

Winter Quarterly Mixer, January 17, 2013

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Valley Vista Services hosted this meeting organized by the Regional Chamber of Commerce of the San Gabriel Valley. There was much cordiality and some networking activity going on during this evening event. For instance, I overheard one young man say that he would start work on a business plan for another fellow. A stunning selection of Mexican cuisine was provided by a local restaurant, and I heard only positive comments on its quality.

Many of us were treated to a short bus tour of the Valley Vista Services facility in the City of Industry. It is a seventeen acre site filled with activity well into the early morning hours, the shift ending at 2 A.M. We saw many garbage trucks that now run on cleaner fuel, and perhaps a hundred trucks waiting to head out to duty the following morning to pick up more waste in the areas served by Valley Vista Services. Of particular interest, was the grinding into pulp the thousands of Christmas trees recently gathered from surrounding communities.

A number of representatives from the Friends of the Library were in attendance. Kathleen Newe brought flyers advertising the 20th Annual Wine Soirée and Benefit Auction which will take place at the Diamond Bar Center on Sunday, April 21 from 4 – 7 P.M. Of course the President of the Friends, Ruth Low, was there and also a past president Rick Rogers. Immediate past president Rosette Clippinger and husband Richard mingled with the crowd, and also there were Betts and Sherm Griffone, as well as Nancy Lyons, and Bob and Paula Block. Among those representing the Diamond Bar City Council were Mayor Jack Tanaka and his wife, and Council Member Ron Everett. Former mayor John Forbing was on hand also chatting with many. We all enjoyed the presence of some beautiful young ladies – the queen and princesses of Diamond Bar. It was a great opportunity to meet and greet acquaintances, old and new.