



VALLEY BROADCAST LEGENDS

January 2021 Update

It's Dues Time—Only \$20 This Year!

Call it a belated gift from Santa. The VBL dues are going down, down, down. Only \$20 for 12 months, compared to \$35 in recent years. Your VBL board recognizes we are in the middle of extraordinary times for all of us. With the transition to an electronic newsletter and with in-person meetings on hiatus, our expenses are considerably lower. We felt it only fair to pass on the savings to you.

We continue to have a few bills to pay as we keep the club afloat during the pandemic. These include the Post Office box, banking, website hosting, things like that. Plus we need to keep some money in reserve for our eventual return to in-person meetings, paying for speakers' lunches. The board felt that \$20 is a fair and reasonable amount to see us through 2021.

Two ways to pay dues and keep your membership current. We're now set up to accept dues via PayPal for those of you who have a PayPal account. Go to [paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com) and click on the "Send Money" tab. Type in Treasurer Ron Middlekauff's email address: ron@middlekauff.tv. Indicate that you wish to send \$20 and hit Send. You and Ron will both be notified that a payment has been made.

Or, you can always use the tried-and-true paper method. Make out a check for \$20 to Valley Broadcast Legends and mail to: P.O. Box 601861, Sacramento, CA 95860-1861.

For those of you who have already paid your dues for 2021, a big thank-you from the VBL board!



Your Drawing Dollars at Work

Once again VBL was able to offer a grant to a deserving school, thanks to your support of our opportunity drawings. Principal **Gianfranco Tomatore** of Dyer-Kelly Elementary School accepts a \$500 check from VBL Treasurer **Ron Middlekauff**. The grant will be used to purchase two document cameras that allow teachers to include print materials in their Zoom feeds—a vital tool for distance learning.

The Tradition Continues

As sad as we were to cancel our traditional holiday luncheon at the Pheasant Club, the next best thing—a Zoom reunion—proved to be quite a hit. Some of us stuck around for three hours on December 10 to visit, catch up, and of course, share tall tales from the newsroom and broadcast booth. Thank you to **Ray Nelson** for the screen shot.



A full newsletter will be coming your way on February 1. Till then, stay safe!