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May the memories
of Christmas past
warm your hearts
this season



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Notes From Your President Don Miller. . .

**December 2005
President's Letter**



Greetings:

My hip replacement surgery got delayed 2 weeks but by the time you read this I should be well on my way to recovery. Because of this delay I won't be in as good shape as I had hoped for the December activities but I'll be there.

Remember that our December meeting is the 3rd Thursday, Dec. 15.

There will be a Pancake Breakfast meeting at Piet Dwingers on December 17 at 9:00AM. Anyone interested in taking an active role at the breakfast is encouraged to attend.

The Installation Banquet is only a few days away. The officers are staying on for the second year of their term so there won't be much installing taking place but we can celebrate all the members that volunteered to fill job vacancies when the need arose.

DICK SMITH volunteered to become our first Club Historian in several years.

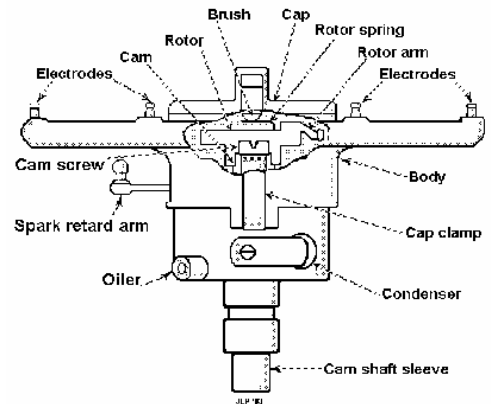
KENNY DIERKEN volunteered to take over as the Club Greeter when we lost our long time greeter Jon Heiland.

GARY DISCHER volunteered to take over as Merchandise Director when Jeremy Gaynor needed more time for his studies.

MARK SCHWING has agreed to take over the lead on the Pancake Breakfast and will be working closely with Peggy Nunes on it.

It is gratifying to see this kind of dedication to the club and it indicates a renewed interest in making the Orange County Model A Ford Club better than it has ever been.

**LET'S KEEP DRIVING THOSE
MODEL A's !!!**



Side View of a Ford Model A Ignition Distributor



Cover courtesy of Jim Dunn

Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year from your editors



Activity Schedule

Glenn Johnson
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(NOTE: * = UPDATED INFORMATION)

✓ Deadline for next *Distributor* is:
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newsletter@ocmafca.org
Or mail to: 244 No. Goldenspur Way,
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NEXT MEETING DATE
December 15, 2005

Nov 30-Dec 4 (WED-SUN) National MAFCA Banquet in Sacramento and mini Gold Country Tour. This will be a freeway and back roads tour.

December 11 (SUN) OCMAFCA Holiday and Installation Banquet.

December 15 (THURS) Orange County Meeting (the 3rd Thursday) Note Date Change

Jan 14 (SAT) Seminar: Differential and Rear axle seminar presented by Tom Endy. It will be held at CHOC in our regular meeting room

Feb 4th (SAT) 2006 CARE SHOW 8:00am-2:00pm San Juan Capistrano Community Center, 25925 Camino Del Avion. For information call (949) 240-1735. Registration \$25.00 by Jan 27, 2006

Feb 11th (SAT) Seminar on Borg Warner overdrive repair to be held at Tom Endy's house beginning at 9:00 AM

Mar 26th 2006 (SUN) Orange County Model A Ford Pancake Breakfast---Details later but mark your calendars now and be sure to be there!!!!

April 6-9, 2006 (THURS-SUN) 18th Annual Laughlin Tour sponsored by the Pomona Valley Model A Club. This event will be held at the

Riverside Hotel & Casino. See Glenn Johnson for a flyer or additional information

July 12-25, 2006 MAFCA NATIONAL CONVENTION to be held in Mansfield, MA (Nr Boston) For details see or call Sharon Johnson

September 23, 2006 (SAT) 7th Annual Cruising' for A Cure at the Orange County Fair and Expo Center, Costa Mesa. See or call Dale Mc Call for details

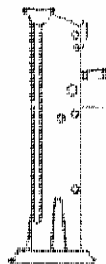
SWAP MEETS

January 28 & 29, 2006 (SAT & SUN) TURLOCK 40TH ANNUAL SWAP MEET at the Stanislaus County Fair Grounds. Sponsored by THE MODESTO AREA A's Flyer with directions at the next club meeting

MODEL A JACKS



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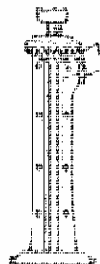
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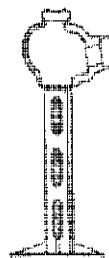
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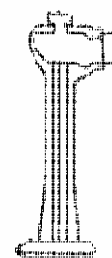
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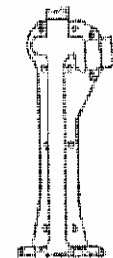
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Technical 2005

by Tom Endy

December Seminar:

Due to a crowded club activities calendar and holiday festivities, there will be no technical seminar scheduled for December.

January 2006 Seminar:

A seminar is scheduled for Saturday, January 14, 2006, 9:00AM-1200Noon at the CHOC hospital in our regular meeting room. The subject will be differential and rear axle assembly overhaul. There will be a lecture with a series of projected digital pictures of the various shop procedures employed in the overhaul. A complete disassembled Model A Ford differential and rear axle assembly will be on display. The Harbor Area MAFC and the Whittier MAFC have been invited to attend the seminar as our guests.

February 2006 Seminar:

A Borg Warner overdrive repair seminar is being planned for February 2006. Time and place to be announced later.

Technical Tip:

The most neglected electrical connection on a Model A Ford is where the battery ground cable attaches to the frame. It is out of sight and difficult to get to. Many Model A's have this connection badly corroded and rusted to the point where the car is difficult to start and the lights are not bright. In order to get to it and clean it properly you need to remove the battery. Unbolt the battery ground cable from the frame and clean the area of the frame to where you can see bright shiny metal. Clean the end of the cable as well, and wire wheel the bolt and nut. Apply a thin coat of Vaseline or grease to the connection area and tighten the bolt and nut firmly. While you are at it, clean all four connections of the battery cables. Make sure you have the proper 6-volt cables if you are running a 6-volt system. Someone may have installed 12-volt cables and they are not big enough to supply the proper starter cranking power for a 6-volt system. It's also prudent to continue on and clean the other electrical connections on the car ☺



This picture was taken a number of years ago at a club technical seminar. Merle McClellan is the young fellow nearest the open hood. Glenn Johnson is the man in the gray flannel suit standing at the far right. Merle and Glenn are the only two people not wearing a hat. The seminar was on ignition timing, but since everyone in the club was new to the hobby, they were all standing on the wrong side of the car.



Right after Terry Collings graduated from college she went into a Ford dealership in Atlanta to buy a new car. She asked the salesman the price of the car and the terms of the warranty. The salesman replied, "Little Missy, you go on home and get your husband or your daddy and come back and then we can talk business".

OCMAFCA General Meeting

November 10, 2005

Submitted by Doris Marshall

President **Don Miller** called the Meeting to order at 7:32 P.M.

Ted Loeffler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Miller asked everyone to fill out a ballot for Member of the Year, and Most Tours. Awards to be given out at Banquet.

Copies of the Budget are available at dais. Newsletters from other chapters are also available.

Greeter: **Kenny Dierken.** There were no new guests, but **Bea and Jerry Kalinowski** were welcomed. The **Riggs** were also greeted

Secretary: **Doris Marshall:** Minutes approved as printed in the Distributor.

Treasurer: **Diana Stewart** Accepting monies for the Banquet and also for Membership.

Activities: **Glenn Johnson:** Contact Sharon if you are going to the Meet in Boston. Advised members when the Distributor is available on the Web every picture will be in color. One reservation available for Sacramento on Nov. 30th

January 28/29th-Turlock Swap Meet.

Tom Endy has a space at Meet.

Sat. Feb 4th Annual CARE.car showApril.

Laughlin Tour. Hill climb, barbeque, etc. Brought back memories of Laughlin last year.

September 23, 2006-Cruise for the Cure.

Everyone agreed if you didn't go to the Halloween Party, you missed a great time.

Technical: **Tom Endy**

The water pipes are all gone, if five or six need one, he will order them again.

November 12th-Saturday-10: 30AM- Seminar at the Johnson's home. It will be on kingpins. **Jim Nichols** will host the seminar.

January 14, 2006 at Choc. Differential and rear axle rebuilding. There will be a video display and a completely disassembled differential. We will invite Harbor Area and Whittier Clubs.

A once rusty and dirty carburetor given him by Glenn was displayed. With his expertise it was like brand new.

Special Events: **Peggy Nunes**

Thanked Glenn for the wonderful Halloween Party. Mark Schwing will co-chair the Pancake Breakfast. Very qualified to take over the task.

You may pay for the Banquet and Annual Dues to our Treasurer, Diana. You can also mail your

monies to Diana's home. Also need volunteer's to help at the Banquet. Will take suggestions.

Merchandizing: **Jeremy Gaynor**

Have shirts, sweat shirts and hats available. Shirts that will be for the Pancake Breakfast won't be available for members until January. Kenny is working on the graphic. Jeremy happily announced that Gary Discher has volunteered to take over Merchandizing. Jeremy is too busy at school and appreciated Gary was willing to take over the responsibility.

Editor: **Peter Hyland** The deadline for submitting items for the Distributor will be Nov. 30th. He stated there is a Member of the Year Ballot in the November Distributor. Putting the Distributor on the Web will take time and we will keep you posted.

Historian: **Dick Smith** asked if anyone had any memorabilia such as Old Restorers, Distributors, and Documents. We have Restorers from the 70's from Dale McCall. If a Member has a Collection of Restorers, check with Vince or Don Miller if you are missing some copies. If you have old Restorers don't destroy them, share them.

Terry Collings: Monthly Breakfast. There will not be a breakfast in November, due to Thanksgiving. The December breakfast will be on the 22nd.

Refreshments: **Christine Foster, Sally Miller, Jeanne Parrish and Doris Marshall** brought the refreshments.

Business from our President: **Don Miller**

The annual Dues are due now and please send in as soon as you can.

Banquet at the same place as last year. Cost: \$35.00. December 11th.

Pancake Breakfast scheduled for March 26th.

Pancake Breakfast meeting at Pete Dwingers'.

Next General Meeting will be held on the 3rd **Thursday in December, which is December 15th.**

White Elephant Sale tonight with all money going to the Club.

Kathie McCall: The ballot box is on the table to vote for Member of the year.

Greg Earhart: Suggested that Hubley races be a part of a General Meeting occasionally.

Pete Cruz: Raffle chairman. Requested raffle donations from Members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40.

OCMAFC Military Veterans

Bruce A. Harris USN 1962-1967

I was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1942. I attended high school in Warwick, NY and went on to college where I majored in Liberal Arts. I left college in 1962 at age 19 to enlist in the navy. Basic training was at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, with further training at Great Lakes, Illinois. My first fleet assignment was to the aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea. I spent two years in Japan aboard the Coral Sea where I was trained as a machinist. I thought being a machinist would be a good civilian occupation after I was out of the navy. My next assignment was to the USS Delta where I spent nine months in Hawaii. I was then transferred to Long Beach, CA where I went aboard the USS Caliente and shipped out to Hong Kong for three months. Back in Long Beach I was released from active duty and went into the naval reserves as a reservist for two years. I was honorably discharged from the navy in August 1967.

When I was discharged from the navy I went to work for Vulcan Machine Works as a machinist, thanks to my navy training. I worked there for three years and later worked as a machinist for several other machine companies. I then found my niche in life when I went to work for Southern California Edison as a machinist. I had more training as SCE and became an electrician and was promoted to foreman over 10 other electricians and machinists.

My niche in life crumbled in 1994 when I suffered a massive stroke. I knew I would never be able to resume my job at SCE, which I had for 24 years. I retired in 1997. Since my stroke I have lost many of my capabilities and have learned to cope with the loss of many of the activities I used to enjoy. I live day to day, accepting with determination and perseverance, that I can live my life and enjoy what I can, which is appreciating and being grateful for all that I am able to do today. Thank you Orange County Model A Ford Club members for letting me be a part of such a great organization. I am truly blessed.



Bruce Harris 1964

HISTORIANS CORNER

By Dick Smith

This month marks the end of my first year as your historian. I'd like to thank those members that have contributed to the history of our club by donating their Distributor copies, Rosters & Bylaws to fill holes in the clubs archives. For next year I have asked long time members to write some remembrances of their years touring, partying & general activities in our club & their Model A.

Remember When Articles from the Distributor,
10 years ago, December 1995

President Wade Roberts called the meeting to order at Bev Marsh's house. Treasurer Lee Garman states Dues are overdue (nothing really seems to change).

The hard luck trophy was awarded to Larry McKinney due to the demise of his beloved McSpeed speedster. Larry shared his crashing experience in Anza, California touring with the Four Ever Four Club.

This was the second time the McSpeedster had been totally wrecked in a traffic accident. Several members recommended that Larry take up a less dangerous hobby than driving a speedster, like skydiving.

(Historians note) Larry was a skydiver with 828 successful jumps + one more just to break a leg. Larry has slowed slightly; he now rides a Harley & his highly modified steel top Victoria.

Distributors (Missing)

1962 Vol 1 #3 & 4. (Some of the early issues may not have ever existed.)

1963 Vol 2 #3 & 4.

Sept. 1966.

Aug. 1987.

ALL 2000. (Previously omitted as missing)

ALL 2001. (Previously omitted as missing)

If you were a member during these missing years, look to see if you have any of the listed items. I will copy your issues & return the originals if you are a collector. Thanks.

Just Donated: All of 2002 and 2003 were kindly donated by **Elvin & Doris Vachal**. We thank the Vachals very much!!!!

NEW MEMBERS

(None to report this month)

Join us for good food and good company...

Fourth Thursday Breakfast Bunch

December 22, 2005

Polly's Pies

2660 No. Main Street

Santa Ana

Tel: (714) 547-9681

8:30 AM

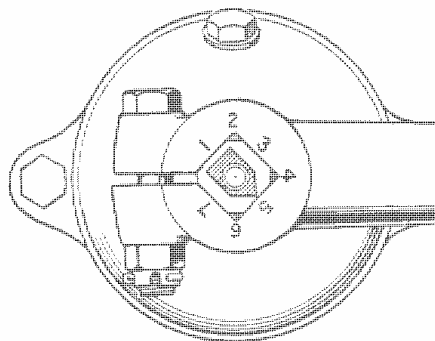
Info: Terry Collings 714 970-7194

BITS AND PIECES

2006 Roster: Please check the 2005 roster and make any changes you wish. Please send all changes to Pete Hyland. Thanks.

Wanted: The club is in need of a photographer. If you are interested, please contact Lew Lewis for details.

Shock Absorber



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KINGPIN SEMINAR

November 12, 2005

On a beautiful and sunny day a large number of club members met at Glenn Johnson's where Jim Nichols conducted a seminar on kingpins. We first had a "class room" session and then it was on to the actual work. We were going to change the kingpins on Chris Foster's car but after removing both of them it was decided that replacement was not necessary. We all learned how to examine and replace should we ever have the need. Several of us got hands on experience as can be seen in the photographs shown below.



All photos submitted by Frank Mowrer

HOW OLD ARE YOUR TIRES?

From Gene Reinhart (Published in the Santa Anita A's "Spoken Wheels")

The useful life of a tire is only five to seven years. For cars and trucks driven every day, the tread usually wears out in less than five years. For RVs that sit for a good part of the year, five years can pass with a lot of tread still left on the tire.

Although you may not want to replace what looks like a perfectly good tire, riding on tires more than five years old greatly increases the risk of a blowout.

Every tire has a date code stamped on the sidewall, which gives the date that the tire was manufactured. They look something like this: DOT PDHH MLOR 3403. The date code can be on either side of the tire, so you may have to crawl underneath the rig and look on the inward facing side. The date code always starts with the letters DOT and ends with a 3 or 4-digit number. That last number is the date code, which tells you when the tire was manufactured. The first two numbers indicate the week (out of 52) and the last one or two digits indicate the year.

That jumble of letters and numbers on the sidewall is the tire size designation. The first letters indicate the type of tire: P for passenger car, LT for light truck, and ST for special trailer.

Bus and medium-duty truck tires have such designation. The next number is the width of the tire, given in millimeters, followed by a slash. The number following the slash is the ratio of width to section height (only important to tire engineers) followed by a letter: R for radial ply or D for diagonal on bias ply. It ends with a number that gives the inside diameter of the tire in inches.

A tire with the designation ST225/75R15 is a special trailer tire that is 225 millimeters wide with a width to section height ratio of 75. It is a radial ply tire that will be mounted on a 15-inch wheel.

(Comment from John Knox - if your tow trailer sits around in the sun the rate of decline is faster. If you put an ultra violet coat on with regularity they last longer. A shade cover impervious to UV is the best.)

The Orange County Model A Ford Club

cordially invites you attend their
Annual Installation and Holiday Banquet
Sunday, December 11, 2005

6:30 p.m.
Westridge Golf Club
1400 S. La Habra Hills Drive
La Habra
Westridge Room

Cost is \$35.00 per person

Please pay Treasurer Diana Stewart by mailing it to
her at:

21162 Foxtail, Mission Viejo, CA 92692

by November 30th

Any questions? Call Don Miller at: (562) 431-6494

Menu will be: Prime Rib & Chicken Picatta

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Rice Pilaf

Vegetable Medley

Pasta Salad

Mixed Green Salad

Ambrosia Salad & fresh Baked Rolls

Apple Cobbler Dessert

Coffee & Iced Tea

*(You can call me on my cell at (562) 397-8078 if you have
any questions - Thanks!)*

2006 PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Orange County Model A Ford Club
Announces that our Pancake Breakfast
will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2006.
Please mark your calendars for this event-
you don't want to miss it!!!

More details later

WANTED: 1930\31 Frame in good
condition.

Please call: **Dick Smith (949) 770-6847**

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FOR SALE:

EMO needs to move to a place where he will
be appreciated. There is list of additional
parts available but space did not permit
listing them all.

FOR SALE:

1928 Model A Roadster



Preservation Car has not been restored. Runs very
well. Dual side-mounts, Wind Wings, and other
unique accessories.

Original parts through out. \$10,000.00 Jason
Dwinger (714) 803-5110



HERE IT IS AGAIN-ONE MORE TIME

Orange County Model A Ford Club

2006 Membership Renewal

Annual Dues-----\$30.00

**(Due and payable now-Please make checks payable to:
Treasurer, OCMAFC)**

Please review the 2005 Roster to make sure all the information is correct

including address, telephone numbers, e-mails and cars owned

Make any changes necessary on cut off portion below

We want to make sure the 2006 Roster is correct!!

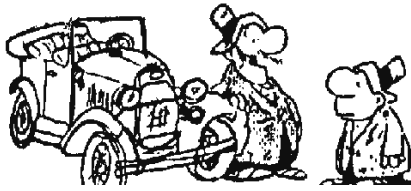
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Santa Ana, CA 92711**



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Visit MAFCA's Web Site:
www.mafca.com/classifieds.html

For Sale

****FOR SALE:** 4 19" Wheels with Firestone Tires-Black Wall \$400.00 obo. Also 4 used W/W 6:00x16 with good tread \$50.00 obo. **John Pickrell (760) 631-5720**

****FOR SALE:**

1929 Closed Cab Pickup---Super Clean \$12,000.00
Eleanor Pauley (626) 793-0869

***FOR SALE:**

For sale Model A muffler, used and very good. Replaced with an Aries. \$35 obo.
For sale Model A stock head. Excellent condition, no cracks. \$35 obo
Wanted 1 19" white wall tire-used is fine
John Knox Brea – (562) 697-2545 knoxbox59@aol.com

***FOR SALE:**

1915 white Model T Touring with white trailer---loaded for \$17,000--OBO
1929 white Model A four-door sedan (all original)--\$12,000--OBO
1936 four-door Ford convertible with roll up windows, stock flat head (like new)--\$40,000--OBO
1956 Ford F-100, with 350 Chevrolet V8 with auto transmission, new paint and beautiful--\$15,000--OBO
Al Basye (714) 846-5287

***FOR SALE: 1932 Model "B" Short Block**
0.60 Bore BB Crank \$750.00---\$850.00/Pan
Vintage Crager OHV Cylinder Head \$2500.00
Larry McKinney (714) 963-2724
18103 Firestone court
Fountain valley, CA 92708
e-mail: lgmcspeed@earthlink.net

***FOR SALE: 1930 2 Door Sedan.** Has overdrive, new brakes, new Firestone tires and a 12-volt system. Good Motor---runs well \$8,000.00 OBO
Drain Marshall (310) 378-5061

***FOR SALE: 1931 Deluxe Roadster**

The car was displayed on the showroom floor of Harold Loony's Vintage Auto Parts in Orange for 10-15 years. It is a "driver" with about 3000 miles on the engine and tires. The car is garaged in Orange.

An article was published about the 2nd rehab of the car in the "Restorer" (July/August 1989 – Vol 34, Issue 2) titled "Thanks to Mike Long from – EMO". EMO was my fathers Initials. My father was a long time friend of Harold Looney.

I also will be including with the car a large (24" x 30") framed and matted photo of 52 Model "A"s on the steps of the California State Capitol building. An inventory of parts and accessories is available---see page 9 for further details and photos.

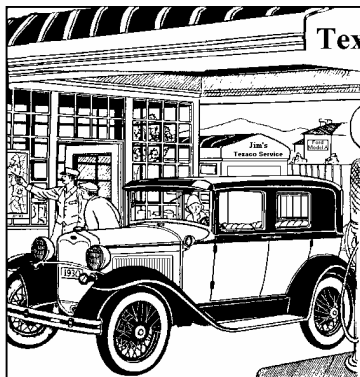
Price: \$ 16,500.00

Fred Oehlert (760) 599-8808

E-mail: fredoehlert@sbcglobal.net

FOR SALE: 1929 Model A Station Wagon
Original Drive Train, Runs Good, Looks Great. Glass fenders, wood body, done in oak. \$12,750.00 or best offer. See pictures---www.fatboysales.com
Bill Pozzi, 26122 Spur Branch Lane,
Laguna Hills, CA 92653 (949) 306-5090

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 - **December 30, 2005**
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General Meeting

[Second Thursday of every month]

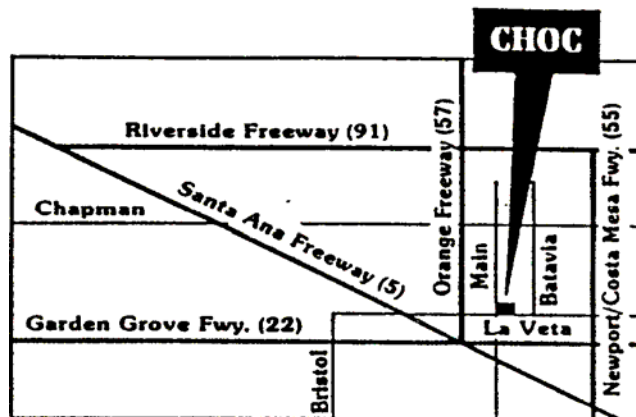
****Note Date Change Below****

(Board Meeting at 6:00 PM
in adjoining meeting room)

****December 15, 7:30 P.M.****

**CHOC Hospital Complex
455 South Main St. Orange CA**

From Main Street, turn east onto Providence Ave. and immediately, on your right, enter the structure and park on the second level. Meeting room accessed from parking structure.



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