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Presidents Corner

We are nearing the end of the term and I would like to remind everyone that Thursday October 7th is our installation banquet. It is going to be a ladies' night, and we will be seated in the amphitheater under our twinkle lights. We promise to keep the business meeting to a minimum so that we can maximize our social time. Jon Elliott is our incoming president, and I can only say that I am thrilled that we have enticed such an amiable and capable man to be our President (after a year of putting up with me). Gerry Newkirk is going to be our Vice President. Scott McIlvain, and Peter Carter will continue as Treasurer and Secretary. I am looking forward to my new role as bench sitter extraordinaire. Actually, I will probably help out Ed Hodges will the golf tournament. There are several things that I am proud of that happened during the past year. Our sponsored youth program is up and running at Bolsa Grande High School. Jay Mastroianni and Peter Carter were able to convince BP Arco to send some serious cash our way. We were able to pay the water bill every month. Craig Howard threw his lot in with us. Most memorable of all for me is the level of dedication Jack Wallin has put into the park in the face of overwhelming adversity. His stoicism should be a model for us all. Besides that we have had a truly enjoyable year. So that is it. Thank you one and all for the work you have done for the club and for all the work you will continue to do. Have a good week.

John Leeb

Thought for the week

I read above how stoic Jack Wallin was, and it occurred to me that I have seen the word "stoicism" before, and the name Jack Wallin before, but never the words stoic and Jack Wallin in the same sentence before.

Kelly takes charge with gusto.

Tickets released for 50-50

The one and only Mr. Kelly himself, once again has accepted the difficult challenge of filling Ray Beaudoin's shoes as "Donation Chairman" in our 50-50, 100 ticket, one winner only, fund raiser. Kelly made it very clear a long time ago that he cannot replace Ray, only follow him, But he sure does a pretty good imitation. I even caught him insulting someone, in the fun style that Ray had captured so well. Tickets are available, so as Ray, used to say, "Don't get shut out or else! The drawing will be held Friday November 5th.



Kelly once again Stepped to the plate and even former Angel pitcher and guest, Dave Frost wasn't about to strike him out!

Announcements Galore

Progressive Dinner: For those who attended, it was a wonderful evening with three gracious hosts. I want it clear that we all know the hosts were actually, Lenny, Susan, and Carol, but since this is a Kiwanis Publication, we must keep it biased. Bob was in his element. As a bartender he has no peer. What a great approach he has. Bob sits behind the bar while pouring, so that if he reaches a point where he can't stand up, no one would really know. Scott's back yard was great. His Tiki lights probably cost him more than my first house. It was a wonderful place to chat with friends, and count empty tables. Unfortunately, I joked last week about how many would show, and I was too close to being right. Many who signed up were no shows. The amount of wonderful dinners and deserts left over, will explain why anyone who committed was billed. Then it was off to Shelly's where deserts for every taste were available. I hope that those who missed it, had as good a time wherever they were, as we did. It was the kind of evening where you appreciate the friends you have, and the group you associate with. Some of you might try it sometime. You'll like it.

From the membership: Peter announced he had picked up more volunteers for team Kiwanis and was excited about serving as Chairman of such a worthy cause as the Choc Walk. He was also excited about it being over soon. John Leeb has volunteered to walk. October 3rd is the date so there is still time to participate. Disneyland is the place. Jay said that he emailed everyone that Main wouldn't be here tonight and wanted to know if it had anything to do with our having the largest attendance in months! Shelly announced that he was at the Opening Ceremonies of the 490 million dollar overhaul of the 22 freeway. They announced that the work will not affect existing traffic, and would take 680 days. Laughter was heard through the room but Shelly believes! Sunda was unavailable for comment.

Happy/sad dollars I hate writing happy/sad dollars. Not the importance, only the format. Especially with a crowd. I take notes and can't read them, I write keywords and don't know what I meant, and spend half my time figuring it out. However the need for revenue streams, and the ready fix for name identification is too strong a lure. So here we go again. For Jay's party . Gary (5), Lobin, Tom Elliott, all for celebrating Jay's birthday. R.C. going to Carmel, Jay twenty for having such a great party, sad twenty for Eleanor having back surgery Monday and all of us are wishing her only the best.) Petrosine, Main reopened his bar after the party, Peter, Choc Walk in less than two weeks, Tom E. happy Jay and Himself are both here. Neilsen, something about me and money, I don't know what, and Hodges' Ping Pong ball tie. Kelly for a joke. Hodges two for his rather strange tie, Wallin, a girl sat on his lap, (I'm not going there.) Scott five for a semi successful dinner, great time, too many no shows. Sunda, Main, Scott and Shelly, sharing their homes for the progressive dinner. Tony sad, Uncle died at 96, Happy, Mom is recuperating from surgery at 88. Glasby sad, missed friend's 50th birthday celebration, happy niece got married, one for Hodges' tie one for Jay and one for something else. Swanson, sorry about Eleanor's surgery, as was Schlensker, and Schlensker again, happy his daughter is coming home after six months away at school, and one for Ed's ping ball tie. Newkirk; Jay's birthday party, sad Eleanor's operation, and sad, will miss next week. Shelly, brother in Micronesia broke his knee. That is a very small country similar to Nesia.

Former Angel Pitcher Dave Frost visits with us

Dave Frost was our guest. Dave pitched for the Angels from 78-81. He won 16 games in 1978 and was voted most valuable pitcher by his team. Now with their Speakers Bureau, Dave said he missed the camaraderie of the locker room most. The kidding and teasing that was typical every day. He likened it to the atmosphere at our meeting. Of course he has never seen us all in a locker room. He says that the stress is daily and mental toughness is a must, especially since luck can dictate your whole career. In his first game he came in with a two run lead bases loaded. The hitter hit one 400 feet, foul by inches of being a home run then flied out to end the inning. If it was fair by inches, they probably would have taken him out of the game, sent him down, and he may never have pitched in the majors again. We all love sports so he was great. Don't forget Installation October 7th, and stay tuned for future programs.