



Ramblings

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Presidents Corner

About the only kind of reality TV I can stand is the PBS *Colonial House* and its predecessor *Frontier House*. Watching people compete for the affections of one another on national TV is just downright humiliating, so I cannot stand the *Bachelor*, *Average Joes*, *Temptation Island* and the like. I cannot imagine myself in their shoes and I don't care. But put me back in time and I think I would do great. I love seeing people make do with scant resources. It makes me think we are truly privileged today, and yet, we have lost something, too.

My grandmother was a tough woman—a woman who threw nothing away. Scraps of saran wrap, aluminum foil, and newspaper all retained value after use. Newspaper was used to clean windows, wrap parcels, or fill the pots of plastic plants. I know this behavior was the byproduct of years of deprivation during the Depression, but I cannot help but contrast it with the behavior of my students today, who throw away perfectly functioning cell phones after two months. For instance, I know my grandmother would have loved to use Tupperware, and she was alive when it was widespread, but never could justify purchasing it. She stored all her leftovers in plastic butter tubs and cool whip containers she had washed. She had a microwave, too, and I showed her several times how food could be reheated while still in the Tupperware. Her butter tubs tended to melt. Students bring in food to school in Tupperware containers for lunch or a party and often will forget to take them home with them. Three times this past year I have reminded them of it the next day, and they have told me it's no big deal, just throw it out. I cannot bring myself to throw them out. I wash them at home and bring them back to the students, thinking maybe they just did not want to deal with cleaning it, but they have all refused. To my grandmother this act of wastefulness would be as worthy of punishment as lying, stealing or tomcatting (as she liked to call it). It's like they do not know a good thing when they see it. My wife and I have an impressive collection of Tupperware, some of it rescued from school. Mostly it just accumulates stuff: dust in the back of our cabinets, and mold in the back of our refrigerator. It is as if we are the middle generation between those who feel today's modern conveniences allow unheard of luxury and those who feel this luxury is ours as a matter of course. Our job is to reconcile and understand these perspectives. Have a good week.

Jon Leeb

Proceeds not as good as last year, but we are happy to take them!

Strawberry Efforts pay off

Guests: Don Beatty, Div. 4 Lt. Governor Michael Hearst, Larry Shaw, Orange County Vector Control District

Corn Booth - We bought 150 cases of corn and sold 95 at retail price from the booth. That left 55 cases of corn left over. Of that we sold 16 cases at cost to members and others. We donated 8 cases to **Mary's Kitchen**, a soup kitchen in **Orange**. We donated 31 cases to the **Orange County Rescue Mission**. We made \$1000 on water sales and approx. \$7900 on the corn booth overall. This is down about \$4000 from last year's Corn Booth. It's a good thing the **Golf Tournament committee** has volunteered to pick up this slack.

Announcements: Kiwanisland Fred Dunn Memorial Golf Tournament: will be held on Monday **July 26th** at **Willowick Golf Course**. The first tee time will be 10: AM. The **Kiwanisland** bar will open at 3:00 and dinner will be at 5:30. For just \$99.99 a person, you can get golf, a goodie bag, a steak dinner and raffle tickets. Golf Chairman **Ed Hodges** is looking for Tee sponsors and gift donations for the raffle. June 9th will be the roast of **Mayor Bruce Broadwater** at **Kiwanisland**. This event is hosted by the **Soroptimists** and our Club has paid for **Jerry Margolin** to participate in the roasting. On June 10th at 12 noon, our own **Jay Mastroianni** will be honored as Garden Grove's Man of the Year. Reservations can be made through the **Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce**.

Kiwanis Club of Tustin: having a **Golf Tournament** on July 25th at Tustin Ranch Golf Course. Cost is \$195/person and proceeds help benefit CHOC Hospital. Our Club purchased 5 of their raffle tickets for \$100.

Guest Speaker: Mike Hearst, Director of Public Information and Government Relations of the Orange County Vector Control District. **Mike** is a CSULB grad and has a Master's degree from CSUF. He has worked for the **Smithsonian Inst.** in **Morocco**. He joined the **Vector Control District** in 1999. The main purposes of the **Vector Control District** are to control mosquitoes, rodents, wild birds and fire ants in the County. They do this to prevent the spread of vector-borne disease such as encephalitis, West Nile Virus, and many others. They perform vector education and control services to citizens of Orange County. Most mosquitoes come from people's backyards. Avoid any standing water in places such as flower pots, rain gutters, tires, ponds, empty pools, etc. The Board of Trustees voted 24-3 to proceed with a ballot measure asking the property owners of **O.C** to decide if they are willing to pay an increased Benefit Assessment to guarantee continued basic vector control services and possibly add fire ants to the list of vectors managed by the district. All property owners will be mailed a ballot to vote on whether to increase the Assessment by \$5.45 a year. It is currently set at \$1.93 a year.

Happy/Sad: R.C. Happy \$ for **Don Schlensker** and his crew for setting up and tearing down the Corn Booth and for **Ed Beaudin** for the Booth flooring. **Gerry A.** - Happy \$ to be back at the meetings and hear about the Corn Booth. **Gary S.** - Happy \$ for general principles (or was it Colonel Chaos). **Don Beatty** - Happy \$ to be at the meeting tonight and for the program. **Peter C.** - Happy \$ for the Corn Booth. **Ed H.** Happy \$ for the Corn Booth and all who worked at it. **Bob M.** Happy \$ for **Shelly** and his programs. **Fred W.** Happy \$ for the Corn Booth. **Scott M.** Sad \$ because we didn't sell all of the Corn and because he has a woodpecker in his trees at home. **Jack W.** - Happy \$ because **Marge** has been okayed for hip replacement surgery. **Gerry N.** -Happy \$ for **Jon Elliot** and all of the work he put in for the Corn Booth.

Shelly S. - Happy \$ **Jon Elliot** and the Corn Booth. **Jay M.** - Happy \$ because it looks like it will be another \$1M month for his business. **Jon E.** - Happy \$ for Corn Booth being over. **Will S.** - Happy \$ for the Corn Booth and he is happy to be going away this weekend. **Don Beatty** drew the Queen of Spades and won the \$400 Big Prize of the 50/50 Raffle. He donated it to **Kiwanisland**.

Coming Soon

June 10 Marjorie Lewis President Cypress Junior College
June 17 Dr. Coronondo Rep. Candidate Fed. House
June 24 Vicki Wilson CEO's office (Infrastructure)

Thought for the week

The trouble with jogging is that, by the time you realize you're not in shape for it, it's too far to walk back.