



# Ramblings

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*This header appears far too often in our newsletter so let's all knock it off shall we?*

## Club Member Injuries on the mend (we hope)

**Rick Glasby** and **Don Schlensker** should be starting the healing process about now. Although I keep reporting that **Rick** will be undergoing treatment shortly, there have been delays, and hopefully it is going on as you read this. Remember there are two issues with Rick. The severe injuries that occurred as he suddenly passed out and laid his bike down on the road, and the other, which is "why did it happen?" It looks like Rick will be OK, that will eventually regain his health, He may need a pacemaker inserted in his chest, but if that is what it takes, so be it. As long as he is well. **Schlensker** is recovering from a torn **Achilles Tendon**, I believe, which is about 70% damaged. Just writing the words, makes me cringe. So all I can say to both of them, is come back to us soon, so that we can tease you about it, rather than wince every time we think about it.



It could have been a lot worse I guess, but at this time, I doubt either Don or Rick would agree. Get well guys!

### Jay's dinner set to kick off "Foundation Room" September 13.

The opening of **Jays Catering's** newest banquet room, will be Thursday September 13, at his beautiful facility on Garden Grove Boulevard. The room is of special pride to **Jay**, and seats 60 people. It will be used for various events, but especially for charitable foundations, that are raising funds and need someplace to have a get-together. He has generously decided that the opening would be a **Kiwanis** and spouse or "good friend" night. He also gave all of us a copy of his new book, and those who bring it with them, will have it autographed that evening. **Craig Howard** tells us that wife **Monnie**, was at a **Lions Club** event, and commented that the food at **Kiwanis** is outstanding and much tastier than any of the other organizations serve at their functions. Obviously they don't use **Jays**. **Jay** also thanked **Shelly** for opening the communication lines for him to get some **Costco** business and commented on how service clubs can be so helpful in getting to know and meet the local business community, and increase sales.

### Howard's, Howard's, everywhere!

There are **Kiwanis** meetings that everyone has something to say, or announce, and there are others that for one reason or another, somebody dominates. This was a "**Howard**" evening. In addition to **Monnie's** rave review of **Jays** food, **Jenna Howard** has been chosen as our representative for the **Miss Garden Grove Pageant** and will be our speaker this week to talk about how she's doing. As if that wasn't enough **Craig** went to the podium and announced that after serving as **Vice President** for almost two years, agonizing over whether he would be worthy of such an honor as being **President 2007-2008**, he has decided to take the plunge and serve in that capacity. After a moment of silence, the room burst into wild applause, not only because **Craig** will do a good job, but none of the rest of us want it. In a poll while leaving the meeting, when asked what we expect to be his biggest challenge, the consensus was "better jokes!" He then topped off the "**Howard Experience**" by winning the \$500.00 jackpot. Enough already! I was so upset I refused his begging me not to publish it in the newsletter, so that **Monnie** wouldn't see it.. Take that **Craig!**

### Vector Control Invites You!

**Vector Control**, those friendly mosquito and vermin guys, have invited us to their open house August 16, I believe it's 10:00 AM-7:00 PM, with their Board Meeting at 3:00 PM, they are located at 13001 Garden Grove Blvd. You will know who they are, they will be the ones scratching themselves. RSVP to 714-971-2401 xt 111. Operators await your call!

### Happy/Sad Dollars

Happy Dollars went to **Jay** for the completion of his book, and providing us with copies. Included among those, were **Peter, Jerry M, Tom E. RC, Ed H, Shelly, Don N,** and **Walt. Josh** for returning to the club after a lengthy absence. **Peter** an additional four for being happy, **Jay twenty**, for a return visit of the "classiest **Kiwanian** of them all;" former **President and Lt. Governor, Larry Shaffer**. (I know that that's true because **Larry** said the same thing.) also basking in his presence and paying for the honor, were **Tom E, Ed H, Jack**, who was happy for himself being there too, and **Don N.** who was also happy to see **Shelly's** guest **Robin Marcario**, as was **Shelly. Tom E.** also happy, for only one more week of Support Hose, "only" being the key word. **Kelly for Josh and Jay, Main, RC,** and **Walt** contributed for **Lon Cahill's** program, **Robin Marcario**, for meeting all us wonderful guys, **Will five**, leaving on vacation with grandkids, and sad for **Schlensker**, and hoping that a possible Pacemaker for **Rick**, will be the answer to stabilizing his fainting spells. I apologize to **Craig** for not specifically listing his, I thought he was going to do one of those "Dollar each for everybody by name" things, and took a nap, only to wake up and hear that he only did three. I would imagine that was for **Jenna** being with us next week, **Jay**, and maybe **Tom E.** we'll never know for sure, **Scott five** for the new light fixture. Last comes **Gary Sunda**, because I know he searches for his name, and is the only one who remembers what he said, and checks on it. He knows when he is left off the list, and remembers what he said. This time it was five for **RCS Shows** providing free rides to **Strawberry Festival Board** members.

### Lon Cahill talks about Disneyland Fire Department

**Lon Cahill**, former head of both **Garden Grove** and **Disneyland's Fire Department** was our speaker. **Lon** is always interesting. He was there to talk about the **Department in Disneyland**. There are about 130 firefighters there, with a minimum of five years of service needed to be hired. About 30 are full time and the rest work special events, vacations, etc. They are called "cast members" since they serve the public there. **Lon** explained that there is a large difference in city or county fire departments and Disney. Cities and Counties, aren't pressured with making a profit for their total operation. **Disney** is a business, and while they have the latest equipment, there is still pressure to not overspend. With all the computer equipment available to them, they still send up balloons to test the wind direction for firework shows, not because it's cheaper, it works better. So there are still methods money can't buy. **Lon** is now retired again.

### Coming Soon

**August 2 Jenna Howard** Miss Garden Grove Kiwanis contestant and you know who's daughter

Sometime in August: Assemblyman Van Tran

Sometime in September Janet Nguyen

### Thought For The Week

Hard work never killed anybody but why take the chance?