

I'll trade you 2 gum balls and a lime sucker for a Tootsie Roll!

Well the raiders of pumpkin patches will now be sizing them up for pies since jack-o'-lanterns have had their candles snuffed. And even though the weather here in OKC is anything but fall-like and nowhere near CHILLY, it's time to turn our attention to the fast approaching "Holiday Season!" A season that begins with Thanksgiving and ends with New Years. First up! Thanksgiving and Pro-Fab's "Some Like it Hot - Some Like it Not" Chili Cook-off Contest!



When I first researched a sampling of Pro-Fab employees attitude towards having a Chili Cook-off for our Thanksgiving luncheon, I also polled having a Pot Luck. For which I equally received very positive input. On that basis I am including a list of possible sides to sign up to bring as Pot Luck items. (*More details follow.*)

At this time I would like to let everyone know that in addition to the chili provided for the contest we will be serving chili and the trimmings for lunch that day to all Pro-Fab employees. Both first and second shifts will be invited to participate in two separate Chili cook-off contests and will enjoy their own chili lunch buffets.

November 26th "Some Like it..."

Chili Cook Off **Guidelines**

Please Sign Up!

If you are planning to *participate in the Thanksgiving Chili Cook-off and/or Pot Luck Lunch Buffet* please write your name and item(s) on any of the posted sign up sheets so we can guesstimate other necessities. There are large sign up posters in all three break areas, (admin, shop and energy) - on the west bulletin board in the shop, and by the vending machine in admin -- to let us know who and what you would like to bring for the Pot Luck and/or if entering the chili cook-off.

The contest will be "double blind." Submitted chili will be placed in identical dishes and randomly numbered, the number will be hidden from voters and unknown to entrants. There will be "voting cups" by each entry for everyone who samples the chilies to place a pre-distributed ticket into indicating their preference. Each chili entry will have the same number of "sample cups" for voters to use, once all the cups are gone the votes will be tallied -- and winner announced. There will be a prize for the chili voted best on both shifts.

The following is a list of possible complementing side dishes that can go with chili. This is only a suggested list to help round out a buffet style luncheon with Chili as the main entree. As a special request (*since I have not been able to find a business who makes it already prepared*) -- Corn bread! (Traditional, or made with whole, mexican or cream style corn, Jalapeno, -- pan or muffins), Garlic Bread, Fried Okra, Fried Potatoes, Fried or Stuffed Mushrooms, Onion Rings, Salsa, Tabouli, Pickled Eggs, Pickled Veggies, Crackers, Celery (stuffed or sticks) Red Beans and Rice, Mexican Corn, Diced Tomatoes, Onions, Olives (Black and/or Green) Tortilla Chips, Fritos, Cheese (assorted). The list can go on -- but I'm out of room!

So find a sign-up poster and put your name down! (All entries please be signed up by November 21st!) To answer whether or not a spouse can make the chili the answer is YES! Entries do not have to be prepared by Pro-Fab employee/entrant. Cook-off voting/sampling will be done during lunch breaks November 26th.

update -- Angel Tree

Tuesday, November 4th, I took out the sign up forms and posters to First Step for Men. I was able to speak with the director, Mr. Gary Hill (who has been there since First Step opened over twenty years ago!) He is so pleased that Pro-Fab has thought of his residents at Christmas time. He said the Marines used to



donate toys they received to First Step but hadn't in some years. Mr. Hill agreed that the Holidays are a stressful time for many in recovery.

He said he knew that the men there would be very happy and thankful for the opportunity to participate with Pro-Fab employees to help give their children presents they will believe came just from dad.

As I wrote last month I will be putting up a very

special tree for this coming season of giving. It will be adorned with Angel Card ornaments. Each card will have the name, age and sex of a child whose father is in treatment at First Step. I sincerely hope that everyone will take the time to choose a card and purchase that child an inexpensive (less than \$10.00) Christmas present. Or cash donations will graciously be accepted and a gift will be bought, wrapped and delivered in that person's honor. Once the presents are ready I will take them to the dads at First Step so that they can then give their kids when they visit for Christmas.



It's one small way we all can share the true gift given us -- and is as some say: "It's the reason for the Season!"



PRO-FAB Passes!

Last week, for the first full year, Pro-Fab received it's AS9100 re-certification after passing our annual audit. This is a company wide certification but major kudos go to Mike Seagraves. Mike not only led the auditors through our facility for two days running but stays up with all the latest guidelines and oversees their implementation for compliance.

AS9100 is the first international quality system standard for the aerospace industry. It focuses on ensuring customer satisfaction by having aerospace manufacturers produce world-class quality products at the lowest possible cost. AS9100 standardized the quality system requirements and eliminates unique requirements. This translates into savings for both vendors and contractors.

The AS9100 along with the SHARP certification lend credibility to Pro-Fab's integrity, performance, and quality. To qualify and maintain such high standards is commendable! Great job everyone!

When is 2 better than 4?

Just because I had some space to fill ...
From Left to Right:
Otis Mooney - '02 HD
Nita McCord - '07 Ita
" X " - (said he's in the witness



protection program) on '06 HD; Jeff Wonderly - '83 BMW; Mike Barker - '05 BMW; Kristin standing in for Jerry (but she wouldn't push it over to the curb) - '08 VStar; CW's '06 HD; Thurman Winston - '94 Vulcan; Steve Peralta - '02 Mean Streak; Scott Vinson - '08 Stratliner; David Lawson - '05 HD and Taylor - '07 Suzuki. (Yes, I know mine is the only wannabe - but hey I get around NINETY miles to a gallon! And the lit'l guy top ends around 70mph!