



Happy Holidays from the SCVBA!

D ID YOU KNOW...
...this past Thanksgiving marked a once in a lifetime occurrence? Wednesday night, November 27, was the first night of Hanukkah, with Thanksgiving falling on the second night of Hanukkah, marking the first time this has happened (since the establishment of Thanksgiving by President Lincoln in 1863) and the only time it will happen for another 70,000 years!

... in remembrance of the sacred oil of the Temple in Jerusalem, fried foods such as latkes (potato pancakes) and jelly doughnuts are popular during Hanukkah.

... the guttural sound of the Hebrew letters cannot be duplicated by the English alphabet, resulting in many spellings of the word Hanukkah (or Chanukkah) in English and all are correct.

... Christmas was not declared an official holiday in the United States until 1870. And Oklahoma was the last state to declare it a legal holiday in 1907.

... President Teddy Roosevelt, an environmentalist, banned Christmas trees from the White House in 1912.

... Each year more than 3 billion Christmas cards are sent in the United States alone.

... Christmas trees have been sold in the United States since 1850.

... It is estimated that the song "White Christmas" by Irving Berlin is the best-selling single of all time, with over 100 million sales worldwide.

However you are celebrating this holiday season, the Santa Clarita Valley Bar Association wishes its members and friends a very happy holiday season and a happy new year! Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another great year!

Re-cap of Fall Events

On September 12, 2013, the Santa Clarita Valley Bar Association welcomed attorney and author Charles Rosenberg to the

Tournament Players Club (TPC) Valencia for our Second Annual Dinner with the Author Event. Mr. Rosenberg entertained guests during dinner with stories about his career as an attorney and his jump to writing legal thrillers, answered questions and signed autographs. Keep an eye on our 2014 calendar for another great author to be featured at our next Dinner with the Author event.

On October 10, 2013, Brian Koegle of Poole and Shaffery presented his annual Employment Law Update to members and guests. Always a well-attended event, Brian provided updates on laws relevant to both an employment law practice and also for members' clients who have employment related issues.

On November 21, 2013, the 2013-2014 Board of Trustees was installed

at the Annual Awards and Installation Dinner at TPC Valencia. The 2013-2014 officers and members-at-large installed were Amy Cohen as President; April Oliver as President-Elect; Claudia McDowell as Treasurer; David Rickett as Secretary; and Jeff Armendariz, Ben Scott and Cody Patterson as Members-at-Large. Also continuing to serve on the Board as Immediate Past President is Dan Gunning. The Association would like to thank all members who ran for a position and congratulate the newly elected and installed Board of Trustees.

The Association would also like to thank outgoing board members for all of their time and hard work on behalf of the Association: Barry Edzant, who served as the 2011-2012 President and continued on the Board as Immediate Past President this year, and Sam Price, who has served as Treasurer for the past three years. 📧

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