

**NORTH FORTY**  
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The Trinity Lake Lions gave the community a wonderful Christmas gift in the guise of their annual Senior Dinner. With a menu of turkey, trimmings and pumpkin pie the crowd of 82 people enjoyed the fare and the chance to visit with each other. The decorations were simple and elegant and the co chairs, Mike Mayo and Tony Capstick and their crew deserve accolades for a job well done. Thank you, Lions!

Trinity Center has a number of citizens who deserve recognition for their hard work and volunteer spirit. I don't think anyone would argue with the idea that Roger Chatterton is at the top of the list. Yesterday the Board of Supervisors recognized with a resolution, Roger's outstanding efforts as the Chairman of the county wide fire chiefs association. Roger is retiring from that position but will continue as chief of both Trinity Center and Coffee Creek fire departments. Congratulations from all of us, Roger!

The Secret Santas, with Virginia at the helm, are wrapping up their efforts for this Christmas. You'll get a full report of this awesome project next week but for today let me say, "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus". Thank you to all who have contributed so much.

Don't forget the US Census test this Friday at 1:30 at the IOOF Hall. You can call ahead (1-866-861-2010) but drop ins are welcome too.

Marianne says there are many new titles at the library for your winter reading enjoyment. I've dipped into some of them and been enthralled. So go down and check out a handful. Sit by the fire with your afternoon tea or eggnog and enjoy a good read. The library is open Wednesdays from 12-6.

A big "Thank You" to Pat and Dave Forbes who hosted two fire department related potlucks last week: one for the Fire Emergency Assistance Team (FEAT) and one for the Fire Auxiliary. FEAT members are now insured and back in business. They have responded to several incidents recently and provided needed traffic control. Chief Chatterton says he's very proud of their efforts. The auxiliary is the fund raising arm of the Trinity Center fire department and the efforts of the group have resulted in a treasury that can respond to a number of needs of the department. There are some great plans in the works for the next fund raising event so stayed tuned.

The community sends healing thoughts and appreciation to Bob Bryant who was injured "in the line of duty" at a recent tragic incident. Fortunately Bob will be able to take his paramedic semester final at a later date and will hopefully be able to continue his studies next semester. Heal quickly, Bob! Our sincere sympathies to the Chamberlin family who lost George in the accident.

About 20 small stuffed animals and dolls were collected to distribute to the fire departments and the sheriff. These are given to children who are experiencing a traumatic situation.

We are all in the midst of the final Christmas and Hanukah hustle and bustle. Take a moment to stand back and enjoy the spirit. Season's Greetings all.