

Walnut Valley Kiwanis Meeting News for 3/4/2011

I would like to thank Bert Brandt for recording the following information in my absence at last Friday's meeting. I just got home from our March Board Meeting and tomorrow night we are packing care boxes for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Rather than delay this report while waiting to put it in its usual format, I am forwarding as is. Thank you again, Bert!

Thank you,
Aggie

"Last month's President Pro-Tem Don, having switched last week with this month's Pres Pro-Tem Don, served as President at today's meeting -- confusing, isn't it? That means that Don Nettles was President today!

"Richard Malooly was [not] late thanks to Trudy asking Don to wait a few minutes because of the fog. Ray McMullen paid a \$1 fine for his tardiness. The pledge of allegiance to the flag was given by Richard.

Richard brought guest Mel B, (Briggs). We had just foregone the patriotic song and were ready to give the morning's invocation when Mel arrived, but despite Mel's offer to lead us with his mellifluous tones, Pres Don decided to leave well enough alone & continue with the invocation, given by Bert.

"The main topic of discussion was Loki, the missing Aggie Kee's dog, who had been attacked by a much larger dog the day before. Imagine seeing you dog's head engulfed by the mouth of that larger dog! Loki is recovering, but the vet had recommended that Aggie stay with him for the day. A speedy recovery was wished for little Loki!

"Don announced that our Board meeting is this Wednesday the 9th. We then discussed the Garage Sale tomorrow: Ray presented us a check of \$50 from a neighbor who couldn't wait to buy stuff out of Ray's garage he was storing for the sale. Ray is renting a U-Haul truck to get the stuff there & bring any unsold items to Goodwill afterward.

"Thurs, 3/10 is our Div 35 box packing for the Troops Overseas, 3/20 is our hosting of the Cal-Nev-Ha Governor's visit to Div 35, and our Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament on June 4 (which we'll discuss at the Board Meeting).

Richard updated us on the 5/9 Golf Tournament in that we were getting the brochures printed, we need golfers, sponsors & raffle prize donors, and things are progressing.

"Don Nettles was about to introduce himself as the program, when we were momentarily saved by the breakfast -- it was served & he wanted to eat it hot. He actually made it a dual program. First, he discussed his trip Thursday to Disneyland's California Adventure. They actually got on the Ferris Wheel & the Merry-Go-Round. They had arrived at the park just before it opened, got a "Fast Pak" to avoid long lines, but still had a 40 minute wait for 1 ride. Larry mentioned "It's a Small World" and then complained he couldn't get the song out of his head!

Mr. Nettles' actual program was on emergency packs for the car, as well as home. He borrowed the pack from the trunk of Marilyn's car's to show us what it contained. But the first item he showed us was an emergency flashlight with a seat belt cutter and a window breaker, and we all wanted to know how do you get it out of the trunk & remove

it from the blister pack in an emergency? We recommended he remove it from the blister pack & put it in Marilyn's glove compartment.

"Don said it will take 3 days before you can get help if "the Big One" hits. So, store MRE (Meals Ready to Eat) & water. He showed us one aluminum pack of water, and said "just add water"??!! Richard wanted to know when the cannibalism comes in & Don said ask the Donner Party. Don looked into getting a portable generator for his home, but a gasoline- or diesel-powered one won't work long if you can't pump gas from a gas station, and apparently propane-powered ones can't be sold in California. You can get an 1,800 watt solar-powered generator for \$1,700.

"Hail to Kiwanis!!"