
DECEMBER 13, 2012

NEXT WEEK:

The **next meeting** of the Tri-Valley Executives' Association will be held on **20th** at Vic's All-Star Kitchen at 7:00am.

Please bring a \$15-20 wrapped gift for the Dirty Santa Gift Exchange.

There will be NO MEETINGS on December 27th or January 3rd.

POT REPORT:

The last raffle of 2012 got up to **\$220** with a guaranteed winner last week... congratulations **Kevin Gundry** of Custom Exteriors, who now has a little more money for Christmas shopping!

We'll start a new raffle at the New Year. Thanks to all those who played in 2012!

SPOTLIGHT:

BY LARRY BRUMM

For 15 years, Terry Johnston managed a supply house that sold irrigation supplies. One of Terry's clients was Steve Grimes of **R&S Landscape**. Steve started talking with Terry about selling the business and 4 years ago, Terry purchased R&S Landscape. (The "S" is for Steve, but the "R" is Steve's mother's first initial.)

R&S Landscaping provides weekly maintenance service to residential and commercial customers throughout the Tri-Valley.

If you or someone you know needs new landscaping or landscaping service, contact Terry Johnston at R&S Landscaping: 846-6821.

HAVE YOU GIVEN A REFERRAL THIS WEEK?

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.

NEW MEMBER:

Classification: Jeweler

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