



Ramblings

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While newer members ask "What is an inter club? Older members can't remember the last one.

Huntington Beach Kiwanis joins us for an inter club

While most of us tried to remember how many members of a **Kiwanis** Club qualify for an inter club, we enjoyed a moment from the past. Four members of the **HB Club**, joined us for fun and fellowship. (I think that's what the manual says to say) Their inter club **person Lynn**, a lovely lady, almost too old, in some cases, to be our great granddaughter, introduced them. **Lynn** noticed that we were lacking lady members, and to a man, we agreed with her.

Many Announcements

Although there were many announcements, **President Nielsen** deftly passed them on to others for clarification. That way, if he has bad information, he can plead the fifth, or drink a fifth, I'm not sure which. **Shelly** announced that the **Girls and Boys Club 42 Annual Wine Tasting** is slated for **September 29**, at **Kiwanisland**. The wine tasting was originally a little party in **Bob Mains'** yard, where a few hundred dollars was originally raised. Forty two years later it is one of the largest fundraisers of its' kind in Orange County. Last year it made over \$65,000.00 I understand. I'm sure that without **Bob's** early efforts, it wouldn't be what it is today. **Gary James** who is our picnic guru and such an important part of our ability to provide **Kiwanisland** for local activities, was **Jack's** guest. He told us about how the agreement between **Kiwanisland** and his **James Productions** came to be, and has been so positive for both **Gary James**, and **Kiwanis**. In fact **Gary** added a little extra to our pot **after** completion of negotiations for his new contract, because he had a little room to give. Almost unheard of these days. So thank you **Gary**. **Gary** also said that the reason for our mutual friendly relations, is due to the negotiating skills of **Jack Wallin**, and his easy going, soft spoken manner of doing business. It is obvious that **Gary James** drinks heavily. Keep his glass full **Jack!** **Gary Sunda** complimented **Tony Lombardi** for the wonderful **Chamber Mixer** he held at **Grove Body** on **Wednesday**. The place looked beautiful especially a Body Shop, the cleanest and best looking interior I've ever seen in that business, the food was plentiful and very good. There was a group of about 150 people, attesting to the popularity of **Tony, Emma and Ken**. The drawing for sponsors for the **Miss Garden Grove Pageant** was held there as is the Chamber custom. We chose **Jenna Howard**, **VP Craig Howard's** youngest daughter. We decided that since **Jenna** was really one of our own, that it was the thing to do. Seriously, **Jenna** will do a great job as our representative, and was the one we wanted all along, and the **Howard's** are fun to work with. It's nice to have the family back in our **Pageant Program**. **HB Kiwanis** filled us in on their **July 4th** activities. They served over 2000 people and raised over \$100,000.00 for their city at their Pancake Breakfast. That Slightly exceeded the amount we took in at he Strawberry Festival pancake breakfast.. Their food was all donated, probably made the difference. It was also noted, that the **Korean Amateur Sports Association** donated \$300.00 to **Kiwanisland** for the use of the park.



42 years ago, I drank wine to get drunk. Now I drink wine as a community service!. How good is that!

Jay's Book is now a reality

After months of hard work, delays, and some frustrations, **Jays** book that he poured his soul into, has been completed and copies are hot off the press. It's a wonderful book about **Jay**, who is the **Czar of Catering**, and it's aptly titled "**The Czar of Catering.**" I had the opportunity to read most of it earlier, and it's a delightful story about a man who started out with almost nothing and became the success that he is today. **Jay** intended to write his story for his grandchildren to let them know who he was, and how he got there, but soon it became a passion. It's a class book to read and have as a lasting memory of an old friend. **Jay** told us that has created a new room at his facility that seats 60 people. He has asked that on **Thursday September 14**, we have a **ladies night** to kick off that space, where he will have a special dinner, and each member will receive a copy of his new book. You never know with **Jay**, it could end up as a major film.

Happy/Sad Dollars

As both my loyal readers know; (I'm not sure who they are, but I'm told there are two out there.) the **Happy/Sad** portion of our newsletter drives me nutty. In the old days, someone would be happy for a birthday, or sad for someone being ill, happy for an inheritance, or sad for a friend caught in a blizzard in **Encino**. Recently a strange metamorphosis has taken place. We have developed a contest to see who mentions the most names. Great for the Kitty, not easy for the writer. This week it was **Craig**, who had a happy dollar for almost everyone. **Craig** mentioned dollars for daughter **Jenna**, and friend **Gaby**, for entering the pageant, **Tony** and others, (see below,) the heavy use of the rest rooms I believe, along with the turnout, and perhaps other turnouts, and future turnouts. Since space and my handwriting preclude getting everything right, I will do the best I can to not omit anyone with no special guarantee that I'm correct with their comments. For **Jay's book** we have **RC, Tom E. Walt, Ed H. Efrain, Will, Shelly, Jerry M., Gerry N., and Charles K.**, adding his trip to **Canada, Tony's mixer**, and **HB** being with us, for a total of twenty dollars. **Tony's mixer** had support from **RC, Ed, Jerry M. Jay**. (Twenty) **Tom E.** and **Bob M.** went for **Efrains** "cute haircut" (God help us all) along with **RC, Huntington Beach Club**. the official removal of **Tom E's** medical support hose after knee surgery brought joy to **Shelly, Efrain, Tom E.** was thrilled about his nylon support hose removal, walker going too. Then we head that **Schlenker** has a badly torn **Achilles Tendon**, and **Glasby** had to go into the hospital for surgery, instead of outpatient, so that flow of sympathy brought out **Will**, and **Jack**. Also **Tom P/ five**, son leaving for **Amsterdam** to play baseball with a group, **Peter C.** Happy to be here, **Walt** same, **Huntington Beach** lady **Lynn** sad, no women present. (We told her they all went on a cruise.) **Gary James**, started using the park in 1983, happy to be here, **Terry Torteline** **HB** guest, happy to be here, and see friends, two for **Ed's** guest **Marlin**, from someone already mentioned. All of the ones mentioned above, were also mentioned by **Craig** I think. If I forgot anyone I am not surprised.

Coming Soon

July 25th Former Garden Grove and Disneyland Fire Chief

August Van Tran

September Janet Nguyen

Thought For The Week

Today is the last day of some of your life.