



**DOWNEY Y SERVICE CLUB**

2nd Monday 7:00 p.m.  
Downey YMCA

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*"The Tie That Binds True Friendship"*

**DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA  
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*"TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DUTY THAT ACCOMPANIES EVERY RIGHT"*



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**September 2005**

**NEVER TAMPER**

*With Success*

The legendary football coach Bear Bryant of Alabama had recruited the nation's best punter. During practice, Coach Bryant stood silently and watched intently as the young man boomed punt after punt seventy yards or more. Day after day, the coach never said a word. Finally, the punter, exasperated, said, "Coach, I came all the way to Alabama to play for the best coach in America and you've never said a word to me about my kicking!"

"Son," Bear Bryant said, "when you kick it fifty yards, I'll remind you what you were doing when you were kicking it seventy yards."

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**CALENDAR**

September 12 - -

**REGULAR MEETING**

6:30 PM - In Furman Park

**YVONNE SWAIN**

is in charge (562)869-4223

September 23-25 - -

**REGIONAL CONVENTION**

**SAN DIEGO, CA**

September 26 - -

**BOARD MEETING**

7:00 pm - At the YMCA at 11531 Downey Ave - in **GEORGE SAIKALI's** office - All club Members are welcomed.

**DINNER SIGN-UPS**

- September ----- Yvonne Swain
- October ---- Nick /Jane Ruiterman
- November ---- Bill/Pat Vallefuoco
- December ----- Tree lot time
- January ----- Nancy Luna
- February ----- Valentines
- March ----- Yvonne Swain
- April ----- Al/Letha Jacques

**Happy Birthday!!**

**NICK RUITERMAN  
LETHA JACQUES**

**SEPTEMBER 5  
SEPTEMBER 8**

**SO MANY BLESSINGS**

*to be Thankful for*

When disaster strikes, people are exceedingly generous in their outpouring of assistance. After the terrorist attacks in September 2001, New York City was flooded with an estimated \$75 million worth of towels, blankets, flashlights, water bottles, canned beans, shovels, toothpaste, stuffed animals, radios, rubber boots, and thousands of other items. There was so much stuff that those affected could not use it all.

When we are facing personal disasters, Jesus steps in and offers a rescue. When we trust Him, our heavenly father lavishes us with spiritual riches. We are a part of God's family. We have "redemption" and "the forgiveness of sins." We are heirs of the One who owns everything. Our inheritance is sealed by the Holy Spirit.

The blessings of being a Christian just keep on coming. They'll never run out. What a generous, thoughtful God we serve! Let's praise Him for the countless blessings that overflow in our lives.

*The Daily Bread: Dave Bronon*

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing." Ephesians 1:3*

**CLUB VISITATION TIME**

*Let's All Try to be There*

The Crenshaw Y Service Club is celebrating their 25th Anniversary on September 17th from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 8704 7th Avenue, Inglewood, CA 90305. The cost is \$12 per person. Make your checks payable to the Crenshaw Y Service Club and mail them to **LORNA WARD** 1829 West 41st Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90062. Please RSVP to Lorna Ward (323) 292-2393 or **MARGURITE TURNER** (310) 419-0884 by September 3, 2005.

Also, according to knowledgeable sources the Seal Beach **RUMMAGE SALE** is something we do not want to miss. Their bi-annual rummage sale is set for October 1st from 8 a.m. to noon

**ODE TO A VOLUNTEER**

Many will be shocked to find when the day of judgment nears, that there's a special place in heaven set aside for volunteers. It's furnished with recliners, satin couches and footstools; where there's no committee chairmen, no group leaders or car pools. No more teams that need a coach, no bazaars and no bake sales. No more stapling, no more labeling, not one thing to fold or mail. All phone lists will be outlawed. But a finger snap will bring frosty drinks and gourmet dinners, luscious treats fit for a king. Who will serve these privileged few? Who will enjoy for all it's worth? Why all those who benefited, and loved to volunteer on earth!

*Adapted from: Y's 'em up - Gardena Valley, CA*

## LESSONS FROM THE GEESE

*When they Fly South*

When you see geese heading south for the winter flying along in "V" formation, you might consider what science has discovered as to why they fly that way. The geese flying in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

We need to make sure our honking is encouraging. In groups where there is encouragement, the production is much greater. The power of encouragement (to stand by one's heart or core values and encourage the heart and core of others) is the quality of honking seek.

We need to make sure our honking is encouraging and not discouraging. (Angeles Arrien)

Live Y'er, Escondido, CA

**Reminder:** It is time to make our 9/11 Emergency Fund donations. Make your donations for \$9.11 and give the check to our treasurer **AL JACQUES**. They will be mailed as a club. Make checks payable to: PSWR 9/11 Emergency Fund.

## SAVING STAMPS and GETTING READY

*for the Fall*

Happy Grandparents' Day - September 12th!

We are still in the business of stamp collecting. It seems like it has been a long time since we have done anything with our stamps. That means we all probably have several hundred just waiting for a time to be collected. Maybe not.

Saving commemorative stamps has been made easier over the past year. We no longer need to soak and remove the stamps from their envelopes. We need only to save those stamps that are in good condition. Meaning, save those canceled stamps that are free from damage and have a light cancel. If you want to cut around the stamp to separate it from the envelope, make at least a quarter inch edge along all four sides of the stamp. Remember to bring your stamps to the next dinner meeting on September 12th at Furman Park.

Our October dinner meeting will take us back to Redeemer Covenant Church; located at 10801 Fairford Avenue in Downey CA which is located behind the car dealership on the corner of Florance Ave and Studebaker Rd.

## LABOR DAY

*is a Creation of the Labor Movement.*

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

The founding of Labor Day: More than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, NJ, proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its' second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a "workingmen's holiday" on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

Through the years the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first government recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From then on developed the movement to secure state legislation. The first state bill was introduced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During the year four more states --- Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. On June 28, 1894 congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday

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