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A club cannot live on announcements alone, but don't bet on it.

Announcements Fill the Air

Yes, it was a night of note taking, as our new and dedicated leader brought us up to date on things that happened, are happening, will happen, and could happen. **Gerry** started with information about **CHOC Hospital, K-Day and Carnival**. Our portion was run by the dynamic duo of **Ed Hodges**, and **John Leeb**, while **Shirley Hodges** did the prizes. It was a fishing booth, and was popular. No report on whether there was a K Day picnic like last year. **Randy Golden** expected about 200 kids and while they fell short of their goal, the kids who were there, had a great time, so it achieved it's purpose. **Club 33** was a rousing success and enjoyed by all. **Shelly** mentioned that the charge for visiting both parks on the same day is \$75.00 per person, and we got both for \$62.00 each including an excellent Brunch. **Shelly** also reminded us that this was the last one, due to the difficulty of the coordination process, which increases each year. We thank him for all of his efforts. Over the years **Shelly** has served as **Program Chairman**, arranged for trips to **Pageant of the Masters, Disneyland, and Palm Springs Follies**, plus God knows what else. He has been a vital asset over the years, and always will continue to be. It is nice to see the Community recognizes that also, as seen by the Chamber honoring him for his extraordinary efforts, at their Gala this last Saturday. As if that wasn't enough excitement, **Peter Carter**, with the help of son **Myles** I'm sure, has arranged a "sold out" visit to the **Coast Guard Station in San Pedro**. Twelve lucky members and their wives, will meet at **Kiwanisland** and commandeer the **Boys and Girls Club Bus** which will take them to their destination. There, they will tour the Base, and even get rides on some of the Boats, if available. They will then find a cozy spot for lunch, and return to the park at about 2:00 PM, or so. (Or whenever it gets there.) **Jack Wallin**, the host with the most, will see that munchies, snacks, beer and wine be served, at least on the return trip. (Are munchies significantly different than Snacks?) As if that wasn't almost more than we can handle, **Bruce Beauchamp** of the **Lions Club**, came to invite us to the "**Best Pancake Breakfast in Garden Grove!**" **Sunday March 20th!** And why is it the best? Because it is held at **Kiwanisland!** Says **Bruce**. This is one of the biggest Pancake Breakfasts held at the Park. It is very similar to the one we used to have, with the only significant difference being that people actually go to this one. It is crowded about ten or Eleven AM. We never ended up with a crowd because it was much easier to buy the books ourselves, rather than ask people for money. **Bruce** also mentioned that the **Boys and Girls Club Golf Tournament** will be held on April 11. \$150.00 per person includes lunch courtesy of **Outback Steak House**, and Golf at **Tustin Ranch Golf Course**. Someone announced that **Palm Springs Follies** was sold out, and **Newkirk** reminded us to leave time for **Corn Booth Duty**, at the sooner than you think **Strawberry Festival**. Hearing no more business from the floor, most of us collapsed in a heap.



.Shelly Singer was recognized for his leadership skills and his life long service to his community, by the Chamber of Commerce. Shelly You make us proud!

Arco Update!

Our friends at **Arco**, have reiterated that the donation to **Kiwanisland** is still going to happen. **Jay** and **Shelly**, traveled to their headquarters to receive that information. **Jay** to hear it, and **Shelly** to verify that Jay accurately reported what he heard. There is a new head of whatever the Department is called, and he is getting acclimated to the position, and will act some time in the future. There is no truth to the rumor that **Emily Leeb** will be accepting the donation, as our President.

Boeing Fund Donate to Kiwanis thanks to four thoughtful people!

There is a charity fund at **Boeing**, that takes monthly donations from employees, for worthy causes. This year they have allowed employees to designate where the money goes. Thanks to the efforts of **Scott McIlvain, Gerry Newkirk**, and **Jon** and Karen Elliott. We received a check for \$848.00 for **Kiwanisland**. **Gerry** hopes it will be a yearly happening.

Speakers met with emotion!

Our guests were **Greg Blodgett** and **Greg Brown**, both from the City Development group. They showed us what was on the books for the future. While none are confirmed as yet, the **Brookhurst Triangle** will feature two ten story Condominium Towers, along with small condos (35-40 Units per acre) on **Garden Grove Blvd.**, from Brookhurst to Brookhurst Way, and down to Stanford St. Hopefully a Theme Park, on **Harbor**, South of **Garden Grove Blvd.** with a Hotel and shopping venues. When the conversation turned to the **Shopping Center at Garden Grove** and **Euclid** now minus the "**Hung Phat Market**" whose owners determined they could make more money by not paying bills, and leaving town, (allegedly) then having to keep records and pay bills, and what the property owners would do with the property now, things got a little testy. **Main** took exception to his owner friends, being called "difficult" **Bruce** defended the position of the city, **Main** defended his friends position, as **Bruce** lamented his blown opportunity to join the **Lions Club**. It's these moments when I realize how much I love our club.

Thought For The Week

I told my psychiatrist that everyone hates me. He said I was being ridiculous - everyone hasn't met me yet.

Rodney Dangerfield