

# Fired Up Sisters



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## Fired Up Sisters HOLIDAY SOCIAL (date and location change)

**WHAT:** Fired Up Sisters Holiday Social

**WHEN:** December 3rd (Saturday) 6:00 PM

**WHERE:** Shelley C's Home

Please bring an appetizer or dish to share.  
There will be a White Elephant Gift Exchange!  
Looking forward to seeing everyone!

## White Elephant Gift Exchange

Back by popular demand, there will be a White Elephant Gift Exchange at the HOLIDAY SOCIAL. All you need to do to participate is to bring a wrapped gift. Everyone gets a number to choose a gift, but watch out, that gift might be stolen. If someone steals your gift, you can choose another

gift or steal a gift from someone else. Luckily a gift can only be stolen three times. It is a lot of fun! Just bring a wrapped gift to participate

## **BLUE CUT WILDFIRE UPDATE**

Given the success of our gift cards to the Northern California Wildfire Survivors, many Fired Up Sisters have suggested that we do a similar program this holiday for the Blue Cut Wildfire Survivors.

Unfortunately we ran into a few obstacles:

Wells Fargo no longer provides gift cards as they did last year. We have not been able to find cards without fees. Then our contact for the Blue Cut Fire evaporated (no response).

We plan to wait until next year or until we have reliable contact.

## **United Policy Holders Road to Recovery Pledge-A-Thon**

Karen R contacted several Fired Up Sisters to ask if

we would participate in the United PolicyHolders Pledge-A-Thon specifically for the **Road to Recovery** program. We all know how important that program was to our own recovery. If you donate, please specify that it should be designated to the **Road to Recovery** Pledge-A-Thon. **Road to Recovery** meetings cost approximately \$1750. So whether you make a one time donation or pledge to a make a recurring annual donation every amount helps. To make a donation just click the **donate now** button at [www.uphelp.org](http://www.uphelp.org). Every amount helps!

## Celebrate our Recovery 10 YEARS!

Yes, it will be 10 years since our wildfire in October of next year 2017. We have reserved the Ed Brown Center for an event on October 21, 2017 (Saturday). Mark your calendars! We need to celebrate our recovery: the great friends we have made and the people we have met that we would otherwise not have met. Come celebrate!

## Notes from the September Meeting

The September general meeting was held at the home of Christine F. It is always fun to have a meeting in Christine's lovely home.

As always we had plenty of dishes to share. Welcome to Shelley C and Mary C who joined us for

the first time.

There were reports from Renee Van Heel about how the Northern California Wildfire Survivors were overwhelmed with gratitude for our PRESENTS FORWARD holiday greeting cards and gift cards. Renee v H feels getting involved right away is a better route than waiting until the shock has worn off as has been our unofficial guideline in the past. There were also reports and discussion about the Blue Cut Wildfire. (see above)

Janice S has picked up items three times from Williams and Sonoma for the Harmony Grove folks. The Good360 contract with this store has expired. Members decided not to renew based on the slow progress of the survivors' rebuild and no place for them to store goods.

We were contacted by the Public Information Officer for the City of San Diego's Communication Office if we would like to share resources and information for people to know in preparing for emergencies. Several Fired Up Sisters offered to be interviewed.

The 10 year anniversary party at the Ed Brown center was discussed. Members agreed it would be open to FUS member for whom we have contact information, their families and guests. We will also invite folks who helped us during our recovery. The first planning meeting is in January.

## Meeting Schedule

December 3rd **HOLIDAY SOCIAL** 6PM (Saturday)

2017: the full meeting schedule for 2017 will be determined later, but mark your calendars for October 21st **social event** 6PM (Saturday)  
10 years since our wildfire!

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Should you have any questions please feel free to email:

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Sincerely,

Fired Up Sisters Southern California Advisory Board