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After taking perfect copious notes, much to my chagrin, I figured out it's over after I am!

Was the Progressive Dinner a hit or a miss?

Thursday I spent a good part of the evening taking notes about our upcoming "Progressive Dinner" when it suddenly dawned on me that it will be over prior to you receiving your copy of this humble tabloid. **However**, even though it hasn't happened yet, I'll tell you about it anyway. For starters I know it was great. How can it not when you start with cocktails at **Main's** house?: That is drinking with a Professional! To think that you will be able to tell your grandchildren "Yes, I not only drank with **Main**, I drank at his house and watched him pour!" How they will envy you! You will continue with "His secret when making a drink was his one to one to one ratio. One bottle gin one dash of Vermouth, one glass. Brilliant!" Those who can still walk will then journey around the corner to **Scott's** home. There, they will be able to discuss among themselves, if anyone really understands what **Scott** is talking about. . It could become a parlor game with a prize going to the one who comes closest to guessing correctly. If of course, **Scott** can actually explain it to us.. Then it will be off to **Shelly's** home for a desert or two.. I'm sure there will be all kinds of treats, (**Alta Beaudoin** is coming) available for all tastes including sugar free, and since there was a commitment for 45 people, we know at least 25 will show up, so the food will be plentiful. If there is anything we can absolutely guarantee, it's that we have interesting people to talk to. Do we ever!



Neither Jay's party or the progressive dinner served the kind of food I usually have when dining out.

Mastroianni Birthday Party another success

There was a party last week, and what a party it was. **Jay** celebrated his **75th** birthday, at **Joe's Garage** in **Tustin**. A loving crowd of 275 people or so, came to show affection for this man, who has done so much for his community. All the Club was invited and many showed, honored to be part of the guest list. It was good to see "**Big Al**" **Lastuck**, looking more like "Tall Slim Al," and to be able to tell him how much we miss him, and of course **Larry Shaffer**, once **King of Kiwanis** and surrounding areas. It served as a reminder of how fleeting time is. **Jay** arrived in a Limo jauntily wearing a hat and scarf, (I'm told. I got lost.) to the strains of "The theme from the **Godfather**, playing softly in the background. Is he? Who knows? When I ran for office in 1986, I finished third in a two person election. At our victory party (Hah!) **Connie** grabbed **Jay** and said "You're Italian why didn't you get those two guys?" **Jay** shrugged and said "Nobody asked me!"

Announcements

Peter Carter reminded everyone that there is still time to enter the **CHOC WALK** being held on October 3rd. Our club has not been to responsive, and he is hoping for some last minute action. Go to www.chocwalk.org to sign up.. **Charles Kim** donated 6 tickets to Saturday's Angel game and **Jay** bought them for \$150.00. Thank you **Jay**, and **Charles**. **Dress for the Installation Dinner October 7th** is dress shirt and slacks, or coat and dress shirt. Tie is optional. **Girls and Boy's Club Wine Tasting September 25th**, at **Kiwanisland**. Tickets are \$60.00 for all the wine you can taste,

Some Dollars for the Cause

The words keep coming so fast that it is hard to read them after I write them. So all I can do is try. **Gerry Newkirk** sad five, missed **Jays** party. **Peter** a couple for **CHOC Walk**. **Kelly**, for **Jay** allowing an **Irishman** to go to an **Italian** party. **Andreoff** just for being here. **R.C.** "**My Country Tis**" sounded pretty good. **Jay** ten for his party, couldn't have happened without **Eleanor**. **Don Malm** one for **Jay**, and one for guest **Joe Galardo**, **Main** also happy about **Joe**, **Tony L.** two for **Jay's** party, and sad three, missing the Progressive dinner. **Petrosine** two for his grandson being **Angel's batboy** on **Monday**. **Shelly Singer** happy, just got back from the balloon races. **Schlenker**, **Jay's** Birthday and something about a skanky girl. How come there is no such word as "skanky" but everyone knows what it means? **Joe Galardo** five, great meal, good company, and thanks for asking him to speak. **Will**, **Jays** party. **Scott** not enough volunteers from **Kiwanis**, for **CHOC**. **Rick Glasby** **Jays** party and **Rick's** 33rd wedding anniversary, **Cathy's** too. **Leeb** seven for seventh anniversary, three for annoying **Gopher** still being around and sad, next door neighbors wife taken ill with brain aneurysm. **Wallin** for **Jay's** party and myself, five for the birth of my new granddaughter. Thank you **Rafe**!

Officer Joe Galardo speaks on look alike fake weapons, and pocket bikes for kids!

Joe Galardo, one of **Garden Grove's** finest, and member of **Morning Kiwanis**, (nobody is perfect) spoke on all the fake weapons sold to kids that look identical to the real thing, including clips, and weight. These kids are in real danger of getting killed. **Joe** had a few with him, and they look frighteningly realistic. Even when you hold them. Remember the old days when a toy pistol could be spotted from any distance? They are supposed to have at least orange paint on the edge of the barrel. Some do, some don't. Also the new rage is "pocket Bikes for kids. They sell for two hundred to two thousand dollars. Only problem is that you need a license to drive them, insurance too. and many parents are looking for trouble, because they think they are toys. It was an interesting program..

Coming Attractions

Our President to be, Mr. J. Elliott himself, advises that there will be a member of the **Angels** team at our meeting this week! Unless he jumps off a cliff.

Thought for the week

If something isn't worth saying, have you considered singing it?