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Only two announcements made, and most happy dollars are for Jay, while I desperately search for news to fill this thing!

Mastroianni returns, announcements depart!

It was great to see **Jay** return to his friends after 40 days in the hospital, and his friends were delighted to see Jay too. **Shelly** acted as chauffeur, and provided the transportation, and **Jay**, looking only a little weak from all that resting, seemed to be having a good time. So hopefully after all this, we can once again get back to concentrating on things other than illnesses, and enjoying the **Kiwanis** experience. It is no fun when friends are sick.

But where were the announcements? Usually my little fingers are flying everywhere trying to keep up, but all **Jon E.** our esteemed leader had for us was, that the “**Super Bowl Party**” would be held on **February 6th**. I was relieved because coincidentally that is the same day as the **Super Bowl Game** which means it’s a great opportunity to come over and watch it on the “**Don Nielsen Big Screen**,” and if you don’t have enough friends in the club, bring the ones you have, along. The more the merrier. **Jon** also talked about our **Ladies Night Valentine’s** day party on the 17th of **February** too, and that was it.



The welcome mat was certainly out for Jay!

The Happy ones are for Jay

Lots of happy dollars for **Jay**. **John, R.C. Hodges two, Jack three, Main .25 (nobody ever said he was careless with his money.) Tom P.** who put in a buck and a quarter to help subsidize **Main**. **Kelly, Shelly two, Howard, Leeb, Fred, Newkirk, and Sunda**. In addition we had **Peter** celebrating his health by himself since no one would celebrate it with him. **Hodges** for his new headpiece, (actually he looked much better, then what I don’t know.) **Jay** a twenty, happy to be home, as we all are for him. **Fred** for his eye feeling much better. And it is good seeing **Fred** better too. **Bruce**, in memory of **Van Tran’s** brother, who passed away from **Liver Cancer** at the age of only 42. **Howard** added one for **Ed H.** looking better with the rug. (I think it was originally a rug too.). A dent in the drought, and **Ed’s** joke, (sic) **Newkirk** five, happy to have played Poker with **Leeb** this week. **Leeb**, lost at poker, and our President **Jon Elliott** happy ten that **Jay** is back. So thank you for your money. **Kiwanis** is humbled by your efforts. Not really, but it sounds good.

Jesse Martinez fills in for guest speaker

There is no truth that our scheduled guest speaker, who is the project manager of the **22 freeway project**, heard that **Gary** would be present and was last seen heading for asylum on the 405, but cancel he did. As a last minute replacement **John** brought **Jesse Martinez**, also an instructor at **Pacifica**. I don’t believe High School is the way I remember it any more. Today they test for asset capacity. They list 40. Students with thirteen are the norm. Twenty-one is good, the higher you score, the better you usually will do in the world. Of course it is not a scientific fact, more like a guide, but while thirteen is average, it isn’t very good. “Bad things can happen” When I was in school all our teachers cared about was getting us graduated and out of there. If an “A” student ended up in jail nobody cared. Now they serve the same sentence as they did then, but everyone is sad because their scores were so good. I don’t make light of it, because I realize that at my age I should be studying in Jurassic Park, however I think what the study is showing, is that all the smart students had more assets than the dumb students, the good students did better than the below average students, the rich students get their college degrees more often than the poor students, and probably the healthy students do better than the sick students. I guess it takes away guessing. It was seriously, an interesting program with lots of spirited discussion, but to make sure I got it right, I have retained **Bob Main** as my tutor, and I will explain it to you after he explains it to me. If I make it through of course..

Coming This Thursday January 20!

Jim Tortolano Columnist, Journalist, Editor, and Publisher of the Garden Grove Journal!

Jim has been around the city of **Garden Grove** a long time and has always been an interesting speaker. Be sure to catch him.

Thought For The Week!

No matter how rich you become, or how famous or powerful you are, when you die, the size of the crowd at your funeral, most likely will depend on the weather.