



Ramblings

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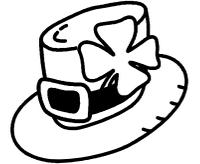
GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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A lot of the Wearin' of the Green tonight!

KiwanisLand Transformed into a Wee Slice of Ireland!

As guests arrived at **KiwanisLand** last Thursday, they were treated to quite a sight. The **Clubhouse** had been transformed into a green St. Patrick's Day wonderland that coordinated perfectly with the beautiful green of the park's grass for our **St. Patrick's Day Ladies Night Dinner**. **Don Nielsen** and **Gary Sunda** not only headed up the decorations committee, but made it up in it's entirety. They had decorated the **Clubhouse** with an assortment of **Irish** regalia to put everyone who attended into the proper spirit. You almost felt like dancing the jig as you stepped across the threshold and entered the enchanted setting for the night's merriment. You had to be on the lookout for a chance spotting of a leprechaun or two. Most members and their guests remembered to attend in some sort of green attire, but for those who had forgotten, **President Don** had plenty of green accessories that he was ready to dispense insuring that no one would be left out of the festivities! Attending the night of fine food, fun friends and frivolity were **Don Nielsen, Gary and Sharon Sunda, RC Gall and Marylyn Hale, Peter and Suki Carter, Jerry and Becky Kelly, Don Schlensker, Will Swanstrom, Walt and Diane Donovan, Tom and Pat Elliott, Ed and Shirley Hodges, Gerry and Marlene Newkirk, Rick and Cathy Glasby, Shelly and Carol Singer, Jay Mastroianni, Wayne and Genevive Knecht, Tom Petrosine** and potential new member **Lon Cahill, Bruce Broadwater, Charles and Mok Kim, and Efrain and Sophia Davalos**. All were treated to a traditional **St. Patrick's Day** meal of corned beef, cabbage, carrots and potatoes served up by our own leprechaun's helper, **Helen** and sumptuously prepared by **Jay's Catering**.



A wee bit of the Emerald Isle made it's way to KiwanisLand for the evening...

Announcements

President Don reminded us that next week will be our annual **Garden Grove Boys & Girls Club Awards** night where we honor the **2007 Youth of the Year Award** winners and their families. This is a big night for these children as they are presented with an award that honors their being chosen by the different branches of the **Garden Grove Boys & Girls Club** as a distinguished member of the **Club** for their dedication, hard work and willingness to help the staff and other members of the individual branches. Three of the honorees are chosen to go forward and represent the **Garden Grove Boys & Girls Club** at the **Orange County** level. All **Kiwanis Club** members are encouraged to attend this event and help out with the preparation, serving and honoring of these deserving children. **President Nielsen** also reminded the members of the soon approaching **Strawberry Festival** where the **GG Kiwanis Club** will be asking you, you friends, family and neighbors to donate some time and effort in supporting the running of our **Corn Booth** fundraiser over the **Memorial Day Weekend**.

Program

Dan Doud was our speaker this evening. He talked to us about Cancer and a program called "**Your Cancer Today**", which is a resource for cancer patients or anyone wanting to know more about cancer. "**Your Cancer Today**" is an international T.V. talk show that highlights information on a variety of cancers. They also have a website on which the shows can be viewed and which will provide a comprehensive and up-to-date information source on all types of cancers. This will include information on treatment and available research studies. The website is "**www.yourcancertoday.com**". They are also branching out into other subjects such as Diabetes (**www.yourdiabetestoday.com**) and other common diseases. The founding and driving force of this organization is **Alan Painter** of **Newport Beach**.

Coming Soon

- March 22 GG Boys and Girls Club Awards Night
- March 29 Frank DeSantis of the Santa Ana Bowers Museum
- April 05 Paul Walters, Police Chief of Santa Ana
- April 12 Scott Jordan, Tustin Chief of Police (Former GGPD Lieutenant)
- April 19 Mike Corona, Orange County Sheriff
- April 26 Matt Fertal, Garden Grove City Manager

Thoughts For The Week

"May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow, And may trouble avoid you wherever you go."

~Irish Blessing

"A best friend is like a four leaf clover: hard to find and lucky to have." ~Author Unknown