



Ramblings

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The announcements came fast and furious, while most of the club (It Seemed) Stayed home)

Small Crowd, Good Speaker, Announcements out the Ears

Even though the crowd was small it was a fun evening. **President Jon** made up for a lack of information the week before, by filling us with such tidbits of information such as “**The State of the City Luncheon** will be held **January 27th** at the **Community Center**. Tickets are for sale for a mere \$27.00 per head. They are available at the **Chamber of Commerce**, and **Connie or Joan**, the dynamic **Chamber** duo, will be delighted to sell you as many as you want, up to what they have left. **The Super Bowl** party will be held at the Park on February 6, beginning around 1: PM with the game at 3:00 PM. Don't miss it, and please don't try. Pools and food galore. On **March 12**, will be our **Chamber Gala**, followed by their annual **Silver Spoon Tea** on **April 17th**, which honors distinguished volunteers from over thirty-five clubs and organizations. Our club has decided to nominate someone for the honor, as soon as we can determine if anyone is worthy, and if they haven't received it before. If you have a suggestion please tell **President Jon**. The Division has asked for volunteers on the morning of **February 18**, to help keep score for the Handicapped kids bowling Tournament, at **Brookhurst Bowl** in **Fountain Valley**. The **Elks Lodge** and **Miss Garden Grove Pageant** are hosting a **Texas Hold Em Tournament** at the **Elks Lodge** the night of **February 18**, with proceeds going to the Lodge and **Miss Garden Grove Pageant**. It will be a fun night with the winning team, and winning individual, receiving donation money for their favorite charities. See **Jerry Margolin** for details. **Peter Carter** called for a meeting of the **Kiwanisland Board** for **last Saturday**, and he will advise us of their decisions **this Thursday**. Have I lost you yet? Our 500 dollar contribution went to the **Tsunami** victims, along with **Boeing's** 500 hundred dollars in matching funds, so ours became a thousand dollars Thank you **Boeing**. **And saving the best for last—**



President Jon made sure we heard the announcements tonight!

Gerry Newkirk awarded Division 4 outstanding Kiwanian Award!

At the DCM monthly meeting, a surprised **Gerry Newkirk** received an **outstanding member award!** **Kiwanis Governor of Cal Nev Ha, James McLellan** presented the award, and **Gerry** was speechless! Many of us had never seen that phenomena, and were sorry we missed out. It should have been no surprise to **Gerry**. It is certainly no surprise to anyone in the Club. Congratulations **Gerry!**

Happy/Sad Dollars

While some things in life can be slowed down or stopped, neither snow nor rain nor dark of night, can stop “**Happy Dollars**,” as they make their way through the night. **Gerry N.** five, for receiving the award. **Tom E.** happy to be here, and something about the courthouse at 6:00 PM that I never quite understood. **R.C.** for the honor of sitting next to **Gerry, Garry S.** \$1.00 for his recovery, **Peter** for **Gerry N.** I heard that **Ed** offered **two-hundred dollars**, which is **twenty** in “**Hodges speak**” .but it's so hard to believe, let's leave it at between two and twenty. **Petrosine** happy two. There is usually only one main reason that **Tom** is happy, but nothing is sure, so I will refrain from mentioning it. **Don Malm** in **Main's** absence, for **John Leeb's** program. (It will take **Leeb** a long time to overcome **Adamo** though) **Kelly** sad, bad track, bad horses, **Jack** no reason, **Schlensker** four for **Newkirk**, one for being back with us. **Leeb** three, his family is ill. (Get better soon.) and it was good to see **Jay** last week. **Will** five, we bought enough candy from his daughter that he doesn't have to buy as much as he thought. **Glasby** for **Gerry N. Scott** two, but his interpreter had stepped out of the room so I'm not sure for what. **Jon E** five, we received another merit patch for our banner. and just feeling good, . Take a bow guys, we always can use the money! I should have given a happy dollar because the meatloaf from **Jay's** was the best I ever tasted, and while the pledge still sounds like a race to the finish, the song is coming along.

June 2006 Garden Grove is Fifty Years old. Tortolano tells us how it came to be!

Jim Tortolano was our guest speaker. He is the **Owner, Editor, Publisher,** and **Movie Critic** of the **Garden Grove Journal**, and a native of our city. **Garden Grove** has been around since 1874. Almost as long as some of the members. It was a Farm town and the farmers fought incorporation for many years. It was defeated in 1922, 1930, and 1955, when it lost by only four hundred votes. The issues were mostly crime, and having our own Police Department. Sound familiar? At that time **Garden Grove** was the fastest growing city in the County, so by the time the election was over the demographics had changed and they could file for incorporation again. This time the campaign was to fight “**SMOG**” which stood for “**Selfish Minority Of Gripers** ,” and keeping a daily record of crime in the newspaper, next to important information, worked very well. Also **Anaheim** was the headquarters at that time of the **Ku Klux Klan** and a campaign called “**Detour Anaheim Spend Elsewhere**” also helped accelerate the growth of **Garden Grove**, and the rest is history. It was fun stuff. Missed you all, you would have enjoyed it.

Coming Soon

January 27, In preparation stages TBA

February 6th Super Bowl

February 18, Texas Hold Em at the Elks Lodge Form a Kiwanis Team 8 players \$35.00 each!

Thought For The Week

You can always keep something at room temperature because no matter what temperature the room is at, it's always room temperature.