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# Ramblings

GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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*Over fifty members and guests enjoy fellowship, our guest speaker and Jays' food.*

## Christmas Party brings out big crowd!

It was a good night for socializing. A great crowd was there to enjoy each other's company, the Canned Food drive looked like a success, as did the "bring a gift for a needy child" that **Jack** and **Marge** promised to place with children who have little chance of getting others, and will gladly take them. Now we have only the **Turkey Shoot** on the schedule, and that is the biggie for **Christmas Day**. We hope everyone will find it in their hearts and wallets to provide a 15-18 lb. Turkey (cooked) no stuffing left in the private area, and deliver it to Kiwanisland between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. **There will be no meeting!** However, if you bring a **Turkey**, there will be some **Hors de oeuvres**, and **cocktails** for your efforts. They will be taken Monday to the Church and the good folks over there, will make sure that the homeless will at least have a decent meal on Christmas Day.



*Parties don't always stand for gift giving, sometimes it's for drinking too.*

### Dinner A Delight

Dinner was delightful. The stuffed Chicken was excellent and it was accompanied by a salad, string beans, country potatoes, and an absolutely delightful Desert. I'd tell you what kind of a cake dish it was, but I only eat them, I don't name them. It was also delightful to see **Eleanor Mastroianni**. With us again, and gaining her strength back every day.

### Speaker Talks about the joy and heartbreak of saving babies.

**Debbe Magnusson** is an interesting woman. She has devoted her life to saving abandoned babies, it is her passion and her job. She has appeared on Oprah, The **Ellen Degeneres** show, **Riki Lake**, and many others. She has also been written up in **Time Magazine** for saving 556 babies who were abandoned, and then finding adoptive parents for them. It is a warm and heartfelt story, and while it might be considered a little heavy for the Holidays, there was also a lot of joy, when hearing about those who will be celebrating this Christmas, with a child to love, thanks to **Debbe** and her commitment.

### More Donations to Kiwanisland

**Cub Scout Pack 67** thanked us for their use of our park with a donation of \$100.00, and the County of Orange donated \$50.00 for the same thing. Why do I find that ironic for some reason? Anyway thanks to both of them. The request to make a contribution to **Kiwanisland** in lieu of Christmas Cards was taken seriously, by **Bob Main**, **Gary** (call me **Smitty**) **Sunda**, in addition to the already mentioned **Shelly Singer**.

### 2006 heads on out.

How can 2006 go by so fast, and yet the construction on the 22 Freeway seem like it goes on forever? I think the older we get, only the annoying things feel like they go on and on We've almost made it through though, and that's a moral victory. Now we can concentrate on 2007. We had some scares with some of our members, but so far so good. **Kiwanisland** once again, provided a fun place to be for countless organizations to have picnics, campouts, meetings, and just a great place to be. Lots of kids used our park free. In the meantime, **Newkirk** got through his extra long term as **President**, with much success and a record to be proud of. **Nielsen** is doing his typical professional job, **Jay**, health wise, is happily called the "Miracle Worker" and his quality of food is better than ever, and server **Helen** takes care of us well. We kid **Jack** about letting us walk on the grass, but where would the park be without him? Where would we be without **Main** telling it like it is, whether we like it or not, Our **ex Mayor Bruce** is now our current **City Councilman**, (what do we call him?) **Carter** is almost all the way back from heavy duty surgery, and doesn't have to look down as much anymore, a collection is being taken to send **Howard** to "joke" school, **R.C.** mysteriously remains one of our youngest members, **Kelly** is still "Head Prayer leader" with a core of readily available reserves, **Sunda** is always ready to replace an absent President, **Lo-bin** donates Angel tickets, **Tom E.** visits us regularly between trips around the world, and stays involved while here, **McIlvain** guards the books and surprises us once in a while by wearing a tie, unlike **Kelly** who surprises us without one, **Josh**, **Brent**, and **Walt Donovan** have settled in nicely, and fit nicely. **Swanstrom** and **Schlenker** are always there for us with whatever it takes, as are **Charles**, **Tony**, and **Rick Glasby**. **Shelly Singer** after enjoying the quieter life, has decided he can't stand it, and will once again provide us with a slew of speakers, as **Speaker Chair**, while **Leeb** provided us with some excellent speakers this year, **Lombardi**, **Glasby**, and **Charles Kim**, always are there to support our causes, **Jon E.** working with his passion, the **Key Clubs**, **Hodges** desperately tries to sneak in jokes and is constantly rebuffed, but we love him anyway. We would also love to see **Andreoff**, **Beaudin**, **Brees**, **Deering**, **Peter Cho**, **Gutierrez**, **Hamblin**, **Hansen**, **Nick Lecong**, **McGowan**, **Nofziger**, **Patonai**, **Shaffer**, and **Fred Waggoner**, more often. You are missed. If I forgot anyone; God help me. Anyway, have a great 2007.

### Thought For The Week

Did you ever notice that people who work sitting down usually get paid more than people who work standing up?