets for the member and one guest. We hope you will also sell eight additional tickets for \$20 apiece. More details will follow.

Door Prize

The bottle of wine was won by Dave Coe. Pete Salzer won the box of See's Candy donated by Pon-Yon.

Fine Free

Fine Free for next week is the holder of ticket number 833155. One of our newer members gave away that he or she has next week's fine free ticket.

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