

Water Watcher

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December 13th, 2012 Elks Lodge 5631 Cypress Ave Carmichael, 95608

6:00 PM

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

December Christmas Party

> January TBA

February TBA

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President's Message

It's that time of year again... Christmas is right around the corner. The Capital Valley IPSSA Christmas Party is next week Thursday, December 13th located at the Carmichael Elks Lodge on Cypress Ave in Carmichael. Chapter Members and Chapter Supporters please make sure to check your email accounts for your evite invitations. Please RSVP back through the evite. If you have not received your evite email, please contact Shaleen Stevenson at (916)863-2196. Extra guests are welcome at an additional \$30 per person. Please RSVP extra guests with Shaleen Stevenson. Larry Hughes has done a great job putting this together this year, despite his needed surgery. Thank you Larry, please get well soon. Santa Claus will be there with a special gift for the children. Take advantage of the photo opportunity with Santa too. A photographer will be taking pictures and we will post them to Capital Valley IPSSA's web site. We are bringing back the DJ from last year, The Sundance Kid. Dinner will be a buffet style meal with options for everyone including a prime rib station. Sacramento's Sheriffs Toy Project will be there building toys with the kids, and collecting donations for their charity. Please bring bikes with helmets, unwrapped toys, and cash or check donations. Please make checks payable to Capital Valley IPSSA so we can combine the chapter donations with the matching grant funds, our **Region One Director Dave** Durkin is working on from our region and others. Thank you very much Dave. Every member will receive two raffle tickets good for drawings through out the night. Additional raffle tickets are available for purchase towards all the great prizes. Please don't miss this event, and bring your dancing shoes, the dance floor is huge, it will be a blast. I look forward to seeing every one there.

Sick Route Summary cards have come this year in the form of an email, and will stay this way. Make sure to return them right away to avoid fines starting in January. If you have not received it please contact our Sick Route Chairman Karl Eggers at (916) 521-7168. Emailing Capital Valley IPSSA forms is the easiest and economical way for our chapter to deliver information and correspondences to our members. Please open everything that our chapter committee, chair and board members send you, because it will be something of importance regarding our chapter its members and events.

Remember, the Christmas Party on December, 13th replaces the meeting this month. January's meeting is Wednesday, the 2nd, the day after New Years. January's speaker will be announced soon. Pizza will be provided by Monte Routon at American Leak Detection. Thanks Monte.

The stormy weather has trashed most of our pools. I personally have had everything from trees, tons of leaves, and flooded muddy pools. This is a dangerous time of year for us. Please be careful not to slip and fall, avoid falling trees and debris, be careful around electricity, and drive carful on slip-



pery roads. Wear good shoes with good tread. Drive on good tires with good tread. Make sure windshield wipers have been replaced. Shut off breakers before you touch any electrical repair. Be Safe, Happy Holidays, Drive Careful and Please Don't Drink and Drive.

Please don't forget to bring your donations to the Capital Valley IPSSA Christmas Party for the Sacramento's Sherriff Toy Project. Have a great Holiday Season!

Happy Holidays, Drive Careful and Please Don't Drink and Drive.

"Keep up the good work" Sincerely, Gregg Simon Capital Valley I.P.S.S.A. President

Capital Valley IPSSA

Christmas Party

Please join us for the IPSSA Christmas party. When you RSVP, please note if there are any children under 12 in your party. Dinner will be a buffet dinner. There will be a DJ and Santa Claus.

And, of course, we will be sponsoring the Sheriff's Toy Project. Please feel free to write a check payable to Capital Valley IPSSA and we will combine all funds and present one check to the Sheriff's Toy Project. This will allow us great matching funds from IPSSA regions.

IPSSA hosts the dinner for members and their immediate family only, or the member and 1 guest if the member is single. Additional guests can be included at the cost of \$30 per person

Christmas party invitations have gone out by e-mail. They are coming from e-vite and will say they are from Capital Valley IPSSA. If we have your e-mail and you did not get it, please check your junk or spam mailbox. If we do not have your e-mail address please give it to us. If you don't have e-mail please call Larry or Shaleen to get details and RSVP.

The Candy Cane Story

A candymaker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would remind people of the true meaning of Christmas; so he made the candy cane to incorporate several symbols for the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ. He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy. White to symbolize the Virgin Birth and the sinless nature of Jesus, and hard to symbolize the Solid Rock, the foundation of the Church, and the firmness of the promises of God.



The candymaker then shaped his cane into the form of a "J" to represent the precious name of Jesus, who came to the earth as Savior. It could also represent the staff of the "Good Shepherd" with which He reaches down to to reclaim the fallen lambs who, like sheep, have gone astray.

Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candymaker stained it with red stripes. He used three small stripes to show the stripes of the scourging Jesus received. The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ on the cross so that we could have the promise of eternal life.



Sick Route Corner

- Karl Eggers is out on sick leave
- Larry Hughes is out on sick leave

Thank you to those that are assigned pools, please treat them as you would treat your own pools.

Sick Route Summary Card packet for 2013 will be arriving via e-mail. You will receive a letter, sick route summary card, sick leave card and a copy of the sick route policy. The due date to return your sick route summary card is January 31, 2013. Thereafter fines will be implemented. If you have any questions, you can contact Linda or Karl Eggers (916)521-7168.

News you will want to use right now:



Sales and Use Tax Rate Will Increase on January 1, 2013

Due to voter approval of Proposition 30, the statewide sales and use tax rate will increase one quarter of one percent (0.25%) on January 1, 2013. The higher tax rate will apply for four years — January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016.

For more information on this increase, please visit our tax rate increase webpage. For a listing of tax rates, please visit our California City & County Sales & Use Tax Rates webpage.

In addition to the statewide sales and use tax rate increase, voters in some cities and counties approved a number of new or increased district taxes that will go into effect April 1, 2013. These new or increased district taxes will be sent to taxpayers in a separate notice.

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~Classified Section~

This section is for members who would like to advertise the selling or buying of their pools, looking for sub-contractors, selling pool related stuff, buying pool related stuff, etc... (send an email to jneronde@yahoo.com to include your classified ad)

VAC-ALERT FOR SALE

The chapter has a VA-2000L we need to convert to cash.
Wholesale is \$499.00. We are asking \$400.00.
Contact Jack Emlay, 530-644-7750, <u>JJEMLAY@COMCAST.NET</u>.

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Newsletters are being sent out via e-mail! If you do not receive a newsletter via e-mail its because the IPSSA financial office does not have your e-mail address. Please e-mail me at jneronde@yahoo.com and I will be sure to add you to the list.

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Chapter Supporters if your name is not on this list and you believe it should be please contact our program chairman George Stevenson (916) 863-1700.

If you are a Chapter Supporter and are interested in submitting monthly articles, or news, please e-mail info and artwork to Jennifer Neronde at jneronde@yahoo.com. The deadline is the **20th** of the month for the following months issue. Thank you.