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NEXT WEEK:

The **next meeting** of the Tri-Valley Executives' Association will be held on **December 15th** at Vic's All-Star Kitchen at 7:00am.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

- **12/15 Dirty Santa Gift Exchange**
 - 12/22 NO MEETING (Christmas)
 - 12/29 NO MEETING (New Year)
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WHAT IS A DIRTY SANTA GIFT EXCHANGE?

(By the way, it has nothing to do with bringing a dirty/naughty gift!)

Another variation on the gift exchange is a fun game called Dirty Santa. Suitable for small to large groups, the game, also going by *Pirate Bingo*, *Yankee Doodle* or *Yankee Swap*, adds an element of excitement and humor to traditional gift giving.

In Dirty Santa each participant brings a wrapped, unmarked \$15-20 gift and places it in a designated area. Guests are given numbers as they arrive, or their names are randomly drawn, and they select and unwrap gifts from the pile in that order — with a twist.

The person who receives the number 1 will pick a gift (that is not their own) from the pile and open it for all to see (or models it, reads it, or demos it). During the selection of a wrapped gift, the participant may visually inspect the gifts, pick them up and/or gently shake them.

The person who receives number 2 then chooses whether to select a new gift from the pile or steal the first player's gift. Each person in order then gets to select a present or steal any other gift someone has already opened with a limit of 2 steals per gift (third person keeps it).

Opening of gifts and stealing takes place until all the presents have been chosen. Finally, the person who picked first gets to choose from all the gifts or keep

what he/she has already received. In the end, the gift you are holding is the gift you take home.

TVEA BOOK CLUB:

On **January 12th**, we will be discussing the leadership methods outlined by America's coaching legend, John Wooden in his book **"Wooden on Leadership: How to Create a Winning Organization"**, a Wall Street Journal best-seller.

You don't have to have read the book to participate in the discussion. But in case you need a good read over the holidays, you may want to get a copy.

MEMBER NEWS:

Please keep the following families in your thoughts and prayers as they are each facing some challenges:
Dan Brown of Onstad's Insurance
Real Estate Appraiser **Larry Brumm**
Sherri Facciolla of Patriot Pest Management

HOLIDAY PARTY:

It was great to see so many of you and meet your "significant others" last week. Thank you, Dave Silva for organizing the fun activity and donating the prizes. A great time was had by all!
