



Rambling

www.kiwanisland.com

GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

APRIL 20, 2006

Peter rejoins stalwarts such as Jay, RC, Gerry A. and Kelly, who fought serious illness to return to this safe haven of fellowship and adventure!

Peter Returns Braced for the Future

Peter Carter joined us this evening, and we certainly enjoyed his visit. He still is fighting the annoyance of a neck brace, but is looking forward till when he is healthy, and will be able to not only return to normal life, but without pain. Many of us have fought debilitating illnesses only to recover and return to the fold. Could it be the thought of not being able to bask in the glories of the warmth, spirit, friendship, and camaraderie of our group, where seldom is heard a discouraging word? Only our humility, prevents a guess.



With the price of gasoline what it is,, we may want to reevaluate what we drive.

Newkirk comes out with announcements blazing

Whoever was running for **LT. Governor of Division 4**, had either a change of heart, moved, or became ill, and is no longer available for the position, so a new candidate is being sought. The ideal candidate, must still be breathing, a current or past President of a **Kiwanis Club**, and willing to be willing. Our **Kiwanis Club** has donated funds to send our **Key Club President** to the **International Key Club Convention** in **Montreal**. Since the Picnic on the original date was rained out, the **K Day** fun day Picnic, has been rescheduled for **May 13**, at a park in nearby **Stanton**. More details will be forthcoming. The **Fountain Valley Kiwanis Club** is having a **Texas Hold Em Tournament** in **May**, in **Fountain Valley** I assume. The date has been set, the buy in is \$50.00 and all proceeds go to the **Fountain Valley Club**, so if you want to refine your **Hold Em** techniques, and see if you are ready for the big boys, you might want to practice your game for a good cause. **May 11th**, is the date for the annual **Police Memorial Service**, it is a very moving ceremony, held in front of the **Police Department**, from **5-6 PM**. We are all invited to join them. Our **Kiwanis Mother's Day** program is also scheduled for **May 11**, but fortunately, since that begins at **6:00 PM**, we can make both. **Don Malm** officially resigned from **Kiwanis**. I was the one who originally asked **Don** to join. He was a great member and is a pleasure to be around. I am sorry to see **Don** leave, he will be missed.

New Lawn Mower Delivered To Kiwanis

Due to the generosity of the **Strawberry Festival Association**, **Kiwanis** was blessed with a new lawn mower. Well, It can't be called just a lawn mower, trust me, it's a **LAWN MOWER!** A beautiful piece of equipment that is designed to save many, many hours mowing grass. **Jack** is at peace with the world! I have not been able to locate a **GPS** system on the vehicle, or stereo, but I suggested that **Jack** might consider registering it with the **DMV** and using it to drive around **Garden Grove** picking up supplies.

Over fifty organizations to be represented at "All Service Club Lunch" May 3,

The amazing **Shelly Singer**, reports that the "**All Service Club Luncheon**" slated (I love that word) for **May 3**, has received reservations from over fifty service, fraternal, maternal, paternal, church, or whatever, local Organizations. Well over 300 people are expected to attend, and to encourage attendance, all organizations have agreed to go dark at their usual meeting during that week. (As the server said at **Wendy's** when I asked for a hamburger with nothing on it, "Does that include Lettuce Tomato or Onion?") That means **Kiwanis** will also be dark that week. Try to make it. It should be a great afternoon at **Kiwanisland!**

Happy/Sad Dollars

Gerry N. demanded quiet so I could not use the "I didn't hear them all" excuse, but I still have the "I can't read my writing" It's much easier to read **Thursday**, instead of **Sunday**. so be kind. **Schlenker** twenty, for happy news that his daughter is leaving **Northern Cal** for **Brea**. **Jack** sad, **Marge's** Dad passed away at 103 years old, and his son **Steve's** Mother in Law passed, **Sunda**, happy he's back, **Will** happy, back from **Hawaii** (why?) **RC**, a Senior with a fixed income, only two, one happy to be, and another for **Marge's** dad and to see **Peter**. Speaking of **Jack** and **Peter**, **Main**, **Hodges**, **Walt**, **Newkirk**, and **Scott**, joined them. **Jack** ten, **Thursday** he attended the funeral of **Larry Davis** former operator of the **Strawberry Festival Carnival**. A good man. **Shelly** for **Peter's** return, In addition we had **Nadine** happy, in good health and living life well, **Scott** happy for **Jack's** new mower, **Hodges** had 2 race cars running, one finished first, one disqualified. Could it have possibly been **Eddie**? **Josh** sad, 7th Anniversary of friend's death, **Glasby**, happy to be here, see **Peter** and sad for **Marge's** Dad, **Glasby** happy, didn't get wife's cold. **Elliott** happy to be back, sorry about **Marge's**, **Dad**, sad that his advertised five day cruise on a French river, was a bus ride instead, They did visit a **Nougat Factory**. **Kelly** happy, broke even at the track. **Leeb** sorry for **Jack's** Dad, happy to see daughter **Emily** enter kindergarten. **Newkirk** happy, **Petrosine** two for truths? And **Craig** five for **Chipper Peter**, all the puns, volunteers for **Corn Booth**, and **Jack's** new ride.

Interesting thoughts from Dominic Acalino

Dominic Acalino our speaker, is the General Manager of **Embassy Suites**. He talked about the years growing up in **Brooklyn**, how he learned so much from his Dad, who owned four major restaurants in **New York**, and how that upbringing helped him to be what he is now. How he was mugged at the age of sixteen and decided Gangs were not for him, He also talked about the value of teaching customer service to all his employees, (165) and to make them feel part of a team. Big things are happening at the **Embassy Suites**, plans for a second tower, 11,000 square foot meeting room, **Grand Ballroom** restaurant, swimming pool, and a **Starbucks**. He did well.

In case you forgot, here is the Corn Booth Schedule!

I hope I don't have to do this every week, but once again here is the booth schedule for the festival. **Chairman Howard** says that those not available, could be waived and picked up by the **Westminster Club**; **May 13**, inspection and refurbishment of booth at the **Park**. **May 23**, set up at the **Site**. **Friday** shift 12-5, 5-10, **Sat** and **Sunday**, 9-1, 1-5, 5-10, and **Monday**, 9-1, 1-5, 5-8. There will be a start up group, a closing group, and God knows what else **Craig** wants.. Excellent time slots are available. Get your name in early for the time slot that you so richly deserve.

Thought For The Week

We have been told that a million monkeys, typing at a million keyboards could produce the complete works of **Shakespeare**; but thanks to the **Internet**, we know that is not true.