



# Ramblings

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*For those who miss announcements, our President found some announcements to announce*

## Announcements Return To Kiwanis Meeting!

For the last few meetings that I have attended, there have been very few announcements that have been made. Since announcements are the lifeblood of a **Kiwanis Club**, **President Nielsen** finally found some items of interest to present to an eager group. First he mentioned that the **Police Memorial Service**, a yearly event, would be held on Thursday May 17th, in front of the Police Department. This is a very touching tribute to those who have given their lives to protect us from the many wacko's out there, who use violence as a method of solving their problems. The **Garden Grove Police Department** is one of the finest in the State, and those who can, should make an effort to be there, to show support for a fine group of Officers, and to say a prayer for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. We can then move on to our meeting. **John Leeb** then spoke on the need for support at the **Strawberry Festival Pancake Breakfast**. Due to our request to be the sole proprietor of our Corn Booth, the **Morning Kiwanis** was forced to find something else to sell, some years ago. They decided upon "funnel cakes," and now are so busy drowning in cash, they no longer have time for anything else. They asked if we would take over their highly lucrative, but demanding, **Strawberry Parade Day Pancake Breakfast** at the **Community Center** which might bring us almost as much profit from our two events, as they make from one. We swallowed our pride, and went for the bucks to fund our programs. We now need help on Saturday Parade morning. It will be over by ten AM for those who must move on to other responsibilities. **Nielsen** reminded us that the quicker we respond the better chance we have to do what we like, such as cooking, serving, or picking up trash. This was followed by **Shelly** reminding us that the "**All Service Club Luncheon**" on June 13, is at **Kiwanisland**. Since we are the host facility, **Jack** thought it might be nice for us to all make an effort to show up. There was a brief discussion about going dark the next night, but since we are a Thursday night Kiwanis Club, it seemed "tacky" to go dark because of a Wednesday afternoon lunch.



*Our thought now turn to Strawberries.*

### Pancake Breakfast Place Mat Advertising A Real Good Idea!

Someone in the morning club got the idea of selling "Place Mat" advertising for the breakfast a few years ago.. According to our morning club member and guest, City Manager Matt Fertal, they only charged \$30.00 per ad, but we were told \$100.00. So we're selling them for that price. I knew they wouldn't sell at that price, and was about to say how silly that would be, but as what usually happens when I "know" something, before I had a chance to protest, **Bruce B, Tony L, Wayne K, Jay M, Charles Kim, Tom P, and John L.** all purchased a mat for a robust \$700.00 start for our project. I nodded at the wisdom of such a wise decision. Thanks Guys! All members will be assessed for ten tickets for the breakfast, and billed \$40.00. You may sell them or give them away. Of course you might pay for an ad for someone that you don't like, and can pour syrup and Orange Juice on it, and enjoy looking at it.

### Happy/Sad Dollars

More happy/sad dollars, where I have to try figure out who said what about who, why, and the emotion behind it..

- P. Carter,** Happy
- G. Newkirk,** Sad missing next two weeks for business. (How dare you!)
- B. Broadwater** Happy five for being happy.
- W. Knecht** Happy.
- J. Parrott** Four for drink.
- B. Main** Happy two to be here for Shelly's last program on this tour.
- T. Petrosine** Happy ten. Jetting off to the "Big Apple" with his girlfriend to catch a couple of Broadway shows, and spend his kids inheritance.
- T. Lombardi** Happy four.
- B. Hayes** "Sad" five will miss Strawberry Festival Corn Booth. We share your pain.
- J. Wallin** Happy off to see Grandkids shortly.
- R. Glasby** "Sad" will also miss festival
- S. Singer** Happy two, All Service Club luncheon June 13, and Petrosine's girl friend. (Or that he has one).
- S. McIlvain** Sad, three for three missed meetings.
- D. Nielsen** Happy **Matt Fertal** is our speaker
- Gary S.** Happy five just to be happy.
- J. Leeb** Sad. will miss meeting
- M. Fertal Guest** Happy we took Pancake Breakfast, sad we are charging \$100.00 for Placemat Ads.
- W. Swanstrom** Sad, Friend has terminal cancer and given 30 days to live.

### City Manager Update

**Matt Fertal** has worked for **Garden Grove** since 1989. He became **City Manager** in February of 2004, and is also past president of the GG morning club. He told us that the most successful hotel in Garden Grove currently, is the **Embassy Suites**, and they will soon be adding a 225 room north tower addition. That means the Driving Range will soon give way to a parking structure. That means the Driving Range will soon give way to a parking structure. **Marriott** is bringing in a **Springwood Suites** by the new **Sheraton** currently under construction, The 40 acre area south of the hotels where the RV Park is located and the old Fire station Motel was located, is still in study sessions, but they hope it will become a mixed retail use similar to the Garden Walk in Anaheim. Hotels, theaters, and restaurants. The Brookhurst Triangle Project is on track, and our own Charles Kim's project, are also now on schedule. The **Wal-Mart** proposal for the old Vons Super Store at Chapman west of Brookhurst, will be at the Planning Commission in July, and is projected at providing over \$500,000.00 of new tax dollars to our city. If any of you plan to protest, and shop at **Ralph's (my words, not Matt's)** you might look at the new price increases at Ralph's, I was in there Friday and met a clerk who was changing prices for the scanner, that morning, and showed me the increases, which were mostly 5-30 percent. She said that it was all over the store, and has no idea what drove it. I'm not promoting anything, but it seemed like in the face of another potential strike, and this hearing, that the time is not now. Although it must be all over the chain. Anyway, those who shop their as I do, might want to check it out.

### Coming Soon

I have no idea.

### Thought For The Week

War never determines who is right, only who is left.