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Karen Widerynski., President



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The first month of the new year has already brought some changes to Tippers. First off, due to her career change, Kay Thorpe has resigned her membership in the group. She has been a real asset in the short time she has been with us, serving on the board in one of the more challenging positions last year. Kay has such an engaging personality; many of us feel like we have known her a long time. We wish her all the best in her new job and hope sometime in the future she finds herself able to rejoin the group.

Ray Miller has made a change in membership status. Ray started his business in 1952.

Ray Miller Medical Insurance Services has been a fixture at the Long Beach Chamber for many years and was a Charter member of Tippers when it started in 1980. Thirty years of membership! Not many groups can boast that kind of longevity! Ray has asked to join the coveted "retired" category.

But Ray is more to Tippers than just a long time member. He has contributed a great deal to the organization and offered health insurance services to many members. Ray is the kind of member who has always been available to consult and advise Tippers regardless if they purchase products from him. He is greatly admired by everyone who knows him ... and we can all be proud he remains part of our group.

To honor his longevity and contributions, the Board recently approved making Ray a "Lifetime Member". Lifetime Member category is defined in our bylaws and those rare folks who achieve this honor are excused from paying dues and may attend our events by paying the same fee that active members would pay. To date only Phyllis Davis (the wife of our founder, Ernie Davis) and Deana O'Connell are Lifetime Members. So congratulations Ray for joining this elite

group and thanks for your many years of support and friendship. We hope to see you at future Tippers meetings!

Terry Cofield, Speaker Chair



Hey, Terry here, Speaker Chair. Well, we're off to a great start for the new year. Joe Sullivan certainly raised the speaker's bar with his animated 'dance til you drop' presentation. Who knew he was that technical? Ed Fagan cheered us all up with the timely topic 'the latest tax law changes.' We heard the "legend in his own mind", Walt Zwonitzer and Don Pimental rounded out the month. If you are giving a talk and require a projector, see Kay Cofield and she will be glad to loan it to you. The projector requires that you have a laptop. Kay does not provide the hook up service at the meeting. That's up to you.

We would recommend you pick up the projector a day or so ahead of your talk, then try out the presentation at home to make sure it works. Bill Cheney will arrange to have the screen available and you should give him some advance notice prior to the talk.

Let's not be shy Tippers. Giving a presentation is a great way to expose your business to a large group of people. We have openings starting in March, so see me and sign up.

Bianca Sovich, Social Chair



Well, we heard from a lot of you that you had a great time at our Holiday Dinner Dance at Old Ranch. I'm so glad to hear it. Tim Lashlee worked really hard on the slide show of past Tippers event and it really added an extra element of fun to our gig. Claire Miller passed the

Presidential mantle to Karen Widerynski with class. Bill Wade as usual, did a great job of "capturing" us in our best duds for posterity. Thank you Bill and Kathy for your faithfulness in providing "fine photography" at incredibly affordable prices. You really know how to make us look good. Another special thanks goes out to Mike Grange for helping provide those memorable Tippers Mousepads. It is my hope that you will use it daily and be reminded of what a great organization you belong to. Also, thanks to Margaret Platt for providing amazing floral centerpieces at a crazy low price.

Finally, a special thanks to my hubby Peter Sovich, Michelle Belmont and her hubby Jimmy as well as Danny and Deana O'Connell for showing up early to help set up the room. They helped package up the Mousepad for you to find at each of your place settings.

As you can see, I'm writing to you as your 2011 Social Chair. Originally I was to be V.P. and Marla Burillo as Social but special circumstances resulted in us swapping responsibilities. Please welcome Marla as your V.P. and you get me for another year as your Fun Zone Coordinator. I'm really looking forward to it. Let's have some more FUN!! Happy New Year and may it bring you a year full of health, happiness and prosperity.



Ken Brown, Mixer Chair

As you all know so well, mixers are integral to the success of Tippers and definitely one reason why we are so much more than just a Friday leads club. The 2011 Mixer schedule was first available on Friday morning, January 7, and right off the bat nine of you pegged a month in which to hold your mixer. When the schedule made its rounds at our second breakfast of the year on January 14, two more of you jumped on board to fill the two remaining mixer openings.

Well done, fellow Tippers—we are indeed a convivial group!

February Mixer: Chiropractor and new member Norm Price welcomes you. Stay tuned for date and address.



Bill Cheney, HausMeister

Now is a good time to check to make sure your business card is in the correct spot on the holder. Go ahead, it's okay, you can move your card to

the right spot. When you pull the wrong cards from your spot, pull them out and put them where they belong. It only takes a moment It is a great help to me and your fellow club members. Thanks for you help, and don't forget to bring those door prizes.



Kay Cofield, Membership

Congratulations to our beloved Charter Member, Ray Miller, on his retirement - and especially for his richly deserved new category of Lifetime Member. Thank you, Ray, for your 30 years of involvement and support of Tippers!

We're all sorry to see Kay Thorpe move on, but wish her well in her new position. This does open the Wine Sales category, though, so keep your antennae alerted for a possible new member who sells Wine. I know, I know, we know lots of people who drink it, now we just need someone to provide it!

Remember, you probably have met a number of people who would make great Tippers, but they just don't know it yet! Invite them to a meeting and let us charm the socks off them.



Roger Kroll, Roster Dude

February is Roster month with Tippers. I bring my MacBook Pro to Friday meetings during February and get your Roster page approval or updates for the 2011 edition of the Tipper Roster. Also, Bill Wade will once again take new photos for the Roster at the 2/11 and 2/18

meetings for the bargain price of just \$10. Looking forward to meeting you at the February meetings!



Wendy O'Neill, Treasurer

Dues are Due!

Anyone wishing to review the year end financial statements, you may contact me at your convenience.

The Tipper Calendar -February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 7:10 A.M. Meeting Speaker; Randy Maas	5
6 Albert Parks's Birthday	7	8	9	10 BOD 11:30	11 7:10 A.M. Meeting Speaker; Michelle Belmont	12
13	14	15	16	17 MIXER TBA	18 7:10 A.M. Meeting Speaker; Ellen Mathis David DeKriek's Birthday Ray Miller's Birthday	19 Karen Widerynski's Birthday
20 Rod Johnston's Birthday	21	22 Wendy O'Neill's Birthday	23 Jan Laine's Birthday	24	25 7:10 A.M. Meeting Speaker; Linda McDonald	26
27	28 Linda McDonald's Birthday					