



Ramblings

GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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Notes From a Bad week

Marge called and asked that I please mention how much she and **Jack** were moved and almost awe struck by the turn out of friends who came to pay their respects at the services for their daughter **Janet**. I never really knew **Janet**. I had only met her a few times, and attended the funeral service out of respect for **Marge** and **Jack**, and respect for how hard **Janet** fought her battle. When you love a couple like **Jack** and **Marge**, you love their family too. I must tell you how thrilling it was to see how many turned out to say goodbye. This was a woman who had been trapped inside her body suffering with ALS, for almost three years! Yet no one who knew her, seemed to have ever forgotten her. The love and respect for **Janet** filled the room. How proud her husband and children must have been also, to see that years of illness didn't dim the memory of who she was, nor of how many she touched. Chairs were at a premium as the church personnel struggled to keep up with seating the crowd. It looked like at least 450 of her friends, family, and family friends, were at the church to punctuate how important she was to those who knew her. It is unimaginable to lose a daughter, but there is some solace to be gained by being aware of the mark that she left on the lives that she touched. It was something to see.

You would think one would be enough...it wasn't.

As we left the service to go the cemetery, we of **Kiwanis**, were hit with the unexpected news that **Alta Beaudoin**, wife of late member **Ray Beaudoin**, passed away suddenly this morning. While **Alta** might not be considered a **Kiwanian** I think it's safe to say that everyone in our **Club** considered her one. She never stopped coming to special events after **Ray** was gone, and continued to do that till the end. She was always willing to bring her famous deserts and her special love for all of us. Two weeks ago she looked like she would live forever, and now she's gone. She recently told **Connie** that she never overcame the grief of losing **Ray** and that time healed nothing. The ache burned constantly! If by chance, we do get to see our loved ones in the next world, I know that **Ray** is yelling **ALTA!** Where have you been?! How long did you think I'd wait for you? Forever? I think given the need, he would have. What a pair! I will miss them forever. If you get this in time, services are at **Kiwanisland** at **4:00 PM** on Wednesday **August 3rd**. Kleenex recommended.



Well there is some good news. Jay is out, gaining strength and planning to attend the August 4th meeting. Shelly will deliver him. to his adoring fans

Announcements

Good news! Yes there really is some. **Jay**, as of this writing, has determined that based on a so far successful slow but sure return to health, will name August 4th, as "**return to Kiwanis Day.**" Close friend and ace Chauffer **Shelly Singer** is busy washing his vehicle in preparation of this momentous occasion. Be there to welcome **Jay** home, and tell him how much he was missed. It was also noted that **Bob Main** and **Shelly Singer**, share the same birthday, August 4. We considered providing birthday cake for the two of them, but the Fire Department ruled that the number of candles necessary to mark the occasion would not only be considered a fire hazard, but could create a severe shortage of birthday candles within a 25 mile radius of the city. If life member **Larry Shaffer**, whose birthday is August 5, were included in the celebration, the destruction by candle fire could extend the fire season for months. **Newkirk** also broke the news that he will miss next weeks meeting, and **Peter Carter** would take over. This created a demand for the President Elect to run the meeting instead, and was on the verge of getting unruly until **President Newkirk** advised that he was also the incoming **President**. There was no further discussion. **Sunda** donated \$50.00 for half the money received for the sale of **Miles Carter's** albums. I assume **Mr. Sunda** is the Producer of said album. Of course in **Kiwanis**, logic seldom provides an answer to a question. **Shelly** mentioned that the **Choc Free Clinic** located next to the **Boys and Girls Club**. will have their grand opening, **August 6th**, and the **Boys and Girls Club** itself will have it's **30th Annual Wine Tasting at Kiwanisland on September 24th**,

Happy/Sad Dollars

Nielsen sad three **Sunda** not here last week. **Petrosine** happy, off to **Palm Springs**. With the report of **Alta** being stricken by a stroke last week, there were many sad dollars for **Alta**, already coming in. No one anticipated the depth of the sadness. There were also of course, many, many, for the loss of **Janet Steinert** too. These included **R.C. Shelly**, **Scott**, **Sunda**, **Bruce B. Hodges**, **Main**, **Kelly**, **Charles K. Glasby**, and for his good friend who passed away last week also, and myself. **Tom E.** Happy for **Jay**, sad for **Alta**, **Schlensker** sad, for **Marge**, but happy to see his daughter next week, even though it means moving her. **Will**, Happy **Jay**, sad **Alta**, **Leeb** happy about learning a math something from guest **Jack ReVelle**, **Shelly's** grandson **Alex**, (Taller than **Shelly**) a chance at winning a **Mercedes**, and **Newkirk** sad for **Alta**, and happy next week in **Bass Lake**,

Jack ReVelle Speaks on Nuclear Weapons

While in the military, speaker **Jack Revelle**, dealt with disarming or repairing **Nuclear Weapons**, and spoke on how and why this was done during those years. Lots of questions were asked, and everyone seemed to enjoy the discussion. Unfortunately in **Jack's** view, Backpack bombs are becoming easier to make, and it seem like only a matter of time.

Coming Soon

August 4th Tom Elliott; His year on the Grand Jury.

August 11th Don Alexander Sports Writer for the Garden Grove Journal plus Lauren Howard; Miss GG Kiwanis Representative and Craig Howard's daughter.

Thought For the Week

From the only in America file: Only in America.....do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.