



# Ramblings

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One of the pleasures of my early years in **Kiwanis**, was talking to **Bob Wadkins**, and having the pleasure of playing a little Golf with him in Palm Desert. It was obvious he was kind, because he never mentioned what a rotten golfer I was, and it was also obvious the love that he had for **Kiwanis**. He showed it all the time. When our bell disappeared and wasn't seen in almost a year, it was Bob, who even though he was living in Palm Desert, and no longer involved, purchase a newer and costlier one. His family knew too, and also knew that he wanted to do something in appreciation of the years that he spent with us, so **Bob Jr.** came to our meeting tonight and made a \$5000.00 donation to the Endowment Fund in his father's name. Those who knew **Bob** will never forget him.

## Speaking Of Old Bell, It Is No Longer Missing

When our bell disappeared, members were upset, but it was custom at the time. Anyone returning it would have faced lots of criticism, a joke that got away. None of us would have owned up to it. The old bell was a cheap one, the "Wadkins replacement" was "top of the line.", Could it be- -? Nah!

## Wal-Mart Perhaps Speaketh with Forked Tongue

Normally we don't talk too much of things outside **Kiwanis**, but since we never have to request a speaker from the city, since we have our own ex Mayor, current **Councilman** and **Kiwanian**, in **Bruce Broadwater**, we can ask him. Most of the time he will even answer us. **Wal-Mart** had promised **Garden Grove** a 187,000 foot two story Superstore (if passed by council) and was only a week away from their hearing, suddenly decided that maybe they ought to reign it in a tad, and lop off 50 or 60 thousand feet. Off went the 2nd story and other amenities, until it became kind of a regular typical **Wal-Mart** store, which was not anything close to what was expected. Perhaps the economic downturn may have something to do with it, but there also is the possibility of a quiet, sneak out the back door, farewell, but of course no reputable business ever does that to a city, do they? That would probably meet with mixed emotions from the natives, so we just have to wait and see how it plays out.

## Another new member joins the fold!

**Robin Marcario** has taken the plunge, and joined us as our newest member. With **Carmine Gallo** signing up in September that makes two new members in two months. Based on that statistic, in two years we will be well over sixty in membership, I can hardly wait, Robin has been very active in our community. She writes a newsletter for central Garden Grove residents, was a long time member of the traffic commission, and also is on the OCTA Advisory Board. A graduate of **Pacifica High School**, you can usually see her at the **City Council Meetings** on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. We welcome her. Robin was sponsored by **Shelly Singer**. Congratulations.

## Happy/Sad Dollars

**Don N.** happy five for Robin and donation

**Peter C.** see Don N.

**Efrain D.** see Don N. and Peter C.

**Jerry K.** happy ten had a great birthday party,

**Walt G.** sad felt he was really not ready to be Treasurer, and resigned

**Ed H.** happy five took car home from Kelly's party, and Deer season is opening.

**Bob M.** nice to be here, and Wadkins donation.

**Jack W.** daughter back from Japan and visiting with him, and Wadkins donation.

**Bruce B.** sad about funeral, (Wish I could remember whose,) and both happy and sad, about Robin.

**Rick G.** five because most everyone else gave five', new members, and released from Physical Therapy.

**Jay M.** sad twenty, missed Jerry's party, happy that he spent a lot of money on it.

**Shelly;** Jay spoke at an event for 30 minutes, and didn't mention Kiwanis.

**Josh L.** five missed Jerry's party happy for Robin joining, and sad, never met Wadkins,

**Jerry M.** five for Robin and donation for Endowment Fund.

**G.** Newkirk missing next week's meeting.

**Robin M.** five, happy to be a member, sad joined too late to be invited to Kelly's

## This last sad four dollars, by it's nature, must stand alone

**C. Howard** sad! in the "It can only happen to **Craig**" department, he and his family drove four hours to get to a 5-7 PM cocktail party, made it just in time and found everyone leaving because it was scheduled from 2-5. He says **Monnie** did it, but as a Las Vegas devotee, and a conservative bettor, my money is on **Craig**.

## Thank You Jerry Kelly

I think **Jerry Kelly** deserves a big hand for his efforts on the **Ray Beaudoin Memorial** event. **Jerry** said that anyone could do it, but **Jerry** was the one who stepped up and took it over after **Ray** passed away. Who knows what would have happened. There's a lot of responsibility involved in taking on that chore, and I know I wouldn't want it, so a little thank you next time you see him, might be nice.

## Coming Soon

Isn't it nice to come and be pleasantly surprised at the evening schedule? The food is great, the company is fine, (Unless you sit alone and nobody talks to you) and you get to see what **Craig** will come up with next.

## Thought For The Week

If you say that "you can do it," or if you say that "you can't do it" you are right



Maybe we can drop by Wal-Mart and make a Christmas donation to help build their Super Store. They must be heart broken