



Ramblings

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March is a good month for Walt....

Walt Donovan Makes it Official

Walt Donovan is a former Mayor of Garden Grove and now is now a member of the Garden Grove Kiwanis Club. **Walt** received his **Kiwanis** pin and apron at the meeting this evening and was officially brought before the **Club** and welcomed by them. He now has to have his apron signed by the **Club** members and name everyone at two tables to pass our **Club's** first round of initiation ceremonies (then we tell him about the greased pig....). **Walt** said that this March is a shaping up to be a very good month for him. He had his 80th birthday on March 7th, his 58th wedding anniversary will be on March 28th and he joined the **Garden Grove Kiwanis Club** this month. Congratulations **Walt** and Welcome!



Walt receives his Kiwanis pin and apron.

Another successful CHOC Carnival

President Newkirk reports that the **Total K Day/CHOC Carnival** was held on March 11th at **CHOC Hospital** and was a big success. **Total K Day** is one day a year, the members of **Kiwanis** and the **Sponsored Organizations and Programs (SOAP)** get together for a unified day of service to our communities on a division-wide scale. **Division 4's** project again for this year was to put on a carnival for the children of **CHOC** and their families. Each club in the **Division** set up a game booth and gave out prizes to the children. Our **Club** had a "Fishin' Pond" set up where the kids could try their luck at fishing. Everyone who tried got a prize. Thanks to **John Leeb, Don Nielsen** and **Gerry Newkirk** and members of the **Bolsa Grande Key Club** for setting up, tearing down and manning the game booth. Also thanks to **Ed Hodges** for helping with procuring the prizes. Our booth had the best prizes at the event.

Poker Tournament

Craig Howard reminded everyone of the 3rd annual **Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament** to be held on March 25 (starting at 6 PM at the Cedarbrook Dance Studio) to raise funds for the **Miss Garden Grove Scholarship Pageant**. Our **Club** is entering "Team Kiwanis" in the Tournament. Thanks to **Gary Sunda, Walt Donovan, Jerry Kelley, John Leeb, Don Nielsen, RC Gall, Gerry Newkirk** and **Jake Newkirk** for signing up to represent our **Club**.

Happy/Sad

- Gary S.** - Happy \$ for **Walt Donovan** joining our **Club** and also for **Dennis** and **Lee** visiting from the **Morning Club**.
- Walt D.** - Happy \$ that he had his **80th birthday** last week, will be having his **58th Wedding Anniversary** at the end of March and that he joined our **Kiwanis Club**.
- Peter C.** - Happy \$ for **Walt Donovan** joining **Kiwanis**.
- R.C.** - Happy \$ that **Walt** joined our **Club**.
- Lee** - Happy \$ for a everyone to have a happy **St. Paddy's Day** and for being here tonight.
- Dennis M.** - Happy \$ for being here tonight.
- Don N.** - Happy \$ to see **Walt** as a Member.
- Jerry K.** - Happy \$ to be here tonight, since he has missed a few weeks.
- Bob M.** - Happy \$ for all of the years he has known **Walt** and Happy \$ that he finally joined our **Club**.
- Ed H.** - Happy \$ to hope that his grandson **Sammy**, who has been sick, will start feeling better.
- Charles K.** - Happy \$ that **Korean** baseball team beat the **Japanese** team. Sad \$ that **Korean** team also beat **Team USA**.
- Don S.** - Happy \$ that he and **Terri** will have been married **30 years** next week.
- Jack W.** - Happy \$ for **Walt** joining our **Club** and also Happy \$ to being here tonight.
- Rick G.** - Happy \$ for **St. Patrick's Day** tomorrow. Happy \$ for going to **San Jose** next week for his Godson's Wedding.
- Will S.** - Happy \$ for **Walt** becoming a member of our **Kiwanis Club**.
- Shelly S.** - Happy \$ for **Walt** joining our **Club**.
- Josh Lindsey** - Happy \$ for visiting with our Club tonight.
- Jay M.** - Happy \$ for **Walt**. Sad \$ that it took so long for him to join **Kiwanis**.
- Scott M.** - Happy \$ for any new member that can generate so much money for our **Club**.
- John L.** - Happy \$ for both his wife's and daughter's birthdays last week.
- Craig H.** - Sad \$ for such an unruly group tonight. Happy \$ for **Walt** and for our speakers tonight.
- Gerry N.** - Happy \$ for a successful **CHOC** carnival. Happy \$ for **Walt** and for all of our guests tonight. Happy \$ for our speaker and to see all of the smiling faces out there tonight.

Guest Speaker

Our program for this evening was Terry Lattanzio and "Brandy" from Therapy Dogs of Southern California (www.therapydogsofsocal.org). Brandy is a Doberman Pinscher that has been trained as a therapy dog. Cindy Bryant and "Lizzy Lou" (a Beagle) were also in attendance. Terry told us that there are 50 therapy dogs in their organization and that the dogs are very popular wherever they go. They provide comfort and therapy at nursing homes, jails, children's homes, rehabilitation centers and hospitals. The dogs are allowed in the ICU, cancer centers, burn wards, psychiatric wards and just about anywhere they go because their therapeutic effect is a proven and sought after result. Studies have shown that having animals present raise moral and happiness/hopefulness levels, lower blood pressure, and release endorphins that block pain. The dogs are used to get responses from stroke and coma patients, burn patients, abused and withdrawn children, the elderly, prisoners and many more. Their visits are used as rewards for good behavior in jails and psych wards.

Coming Soon

March 25 Miss Garden Grove Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament
Thought For The Week

"A dog is a true friend, and one you can be certain will never talk about you, no matter what you do."