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Lots of crime to report but OC crime rate is dropping Sheriff Mike Corona Speaks

Sheriff Mike Corona was **Shelly's** guest speaker tonight. **Mike** has had his detractors over the years, but it has always been a pleasure to see him at **Kiwanis**. He has been straightforward, open, and interesting, and tonight was no exception. He was reelected to a four year term in 2006, and is the head of the fifth largest Sheriffs' Department in the United States, **Orange County**, with a population of 3.2 Million people. They have a prison population of 6800 inmates, with an average of a fourth grade education. 80% of the inmates have drug habits ranging from occasional to severe. 15% have mental problems also. However the prison system in Orange County still has the largest GED graduation rate in the county. They have also one of the lowest recidivism rates in the country. Something to truly be proud of. The Sheriff is really an interesting person to listen to, and we were sorry that so many of our group was not available.



I tried to get into the Royal Mounted Police but I flunked hat wearing.

Thanks to Shelly for all his efforts.

For the last year or so, **Shelly Singer** has taken on the Speakers Bureau job, and as he has done before, provided us with many quality speakers, primarily from the political arena. The list has included those who seldom speak to an audience of less than 100 or so members. We are a small group and can not put that many people in a room at the same time. It's not because we don't necessarily care, there have been speakers that I would have loved to hear, but couldn't make the meeting. I'm not alone. Many of us just can't make all the meetings. **Shelly** understands, but feels he can no longer impose on his friends, so he is stepping down after **City Manager Matt Fertal's** presentation this week. On behalf of the Club, I would like to thank **Shelly** for his efforts and still hope to see him at our meetings, which I'm sure we will. Who will do that in the future? President Nielsen has big shoes to fill. Will **John L.** take over again? Maybe that guy who wanted everyone to be good to each other and breath deeply, or whatever, will come back. I'm sure that he is available. (Just kidding **John**)

Happy/Sad Dollars

- Jack W.** Happy to be here.
- Gerry N.** Website is operative after being down six months. www.kiwanisland.com (I didn't know. I'm so ashamed!)
- R.C.** Happy for the website, happy for everyone, and looking forward to the weekend/
- Tom P.** Happy two
- Don S.** Happy; missed two meetings, four for winning at Poker.
- Efrain F.** Happy three.
- Shelly S.** Happy two for Sheriff Corona
- Bob M.** Happy for Website. What's a website?
- Dick L.** Happy for his seating arrangements. He can discuss the past with **Jerry K.** and the future with Gary S.
- John L.** Happy, Emily named to Principal's Honor Roll. Sad Students starting an alternate Prom to combat rules
- Ed H.** Five: I'm not quite sure what he was doing, making a happy or sad motion? Jay cut him off. (To applause)
- Jay M.** Twenty; happy he cut off Ed.
- Jerry M.** Ten for my car, and that I know Tony L. who did such a great job on my car,
- Brent M.** Happy ten his daughters are together now at San Francisco University
- Tony L.** Happy to be here.
- Peter C.** Happy something.
- Walt D.** Happy For the website.
- J. Kelly** I honestly don't know what for, but I'm happy he was here,
- G. Sunda** I'm not sure if Gary had anything, but God forbid, I forget it if he did.
- Don N.** Happy that all who said that they would be at the **Kiwanisland** work party showed up. About 12 all together.

Corn Booth Anyone?

Memorial Day Weekend is coming up fast and our President is desperately looking for volunteers for the booth. The earlier you sign up, the easier it is to get the time slots you want. So if you have some time over the holidays, please call **Don** and let him know that you are available.

City Manager Matt Fertal Speaker this Thursday

There have been a lot of changes in the City lately and **Matt** will tell us what the latest happenings are. So come join us for an interesting evening.

Thought For The Week

I know it's hard to live by the ten commandments, but at least thank God that there are only 10 of them,