



Ramblings

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Presidents Corner

Jon Leeb

One of the things Tocqueville observed about Americans when he toured in the 1840's was the ease with which we founded and joined clubs. He postulated that in our zeal to prevent the nation-state from becoming too powerful, we formed social clubs that could provide services more efficiently than a central government could. It is amazing to me that people criticized the first President Bush and his "thousand points of light" for being a dangerous new direction for our country. President George H.W. Bush was really suggesting that we acknowledge our dependence on these private providers, not necessarily that we support them with tax dollars. I, for one, enjoy thinking of the Garden Grove Evening Kiwanis as a group helping the community at large, seeking little in return. We are not in the habit of donating park benches where we can affix a plaque to ourselves. And I think it is pretty well known that a letter is not enough to get us to part with funds; we have to see you face to face. Because we have the one great big purpose—raise money for Kiwanisland.

So in the spirit of letting everyone know just how well we are doing I would like to mention the various functions that have been held here, even while our pond was drained and repaired. Of course our meetings are every Thursday and John Elliott will attest to the regularity of Troop 1776 on Monday evenings. But just this past month Kiwanisland has hosted: a roast for Bruce Broadwater on June 9th, a county-wide award ceremony for Boy Scouts on the 14th, a function for Boys & Girls club on the 16th, the Division 4 District Council meeting for Kiwanis on the 21st, a two-day retreat for a summer bible school, an activity-filled meeting of the Miss Garden Grove Scholarship Pageant. And I am certain I am forgetting half the functions, but I am still impressed with all we provide. I would just like us to stay strong and active in the community.

Have a good week.

John Leeb

Smallest group of the year shows up but food is plentiful

Where were all of you? We missed you?

In the smallest turnout of the year, the few, huddled together, sharing the hope that the many, had not been involved in a multi-car accident on our dangerous 22 freeway, with other Kiwanis members desperately searching for a **Diamond Lane** to reduce the glut of traffic, so that they could all be on time for their beloved **Kiwanis** meeting. How sad would that be? **Sunda** would never forgive himself. Unfortunately additional members were not forthcoming, so we were forced to control our fears by gorging ourselves with large portions of Chicken Parmigiana, Pasta, (**Main's** favorite) and a Soufflé if not to die for, at least to be willing to become quite ill. As a saving grace, we took solace in knowing that regardless of what prevented those who were not with us sharing the comfort of the nest, we could rejoice in the normalcy of the occasion, the announcements, Happy/Sads and speaker, while whimsically pondering the odds of **Brees, Gutierrez, Hamblin, Patonai, and Shumate, ever** showing up at the same meeting.

Good Luck Marge - May it be Pain Free

Jack's beloved **Marge** is once again set for hip surgery. This time the date is Tuesday the 6th, and prayers are always welcome. The good news is son **Steve** is on the mend, and we hope that once this operation is over, **Marge** can again be pain free. Not an easy fete for that family.

Golf Tournament still on for 26th!

Not only prayers, but "good luck" dollars were offered for the swift return back to health for **Marge**, from **Kelly, Hodges, Schlensker, Jack** of course, **Will, Craig**, and myself. In addition, **Lobin** for interest rates going up, **Hodges, Beaudin** cleaning our carpets beautifully, **Jack** happy with son **Steve's** progress, **Shelly** \$5.00 for program. **Main** for **Shelly** and program. **Newkirk** for time with family, **Howard**, just happy, and **Georgia**, our **Master Gardener Speaker**, Son home from **Iraq**. How great!

Words of Wisdom from a "Master Gardener"

I never knew till our meeting that people go to University and get degrees in Gardening. I by no means, make fun of it, I just never knew. Our speaker, **Georgia**, (last name not given due to some under cover work I guess.) is also a grower of rare fruit, and warned us all that within 3 years, a new law will demand that we be at least 80% more efficient in water usage, or suffer penalties. She said that that is a very serious issue and we should pay attention. She also said the best way to water a lawn is from 4-10 AM for 45 minutes per watering area, one day per week, much better than every day. We can also keep our lawn in condition by getting it mowed while wearing golf shoes. I can't figure out how my lawn will look better if I wear golf shoes, but if it helps, the next time I see my **Gardener** I will put them on. Anyway, it was interesting, and fun to say things like "mulch" and "irrigate" again.

Coming Soon

July 8	Alan Murphy	Director of John Wayne Airport
July 15	Monica Escobar	
July 22	Michael McGuire	Elder Law Center
July 29	David Suudstrom	Auditor Controller
Aug 5	Lauren Howard	Our Miss GG Contestant



Maybe our members will respond to a phone bank?!

Thought For The Week