

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Ravioli's Fundraiser - March 21st, 2010 Annual Golf Tournament - May 14th, 2010 Chili's "Tips for Kids" -May 20th, 2010

Annual Dinner/Fundraiser On the Lake - September 17th, 2010

Chili's Christmas Fundraiser - November 11th, 2010

Senior Christmas Luncheon - December 15th, 2010

Christmas at the Diamond - December 18th, 2010

Senior Home Deliveries - December 21st, 2010

# FEBRUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

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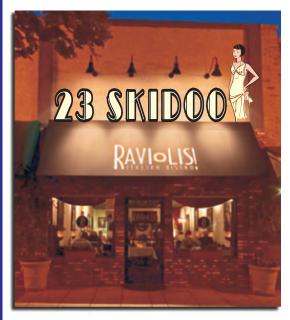
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### **RAVIOLI'S FUNDRAISER**



Roll back the calendar to the 1920's and experience a "23 Skidoo" right here in Lake Elsinore. On the evening of March 21st at 5:00 p.m., Ravioli's in downtown Lake Elsinore will be transformed into the *Roaring Twenties* to raise funds for Cops for Kids. With a special invitation and secret password, you will be able to assist Cops for Kids while enjoying a gourmet Italian dinner prepared by Chef Giuseppe and his staff.

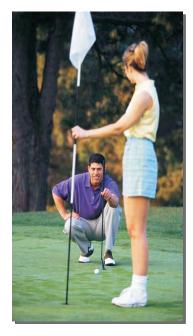
For early reservations, call Tom at Cops for Kids at (951) 532-6327 or (951) 245-3389. Don't delay as we will fill up fast!

### ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Save the date! Once again, it's the annual Cops for Kids golf tournament at the Links at Summerly here in Lake Elsinore. On Friday, May 14th, some of the area best and worst golfers will meet for a day of fun, laughs and tears as 36 foursomes converge on the golf course for the day. This will again be a morning start tournament with lunch and raffle prizes and trophies.

Go to the Cops for Kids website for more details www.copsforkidsinc.org or call (951) 245-3389 for additional information and sign ups.

This is a very popular tournament and one of the most organized and relaxed days you will have on the course. Stan Gonzalez at the Links makes sure that we have a great time while helping Cops for Kids.





## CHILI'S FUNDRAISERS - NOVEMBER & MAY

Twice a year, Sheriff's deputies and explorers add an apron to their uniforms and become the servers at Chili's in Lake Elsinore. Friends of Cops for Kids, and other Chili's patrons love being served by a "Cop" who brings them dinner instead of a ticket. It's great fun and has become an important fundraiser for us. Jeff Root, Chili's managing partner, and his staff enjoy the evening too. Chili's in Lake Elsinore has become a great partner in helping Cops for Kids create this event each November and May. We raised over \$3000.00 in one night and had dinner as well!



### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SENIOR LUNCHEON

For years, Cops for Kids and the Lake Elsinore Rotary Club have joined forces to create a memorable Christmas luncheon for senior citizens here in the valley. This year we added a special feature...the culinary arts students a Lakeside High School.



We invited over sixty seniors to lunch at Lakeside High School where the culinary arts program students (chefs in training) led by teacher Todd Naylor prepared a fabulous Christmas luncheon for all. The Lakeside High Interact Club provided the entertainment and Cops for Kids provided gifts for all of the seniors.

Members of the Rotary Club were there as well to welcome our seniors and celebrate the Christmas season.

We are sure that we'll be back at Lakeside High next year and everybody enjoyed the food and the entertainment and got to see this exciting career training program at the high school.

### VISITING SENIORS AT CHRISTMAS

There is a population of seniors in the valley who are often forgotten. They are the senior citizens who live in small retirement

homes. They are shut-ins who have very few visitors or contact with the outside world. Three years ago, Cops for Kids began visiting a number of these homes in Lake Elsinore and Wildomar.

Sheriff's department deputies, Cops for Kids board members, and explorers visited many of these senior homes bearing gifts and singing Christmas carols.



Our valued seniors, many of these in their 80's and 90's, joined us in singing songs and remembering this special time of year. It was a heartwarming experience with many smiles and a few tears.



Maybe the most special part is to see our police officers and Sheriff's deputies taking the time away from the rigid demands of law enforcement duty to show such compassion and caring for our senior population.



### CHRISTMAS AT THE DIAMOND

For the third year, Cops for Kids celebrated Christmas at the Diamond Stadium with over 1250 disadvantaged children from the Lake Elsinore Valley.

With the assistance of the Lake Elsinore Unified School District, families and children in need of help at Christmas were identified and invited to participate in this very successful day on December 18th.

Every hour from 9AM to 4PM, about seventy five families lined up to receive a family picture with Santa Claus, enjoy some snacks, and then pick up to three toys per child from the thousands displayed on the Storm's concourse.

Riverside Sheriff's department management, deputies, and explorers all were part of the gift giving day showing how law





enforcement is part of our community for more than typical police duties.

This was a great day where the Cops for Kids Board, the Lake Elsinore Storm, the LEUSD, CFK sponsors, community members, and other volunteers all joined together to make Christmas a little bit better for almost 1300 children.













#### **Did You Know?**

Cops for Kids provides medical transportation to children.

Cops for Kids purchases bus passes to help at risk students get to school.

Cops for Kids made Christmas special for over 1350 children in 2009.

Cops for Kids provides emergency short term housing for homeless kids Cops for Kids sponsors kids at youth camps and sports activities.



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