

Dear Friends of the kids,

I hope all is well with you. I wanted to drop you a few lines to update you with the past couple of weeks of activities. Last Tuesday, March 10th, we held our Executive meeting at the Temple Bar and Grill where we elected two more members to the Board of Directors. In addition, along with our friends at Temple, we hosted the ESM March Meeting in celebration of our tenth year as a sponsored organizational member of this fantastic group of people and businesses that have generously been supportive our efforts.

This past weekend I made the trip to Lompoc California to visit our Central Coast Chapter of EKC. For those of you who may not be up to date with this chapter it is housed in my hometown. Several years ago we started working with some of the local youth programs on a small time bases, as well as the Lompoc Parks and Recreation. Last year, Kenny Fields, a strong family man and a baseball coach stepped up to fill the Chapter Directors post. His goal was to bring hearts together to refurbish all the school and ballpark fields throughout the Central coast. His efforts netted him support from the Lompoc School Board, the Parks and Recreation Department as well as both youth football and baseball programs. This Saturday, the chapter hosted a BBQ fundraiser at \$7.00 a plate at the opening day ceremony of the Lompoc Little League Baseball and sold over 1000 tickets for this event. Dave and Kate White and Friends from Redneck BBQ donated their time to support this fundraiser along with other volunteers from the community. It turned out to be a great first time fundraiser for the EKC chapter.

Back to the local scene, this weekend EKC will be participating in two special events in town along with one in Lake Havasue City. This Saturday, EKC and Corporate Picnics and Events will be providing our ever-growing popular BBQ at the 2nd Annual Chicks with Picks Music Festival at Tempe Town Lake. In addition, we will also be supporting the Basha's High School Band Car show with a BBQ as well. More information will follow in other emails.

Finally, Next Tuesday, March 24th, EKC will celebrate its 15th year of support to the kids in Arizona, Florida, New Mexico and California. Past Chairman of the Board Ron Pacioni and his lovely wife Katie will be hosting a reception at their fine dinning restaurant in Phoenix at 6:30 on this same date. Again more information will be coming this evening, please save the date for this event. It is open to current board members, Past Chairman and some very dedicated volunteers and their significant others.

That's all for now, again, look for more emails as they come in.

Yours for the Kids and grateful to you all,

Rob