

Friends of Danang
November 6, 2008
Enrico Biscotti Company
Strip District

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1. Welcome to Guests:

Tom Grove, friend of Tony Accamando

2. Individual reflections

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3. Financial Report:

There was a reported balance of \$5,623.18 in the administrative checking account as of October 31, 2008, of which \$3,890 is restricted for Roger's book fund. At our October meeting, \$235 was collected for the Larry Lagattuta Fund, which is now at \$7,598.00.

A complete report is enclosed.

4. Spaghetti Dinner:

As of this date, we have not been told the outcome of the Spaghetti Dinner. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the dinner by working there, selling tickets, or through donations. Hopefully we will know by the next meeting how well both organizations did.

5. Jewelry Show and Vietnamese Luncheon:

The Jewelry Show will be held on November 16th at Chatham Village in Mt. Washington from 10:00-4:00. Debbie Corr of California has graciously offered to bring her jewelry and give us the proceeds from the show. This year, we will also have a Vietnamese luncheon for \$10 that will include coconut shrimp, egg rolls, and Vietnamese salad. Take out and preordering is available. You can buy egg rolls at \$10 per dozen. Postcards were available at the meeting. If you need some more contact George at 412-849-3600. We will need help.

Thank you to Thanh, Mary Lou, and George for all the leg work!

6. Veteran's Day Boxing Event:

At 7:30pm on November 11, 2008, an amateur boxing event will be held at the Marriott City Center. It is at the same place as the breakfast. The proceeds benefit the FOD and the WWII War Monument. Ticket prices are \$500 for a table of 5, \$50 for "gold" seating, \$30 for "silver" seating and \$20 for general admission. For tickets call 412-298-7373. Checks made payable to "WPAL-Fighting for Veterans."

The tickets will also be available at the VDB and at the door.

Jimmy Cvetic, retired police officer and VN vet, is promoting the young boxers from ages 8-22 years old in three round fights of amateur boxing. He will get a news release for the "champions in life". For some of these young men, it may their only moment of glory. Mike Doyle, Dan Onorato, and Mayor Luke Ravenstahl donated \$3000. We need volunteers to work at the doors. Workers come at 6:30 and the event starts at 7:00. Beer and food will be sold. Talk to George if you call sell some tickets.

7. Veteran's Day Breakfast:

As of this day, 55 tables have been sold. Last year 42 tables were sold. We have more tables, but fewer names. When all of the money for the ads comes in, we will have \$5000. Last year, we sold \$2700 in ads. Laura Ward from East Meets West will be attending and speaking briefly. We will give free tickets to Rev. Mike Wurschmidt and his homeless veterans. The breakfast starts at 8:00, so if you can be there at 7:00 am to help, please do so!

8. Open Discussion

- Noreen was part of a panel discussion at LaRoche College. Chris Moore also attended and showed "In Country".
- Geoff Claus is looking to see if a current 501C3 designation can be transferred to Friends of Danang.
- Marie Fallon completed the Nike marathon in San Francisco in 4 hours and 42 minutes.
- Thanh called from Vietnam while we were at the meeting to say she loves and misses all of us.
- Roger has books to sell. If you can sell any, please notify him.
- Brian O'Neill wrote a wonderful article about the Friends of Danang in the 11-11-08 edition of the Post Gazette. It is included.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 7:00 pm at Thanh's home:
240 S. Mathilda St. Pittsburgh, PA 15224.**

Thanh will make the main dish. She has asked those who can attend to consider bringing a side dish, drink, etc that can be shared. Hope to see you there.

