



Ramblings

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Club members support Troop 1776

Troop 1776 is having a Popping Good Time!

Tonight during social hour, **Club** members were visited by **Boy Scout Troop 1776** member **Lupe**, who was selling various varieties of popcorn to raise funds for the **Troop** and working on one of his merit badges. He was successful in his endeavors, as it is difficult to say no to a youngster in uniform (especially since we sponsor the **Troop**) who is working for a good cause. **Lupe** stayed until the beginning of the meeting and **President Nielsen** had him lead the **Club** in the salute to our flag. If you missed out and are a popcorn lover or just want to help out **Troop 1776**, you can contact **Jon Elliott** (our **Club's Troop** advisor) who can put you in touch with a **Troop** member who will help you help them out.



Our Scout Troop 1776 is selling popcorn to raise funds.

Donations to KiwanisLand

President Nielsen announced that we had received two donations to **KiwanisLand** from organizations that had recently held events at the **Park**. The first donation was a check for \$350 from the **YMCA of Orange County** for a campout recently held in the **Park** where they had over 250 kids attend. The second donation was a \$1000 check from the **Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove** for allowing them to hold their **Wine Festival** event at the **Park** at the end of September. They had asked **Jack Wallin** and **KiwanisLand President Gary Sunda** to attend their Board meeting on Oct. 16th and thanked **Jack** for all of the hard work he had done this year and in past years for getting the **Park** ready for the **Wine Festival**. They presented **Jack** with a plaque and a shirt and presented **Gary** with the donation.

On a Sad Note

Tom Elliott spoke with honorary **Club** member **Jim Hansen**, who told him that **Brian Johnson**, son of past **Club President Buzz Johnson** and **Darlene**, had passed away. Services were held on 10/21 at the **Crystal Cathedral**. In lieu of flowers, a college fund is being set up for **Brian Johnson's** son. Additional information on the "**Brian Johnson Memorial Fund**" can be obtained by contacting **Tim O'Brien** of Premier Service Bank at 951-272-3590.

Happy/Sad

- Jerry K.** - Happy \$ for a successful **Ray Beaudoin Memorial** drawing next Saturday.
- Bruce B.** - Happy \$ to see **Bob Hardin** and **Lan Nguyen** here tonight to talk to the **Club**. Also, Happy \$ that there are only 19 more days left before the election
- Jon E.** - Happy \$ to see **Lupe** from **Boy Scout Troop 1776** here tonight selling popcorn for the **Troop** to our **Club**.
- Bob M.** - Happy \$ for **Boy Scout Troop 1776** and hopes they do well on their fundraiser .
- Scott M.** - Happy \$ for success of **Ray Beaudoin Memorial** drawing. Happy \$ just because he is so happy.
- Brent H.** - Sad \$ that **Jerry M.** missed the morning meeting where he was supposed to be the guest speaker. Happy \$ that **Jerry M.** missed the morning meeting where he was supposed to be the guest speaker.
- Tony L.** - Happy \$ to be here at the meeting tonight. Sad \$ that he has missed a few of the last meetings.
- Tom E.** - Happy \$ to be here and Sad \$ that he will be out of town and will miss next week. Happy \$ that he voted today.
- Gary S.** - Happy \$ that **Ed H.** bought a **Varatones** CD to take with him to **South Carolina**. Happy \$ to donate half of the amount of the sale to the **Club**.
- John L.** - Happy \$ to see **Bob Hardin** and **Lan Nguyen** tonight. Happy \$ for **Jerry K** doing a great job on the **Ray Beaudoin Memorial** drawing. Happy \$ for another week of school that has successfully gone by.
- Josh L.** - Happy \$ that life is good. Sad \$ he still has not gotten his new car and that **Craig H.** couldn't make the meeting.
- Gerry N.** - Sad \$ that his son got in an auto accident. Happy \$ that he is okay. Happy \$ that **Tony L.** is fixing the truck.
- Don N.** - Sad \$ for messing up at the **DCM**. Happy \$ that his daughter is coming into town from **New York**.

Program

Bob Hardin and **Lan Nguyen** were our speakers this evening. They are both current Board members of the **Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD)**. **Lan** has been on the Board for 4 years and **Bob** has been on the Board for 12 years. Both of them are up for re-election this year and are on the Nov. 4th ballot. The **GGUSD** was formed in July, 1965 and is one of the larger school districts in **California**. In 2004 the **GGUSD** was honored with the **Broad Prize** as the best urban school district in the nation. As a result, \$500,000 in scholarships were awarded to **GGUSD** grads. Twice before, the district had been a **Broad Prize** finalist. **Bob** is a computer consultant and **Lan** is a lawyer and graduated from **Bolsa Grande H.S.** and is a former **City of Garden Grove Planning Commissioner**. Both of them have worked to make the **GGUSD** a model for schools in the state. The district was recently visited by staff from the **Calif. Dept. of Education** to study how the **GGUSD** operates and why they are the new model for schools.

Coming Soon

- Oct. 28th **Ray Beadoin Memorial Drawing at KiwanisLand (Social Hour at 6:00 pm; Drawing at 8:00 pm)**
- Nov. 16th **Thanksgiving Dinner Ladies Night Event**

Thought For The Week

"Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe." ~ Albert Einstein