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By now we have all seen the pictures of the Powerhouse fire. Some of you were evacuated or going to be evacuated. Life changed for all of us especially the 26 people who lost their homes. I am very proud of our communities. On Saturday June 15th there were fundraisers from Lake Hughes to Leona Valley. Everyone has stepped up to help our neighbors and friends. Whether you took a neighbor in; cleaned out your closets, or donated financially, your efforts are appreciated.



Powerhouse committee - Frank Toothaker, Treasurer Accountant – David Hall / Lakes President, Jan Clark / Sertoma President, Juanita Kirkpatrick / Sertoma Treasurer, Beverly Brownfield / Sertoma Hospitality



A check for \$7696.00 was presented to Frank Toothaker for the families affected by the Powerhouse Fire. Clothing that was collected at the Sertoma Fundraiser was donated to The Salvation Army. They in turn will provide individuals with vouchers for \$100.00 and families up to \$700.00 that can be used for clothing, household items, gas and food. The Salvation Army will also help them find a place to stay.

DID YOU KNOW?

The number of times a cricket chirps in 15 seconds, plus 37 will give you the current air temperature.

*Snapple Real Facts
#237*

**UPCOMING
EVENTS****Date:** July 6, 2013**Time:** 8 am**Location**

Creekside Café

Event Name: Club
Breakfast Meeting**Date:** July 20,
2013**Time:** 8 am**Location:**Creekside Café in
Leona Valley**Event Name:** Club
Breakfast Meeting**Date:** 9/26-
9/29/13**Time:****Location:**Viscount Suite
Hotel, Tuscon,
AZ**Event Name:**
Convention**Date:** Oct. 2,
2013**Time:****Location:** LVCC**Event Name:***Gala Under the
Stars-Wine
Tasting***LIFE AFTER THE POWERHOUSE FIRE** by Frank Toothaker

I want to give you all a brief update as to events over the last three weeks. As of an hour ago, telephone and an internet connection has been restored to my house after a three week interruption. After a few days one becomes almost frantic from the loss of “contact”, but after three weeks that feeling changes to “so what?” . But it’s good to be back. Do you know how many e-mails you get can get in three weeks?

32, 000 acres and 30 homes lost, and one could say “not a bad loss”, but to the one that saw their house and all worldly possessions reduced to a heap of smoldering ash, it is a big blow. Though, a friend who lost her house and a lifetime of accumulation philosophically surmised “It’s quite a burden relieved actually.”

Barely three weeks later, and green leaves are already emerging from scorched earth. Around the lake, reeds have already grown nearly a foot high! We could do as well.

Deer, a not uncommon sight in my yard, have now been regular guests morning, noon, night. Since the flames have subsided, their presence has jumped significantly – groups of 6-8 including a young buck with barely 6 inches of antlers. They are scrounging for what they can find, and are particularly fond of my dozen apricot trees, stripping fruit and leaves from ground to 5 feet up. OK, they can have that, and the birds can have to top 5 feet, and I can have the middle. We all have to eat, and for wildlife the resources are tight. Quail – they have scratched up virtually all unburned ground. Rabbits, hopping here and there amongst the blackened buckwheat stumps. What do they find to eat? Where do they sleep the night? More power to them.

**COMMUNITY
EVENTS****Date:** July 4, 2013**Time:****Location:** Green
Valley**Event Name:** 4th of
July Parade**Date:** July 27,
2013**Time:****Location:** Lake
Hughes**Event Name:**
49er's Day**Date:** Aug. 3, 2013**Time:****Location:** LVCC**Event Name:**
Picnic**Date:** Aug. 17,
2013**Time:** 7 p.m.**Location:** LHCC**Event Name:**
Casino Night**Date:** Nov. 2, 2013**Time:****Location:** LVCC**Event Name:**

Murder Mystery

The view is black. Ash and dust devils abound. Skeleton trees. Bare landscape with the normal covering carpet of vegetative growth removed reveals relics from the past: an abandoned water well, a junked tractor, "new" rolls of barbed wire long lost, concrete and stone foundations left from a fire 50 years ago, a graveyard with granite markers, a mason jar with melted zinc cap, hidden wildlife trails revealed, a line of barbed wire fence, posts burned, delineating boundaries long lost. There is hidden beauty in these things.

Support VOP/CERT volunteers, and a myriad of unnamed community members working non-stop, pausing only briefly to evacuate a car-load of possessions from their own houses before returning to duties assisting others. Sheriffs, and fire folks, with a look in their eye, a tone in their voice, a bottle of water, or a bit of hustle or assistance. A subtle communication of empathy, or just a personal word of concern. Just regular folks helping other regular folks. It is good.

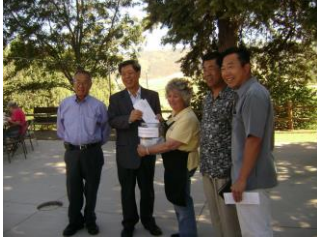
In my personal situation, my house was spared through the efforts of a Cal-Fire crew and a strategic middle-of-the-night helicopter water drop on the 60+ year old scrub oak on the hill behind my house. Brush clearance, weed abatement, fuel reduction, and 5,000 gallons of water storage are also major contributing factors. Still, the fire burned all the way to the stucco. After a dozen spot fires, and smoldering hot spots that flared into 20 foot high flames two days later, all is well.

There is much to grieve over, and much to be thankful for. God has certainly given us the strengths to deal with the losses.

Below are some businesses that stepped up and donated to the Powerhouse Fire victims:

Butler's Coffee House netted \$1,091.17

Sertoma received a \$1000.00 check for the powerhouse victims fund from



Younghak Retreat Center (YNOT foundation) located at Three Points... their Fundraising Chairman is Richard Kim. A check was also written to the Red Cross for the same amount.

DJ, James Russell contributed his music to the cause - Rally Auto Group and Lucky Water Truck (Joe Duarte) contributed funds to purchase necessary items pertaining to beverage and paper goods. Alice Benoit, Janice Gatenbein and Juanita Kirkpatrick helped make the auction a grand success in a short period of time.

We had about 25 little helpers that were assigned special areas to work. Sertoma will be working with a special committee to assure equal distribution to the victims. distribution to the victims. The contributors and volunteers did an outstanding job that was very much appreciated.

Mostly we want to thank our Firefighters for their brave efforts. Let's remember to support them at this year's Fire Fighters' Appreciation Day.

Lake Hughes Community Center lost it's outbuildings. Home Depot may be willing to help.



SERTOMA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS OF 2013

Sertoma Scholarship chairperson Linda Lorenz is pictured with some of 2013 Scholarship recipients: (not in order :

Hannah Price of Quartz Hill H.S. recipient of \$750.00 scholarship will be attending Cal Poly Pomona.

Daphne Genardi of Quartz Hill H.S. recipient o \$400.00 will be attending College of the Canyons.

Serena Hull of Quartz Hill H.S. recipient o \$750.00 will be attending Cal State Fresno.

John Zopelis of Quartz Hill H.S. recipient o \$400.00 will be attending Cal State Long Beach or San Diego.

Katelyn Mitler of Trinity Pacific Home School recipient of \$1000.00 will be attending Azusa Pacific.

Lacey Rischar of Desert Senior H.S. recipient of \$400.00 will be attending Brigham Young University.

Roseanna Pileggi of Quartz Hill H.S. recipient o \$400.00 will be attending U.C.D.

Austin Clark of Quartz Hill H.S. recipient o \$400.00 will be attending North Arizona University.

Valerie Weidne of A.V. College recipient o \$400.00 will be transferring to C.S.U.N.

CHERRY PARADE

The 40th Annual Cherry Parade and Festival from 1973-2013

The theme was: "Cherry Jubilee – 40 Fruitful Years"

The Sertoma booth sold over 70 reuben sandwiches. Football book sales did not start on the day of the Cherry Parade as planned.

SPECIAL NEEDS REQUEST

Julie Sputie is a mother of a child living with Autism. Her child attends the Special Needs Program at Quartz Hill Elementary. Her child is in the K,1 and 2nd grade program. She would like to bring technology to the program which she feels could do so much more for the children if it had the resources. She presented a proposal to Leona Valley Sertoma requesting the donation of 10 Nooks to the Quartz Hill Program. The Nook is internet ready, has access to many apps for Autism. The Sponsorship committee will be discussing the at their next meeting July15th.

Hearing Aid Donation Center The Hearing Aid Donation Center website is now live. Any individual can visit the site, print a mailing label, and donate hearing aids regardless of age or condition. Visit www.HearingAidDonations.org to find out how it works, read the latest news on hearing health, and learn how to get involved!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Lake Hughes

49er Days parade will be at 10 a.m. July 27th in Lake Hughes. Festival follows at the Lakes Community Center from 11 a.m.- midnight



Casino Night will be August 17, 2013 from 7-11 p.m. at the Lake Hughes Community Center.

COMMUNITY EVENTS CONT'D.**LVIA/LEONA VALLEY /
TOWN COUNCIL**

Battle is ongoing with the water co. A small group went to the settlement hearing. A rate advocate group recommends an increase of 37% vs. 60%.

GREEN VALLEY

4th of July Parade registration starts at 8 a.m. judging begins at 9 a.m. Parade begins at 10 a.m.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We can be very proud of Charter Leona Valley Member John Seymour

For a number of years the West Antelope Valley Historical Society has accumulated funds and made plans for the last one room school house to have been operated in Los Angeles County. The old school house was transported some years ago from its historic location to the Leona Valley community property at the community's clubhouse. John became interested and began making things happen with the restoration project. When completed, the old school house will become a museum and a sight for reminding our young people what schooling used to be like. I can honestly say that John has made a memorable impact upon our community.

This years "Gala Under The Stars" fundraiser will be held on October the 5th to benefit the school house.

FYI- IN 1915 the one room schoolhouse used 8x10 chalkboards for each student.

CLUB EVENTS

Date: July 6, 2013

Time: 8 am

Location Creekside Café

Event Name: Club Breakfast Meeting

Date July 20, 2013

Time: 8 am

Location: Creekside Café in Leona Valley

Event Name: Club Breakfast Meeting

COMMITTEE UPDATES

FUNDRAISING**Chairperson:**

Jan Clark

Contact Info:

270-9268 or 818-359-4751

Members:

Bev Brownfield
 Juanita Kirkpatrick
 Mary Thomas
 Rich Thomas
 Linda Lorenz
 Linda Joynt

*A meeting is
 planned for the end
 of July.*

HISTORIAN:**Chairperson-**

Chairperson:Laurie Millard

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harmnyz@yahoo.com**Members:**

Juanita Kirkpatrick
 No update

LEGAL**Chairperson** Bob

Mallicoat

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MEDIA-**Chairperson:**

Chairperson Jan Clark

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1grannyjanny@att.net

No update

NEWSLETTER-**Chairperson:**

Laurie Millard

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harmnyz@msn.com

No report

PROGRAMS-**Chairperson:** Kim

Kemp

Contact info:

310-350-2520

kkemp@kempsweb.com**Members:**

Jan Clark

No update

HERITAGE PARK**Chairperson:** John

Seymour

Contact info:270-0339

Mrugly01@aol.com**Members**

Juanita Kirkpatrick

HOSPITALITY-**Chairperson:** Bev

Brownfield

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Steve Fredericks 14 year old grandson is home after his heart stopped. He has a defibrillator in his chest. Priase God that he did not suffer any heart or brain damage after having CPR for 12 min. and being in a medically induced coma.

MEMBERSHIP-**Chairperson:** Steve

Fredericks

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No update

PROGRAMS-**Chairperson:** Kim

Kemp

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310-350-2520

kkemp@kempsweb.com**Members:**

Jan Clark

See article on
 Autism speaker

COMMITTEE UPDATES**SCHOLARSHIPS**

Chairperson: Linda Lorenz
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Members:

Steve Fredericks
Juanita Kirkpatrick
Rich Thomas
Mary Thomas
John Seymour
Kim Kemp
Bev Brownfield

Since 1999 Leona Valley Sertoma has donated \$40,680.00 in scholarships. This includes 3 years with no applicants.

Linda Lorenz did a fabulous job. Several thank you cards were received from grateful recipients.

SERTOMAN OF THE YEAR

Chairperson: Bev Brownfield
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William Blackburn
Don Hobart
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Linda Lorenz
Richard Thomas
Catherine Toso
Jan Clark
Barbara Grosskruez
Laurie Millard

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Chairperson: Bev Brownfield

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Members:

Juanita Kirkpatrick
Jan Clark

SOCIAL

Chairperson: Kim Kemp
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See scholarship article.

WHAT WE DO

HOLIDAY

BASKETS for needy families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays

SENIOR CHRISTMAS

DINNER program

AMERICAN HERITAGE

PROGRAM in local schools

GOLF CARTS to the Painted Turtle Camp in Lake Hughes

SOUND

SYSTEMS to aid hearing impaired children at Westwind Elementary School and Hughes-Elizabeth Lake Unified School District (HELUS)

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SIGNS DONATED TO LEONA VALLEY

SCHOLARSHIPS

for high school students as well as junior college students transferring to a four year college since 1999 \$40,680.00 has been given out in scholarships.

WELCOME TO LEONA VALLEY BOOK

Funds, labor, and artifacts for the Leona Valley

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

for Leona Valley Elementary School Upgrades to the Leona Valley, Green Valley, and Lake Hughes Schools.

PROJECTOR DONATED TO LEONA VALLEY ELEMENTARY

two projectors and 1 camera were donated in the name of Leo Rohaley Jr.

HERITAGE MUSEUM

ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS

March-St Patrick's Day Dinner

June- Cherry Festival

December-Senior Dinner

The following services, charitable giving campaigns, and funding for improvements are a few examples of Leona Valley SERTOMA's efforts, both on an annual and on an "as needed" basis:

HEARING TEST EQUIPMNET

upgrades

for the Antelope Valley Hospital Medical Center for testing of all newborns

COMMUNITY CENTERS WELCOME

SIGN and community bulletin board for Leona Valley

LAKES LITTLE LEAGUE,

\$200.00 annual donation **4H**

CLUBS, and the Leona Valley GYMKHANA QUEEN CONTEST

PORTABLE GENERATORS

donated to Lake Hughes and Leona Valley and Green Valley Fire Departments to be used to raise the fire doors during power outages saving valuable response time.

CHERRY CHAPTERS

Received a \$1000.00 donation to keep the paper in business.

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CLUB OFFICERS

Chairman of the Board:

Charlene Moore

President: Jan Clark

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Linda Lorenz

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Steve Fredricks

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Mary Thomas

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Cathy Toso

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Ray Mullins

David Millard

Directors First Year:

Linda Lorenz

John Seymour

Barbara Grosskruez

Directors Second Year:

Beverly Brownfield

Kim Kemp

Bob Mallicoat

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.leonavalleysertoma.org

OUR MISSION

The Leona Valley SERTOMA Club exists for the purpose of serving others. We bond together in fellowship to provide community services in the form of time, talent, and leadership. Our fundraising efforts are directed toward accelerating progress in health, education, freedom and democracy, and improving the quality of life in our local communities. Through our programs and events we help people to help themselves and encourage personal improvement.

CLOSING

It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light.

Aristotle Onassis

50/50

Bev Brownfield
Bev Brownfield

ATTENDANCE

Mary Thomas
Steve Fredericks

July Birthdays

Jan Clark -9
Kim Kemp -13

Anniversaries

Rich & Mary Thomas -11

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