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After biblical forty days and forty nights God says enough Jay! Go home and get some rest! We both need it.

Jay released from Hospital!

Many things are going on at **Kiwanis**, but it is obvious that the most important is, that after an unbelievable forty days and nights, **Jay Mastroianni** is back home. It was a tough fight for **Jay**, but like he has overcome all the obstacles to become what he is today, he overcame the obstacles he had to face to get out of the hospital and is on the way to recovery. **Jay** is still a little on the weak side, but expects to be back with us Thursday. Our speaker will have competition. Now if **Eleanor** can get rid of those back problems, maybe the **Mastroianni** family can catch a break, and enjoy life for a while.



Be it ever so humble Jay is back home.

Announcements! Announcements! Announcements!

The announcements were flying so fast, I hope that I got them all right. **Governor Larry McClellan**, (If I spelled it wrong, don't shoot me, I'm apolitical) along with **Lt. Governor Diana Gentry** and all those other **Kiwanis** dignitaries, will be visible at the DCM meeting at **Kiwanisland** on Monday **January 17**, so drop in, meet them and get our Club credit for an Inter Club. We are sitting on three, need one more. **Soroptomists** are having a "**Low tea for the upper crust.**" on **February 11th**. It's always a fun time and the only fund raiser they have this year. They do a lot for us. Be there. It's only twelve bucks!. For information, call **Sharon Sunda**. We voted **\$500.00** for the Tsunami victims. (Why is **Tsunami** spelled with a T?) **Jon Elliott** thanked **Jack** for getting us involved with the **Angel Tree** program, **Jack** thanked **Marge** because it was her idea. **Marge** thanked us for being involved, and everyone was thankful it happened. The **Lions** donated their yearly **\$1000.00**, to **Kiwanisland**. **Jack** will accept the check at their Wednesday meeting. **Shelly** still has applications for the **Grand Jury** available. Deadline is **January 15**. The last **Kiwanis Club 33** visit will be held **March 13** I believe. (**Shelly**, don't hurt me if I missed it by a day, we have time to correct it..) Price is \$62.00 both parks, still some tickets. The **Super Bowl** party will be **February 6th**, **Girls and Boys Clubs Awards Dinner February 24th**, and a Board Meeting 6:00 PM on **Thursday**, the **Coast Guard Station** had their picnic at the park, donated \$100.00, and invited us to **Terminal Island**, where we can have our own cubicle, a lovely view of the coast, and enough barbed wire to build our own fence. Whoops! I forgot. That part they've done already.

Happy/Sad

Becky Kelly five for new **Granddaughter**, **Jerry Kelly**, for sleeping with a grandmother, **Malm** for **Kelly**, **Shumate**, returning after absence, **Hodges** 2.00, just happy, **Main**, **Shelly's** great programs. Sorry **John L.**, **McGowan** and **Singer**, **Jay** coming back. **Wallin** Coast Guard donation, **Alta Beaudoin** for all we do for her, (Look at all you and **Ray** did for us.) **Howard** five, missed meetings, back for meeting, saw a bad movie, and for **John Leeb** too, why I don't know, **Glasby** great year, **Will** ten for last year ten for this one. **Sharon Sunda** Five, for speaker, **Charles** for **Kelly's** good fortune, **Newkirk**, happy, healthy, and Speaker, five. **R.C.** for **Kelly**, and speaker, Special guest **Don Deering** realized he should be here more often, as we all do. **Tom E. USC** over **Oklahoma High School**. **Leeb** five, speaker showed., his last speaker shouldn't have. **Gerry A. Jay** getting better, and **Jon E.** \$50.00 for new vehicle.

Gordon Dillow speaks on Iraq

Gordon Dillow is a columnist for the **Orange County Register**. He was working the Local Section when the war in **Iraq** first broke out and was offered the "opportunity" to travel to **Iraq** as an "imbedded columnist" with a **Marine Infantry Division**. **Gordon**, who was used to writing about who in **Orange County** was doing wonderful or terrible things to each other, not exciting, but safe, jumped at the chance. An imbedded columnist is not someone stuck in a fence, They travel with the **Division** as if part of it. That includes going on scouting missions. They see the casualties and war from the trenches. It takes a special type person to want to go there. Surprisingly I'm not one of them. He was very interesting and was appreciated by a large audience. Eighty five % of the Marine personnel are under 25 years old. Many of the Officers who lead them into battle are 23 and 24 years old. After **Gordon** returned to the U.S., his wife was diagnosed with Cancer, and died shortly thereafter. It deeply affected **Gordon**. The **Register** was not sending Journalists back to **Iraq** at that time, so he resigned and returned there as an Independent Correspondent. He recently came back to the **United States** and to the Register. He is now once again doing his local column but I'm sure it will never be the same.

Did I dream this or did Will win the drawing?

I thought **Gary** won the drawing jackpot, but my notes say **Will** did, and donated \$100.00. Since I didn't care who won because it wasn't me, I paid no attention. I hope I got it right. Thank you **Will**

Coming Soon

January 13 Rick Grebner OCTA Project Manager 22 freeway (Gary, remember Bruce won the suit)
February 6th Super Bowl Party at Kiwanisland

Thought for the week

Fish is the only food that is considered spoiled once it smells like what it is.