



Ramblings

GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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Our President is aware that clubs can't survive on socializing alone.

Mr. Newkirk has announcements

Our hard working **President** is keenly aware that in addition to having a good time, our membership demands information as to the goings on in our service club. Of course how long we remember is another thing altogether, but we will remember that we were told. Since I am one of those who has trouble reading his own handwriting, the combination of poor memory and bad writing, makes reporting difficult, I can attest to the fact however, that Pacifica High School used our park for a successful get together, the reported rowdy wedding that took place in the park was attributed to the fun loving **Will Swanstrom** and his equally fun loving family, **Will** himself claims the party would not have been a success without the rowdiness. The Alonon group is booked for July 4th, so at least we will not have to worry about anyone getting in to our private stock over the Holiday. I was initially confused that there would be 9-14 members of the Mormon Church using our park, but after long scrutiny, I deduced that members of their Church would be using the park on 9-14.



It's not our park, our park was a lot busier than this, this month.

The Mastroianni Report

Jack provided the **Mastroianni** news, and while it can, and should get better, one step at a time is the word. **Jay** is no longer in ICU, and is also walking and talking, which is great. He does have trouble swallowing, and is working on that. There is also talk about moving him to a hospital nearby which would take the pressure off of **Eleanor**. She has been such a pillar of strength, running back and forth from **UCLA Medical Center**, but I'm sure not having to deal with the trip would be wonderful. It would also be an opportunity for **Jay**, when he is stronger to be able to visit with his friends.

Frank Patonai Still Mending

As I get it, **Frank Patonai** had a small stroke recently and is recovering still. He is able to work, and since being an **Orthodontist** isn't an easy job, that is good news. He also has severe Arthritis, and is having a gel of some sort, inserted into his knees to get that pain to subside so that he can walk pain free. Since I have the same problem, I hope **Frank's** knee work goes wonderfully, and that he tells me how to get it done, I'm not a fan of replacing kneecaps, Let's hope that this works for him, and wish **Frank** and good luck.

October 5th Kids Walk To School Day

The **DCM** has proclaimed that October 5th is "**Kids Walk To School Day.**" On that day, the plan is to get all of the kids in the world, or at least the County, to walk to school. Why they want them to do that, is beyond me. It's either to show that exercise is good, saving gas is wonderful, busses need a rest, or two or more **Kiwanians** with nothing better to do, can get together and come up with this idea to see if they could convince anyone to support it. I can just picture kids pouring out of busses everywhere, donning their **Nikes**, and racing to school, while a group of **Kiwanians** look at each other and say, "**WE DID IT! We got them to walk to school, when they could ride a bus free! What can we get them to do next year, mud Bowl!**" The **DCM** is looking for donations for this, and we have voted to donate \$500.00. The motion was made and seconded, and was almost unanimous with **Scott McIlvain** grunting. The **DCM** will be devastated if they can't get at least 5 kids to participate.

Peter Carter Heads Up CHOC Hospital Kiwanis.

Peter Carter found out that you can belong to two **Kiwanis** Clubs at the same time. Since he hasn't been **President** of anything for days, he has begun a **CHOC Kiwanis Club** and will serve as it's **President**. A humble man, **Peter** says that it will be only for the raising of funds for **CHOC**, and he promises not to become too overly impressed with his title.

Happy/Sad Dollars

As you know, I never guarantee the veracity of the happy/sad dollars. (Or the truth either.) Things go too quickly, and mumbling is a common occurrence. However those who contribute do get their name mentioned, and what more can we ask for other than recognition, and/or love. **Bart Blakesley** returned for his annual visit, looking very successful. He put an exclamation point on that by donating twenty for wife **Lynn's Cancer** still in remission, twenty for missing so many meetings, and ten to round off the number. Welcome back **Bart!** **Schlenker** taking advantage of the dollar minimum rule for multi donations, happy for **Bart**, something for going to see daughter in **San Francisco**, and going on a Motorcycle trip to **Canada**, bringing the total to Ten dollars. **Will** twenty for the rowdy party at **K-land, Glasby**, five for his Birthday, and going on Motorcycle trip. **Broadwater**, who revisited his favorite political moment, it was the year that **Bart** actually got less votes than **Al Snook. Hodges** two being happy, **Scott**, two being back, and others adding to five. **Malm**, happy seeing **Scott**, and something else, **McGowan** sad no more red **Kiwanis** shirts left, and got lost in **Vegas** (?) five going back to **Vegas**. **Kelly** sad, broke rib and missed golf tournament. **Peter** five, he forgot what for. **R. C.** happy to associate with such wealthy people while a **Senior** living on a fixed income, we certainly feel his pain, and two for **Jay's** progress. **Garry** for **Scott Videos** producing another of his albums. (I don't think he means our **Scott**.) **Newkirk** for **Jay's** improvement and sad for lousy fishing on his trip. **Gerry A.** Happy, and **Tom P.** for something, and me, happy to be back after missing five meetings .

Scott Weimer talks about fire

Scott Weimer spoke to us on fire safety, and showed us a film on how our **GG Fire Department** reacts on a fire call. It was quite interesting. **Scott** is a role model for what you would like in a local firefighter. A resident, active in the community producing Videos for charitable groups, donating to needy causes. and giving back to the city that employs him. A rarity for a line person .

Coming Soon

July 6. If I knew I would tell you. Come and find out yourself.

October 6 Kiwanis Installation

Thought For the Week

Power corrupts. Absolute power is kind of fun.