



Ramblings

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The windstorms made a bit of a mess of the Park...

Santa Ana Kiwanis Club Visits

Four members of the **Kiwanis Club of Santa Ana** joined us tonight for an **Inter-Club** meeting. **Club President John Acosta** and his wife **Starla**, **V.P Herb Michels** and **Thanh Nguyen** (owner of the **Knowlwoods Restaurants**) were on hand to share in the food, fun and camaraderie that makeup a **Garden Grove Kiwanis** meeting. They got to see a fairly cleaned up **Park** after the recent windstorms that we had. **Jack W.** reported that we had not lost any trees in the **Park**, but we had suffered damage to many with a lot of limbs and branches down. **Jack** said he and some hired help had been chopping, chain sawing and cleaning up over the past several days and had filled almost 80 trash barrels and four dumpsters full of leaves, branches and debris. The wind also partially brought down the tarps over the amphitheater and damaged the ones over the stage. **Gary Sunda** provide a CD of some photos taken in the Park after the windstorm and they were shown during the meeting.



The Santa Ana Kiwanis Club is one Div. 4's Largest Clubs.

Announcements

President Craig announced that there would be a work party this Saturday at 8 am and that those interested could meet at 7:30 for breakfast at the **Main Street Café**. The work party would finish taking down the tarps over the amphitheater that the wind started for them and perform cleanup of the **Park** after the recent windstorm. Thanks to **Jack Wallin, R.C. Gall, Tom Petrosine, Rick Glasby, Gary Sunda, Don Nielsen** and **Craig Howard** for showing up for the work party and pitching in.

Jay Mastroianni said that he had been down to Baja California recently and visited and had lunch with past member **Jimmy White** who lives there. **Jimmy** said to say hello to all of his **Kiwanis** friends.

The **Club** will be providing a donation to the **Bolsa Grande H.S. Key Club** for operational expenses and for scholarships.

Happy/Sad

Don N. - Happy \$ for the speaker tonight and the visitors from the **Santa Ana** club.

Tom E. - Happy \$ to be back home after their **Russia** cruise.

Robin M. - Happy \$ for all of the guests here tonight.

Walt D. - Happy \$ for **Tom E.** being home and for **Oregon** to beat **USC**.

R. C. - Happy \$ to be here tonight in spite of fact that last weeks bulletin said he would be gone.

Jerry M. - Happy \$ that **Gerry N.** is doing the bulletin this week. **John L.** seconded this with a Happy \$.

Jerry K. - Happy \$ that his nephew's house near **Barona** was spared from the fires.

Shelly S. - Happy \$ that he got his car back from **Tony L.**'s shop and it looks great.

Ed H. - Happy \$ that he got a new boat. Sad \$ that deer season is basically over due to all of the fires.

Jay M. - Sad \$ that **Palo Mesa Golf Course** was damaged in the fires. He had played there many times.

Tom P. - Happy \$ that he is all moved into his second home in **Valencia**. Happy \$ he stays there 3 nights a week.

Don S. - Happy \$ that **Tony L.** painted several motorcycle parts for him and they look fantastic. Sad \$ that he missed a few meetings and Happy \$ to be back here with **Kiwanis** friends.

Jack W. - Sad \$ that he found out his brother has Pancreatic Cancer and things are not looking good.

Rick G. - Happy \$ that **Efrain D.** pulled the blue chip for him last week. Happy \$ that one year ago his daughter was married at **KiwanisLand**. Happy \$ for **Jack W.**'s recent birthday and Sad \$ for all of the fire victims.

Will S. - Happy \$ for **Santa Ana Club** visiting. Sad \$ that he missed last week.

Efrain D. - Happy \$ for **Santa Ana Club** to be here tonight and visit with us.

Tony L. - Happy \$ for getting **Shelly S.**'s car back to him and that he was happy with the work.

Thanh N. (from Santa Ana Club) - Happy \$21 for meeting 21 **Garden Grove Kiwanis** members and being here tonight.

John A. (from Santa Ana Club) - Happy \$ to be here tonight.

Starla A. (from Santa Ana Club) - Happy \$ to be here and not be the only woman here tonight.

John L. - Happy \$ for **Jack W.**'s birthday and \$ for **Santa Ana Club** to be here tonight

Craig H. - Sad \$ for all of those affected by the fires. Happy \$ for **Jack W.**'s birthday, **Santa Ana** and **GGPD** being here.

Gerry N. - Sad \$ for missing last week and for fires. Happy \$ for **GGPD Sgt. Whitney** and **Santa Ana Club** here tonight.

Program

Our program for the evening was **Sergeant Carl Whitney** of the **GGPD**. Carl joined the **GGPD** as a cadet in 1989 and as a sworn officer in 1991. He has been a motorcycle officer, Homicide Detective (with a 100% solve rate) and is currently a "breacher" on the **GGPD SWAT** unit and was awarded the **Medal of Valor** in 2004. **Sgt Whitney** spoke to us tonight about **GGPD**'s recruitment effort. The **City Council** recently voted to increase the **GGPD** staffing from 166 to 183 heads and with upcoming retirements, transfers, etc., they will be needing to hire 30 officers over the next 3 years. Out of every 100 applicants that they get, they usually end up with 2-3 actual officers that make the force. The **GGPD** hiring process takes about 6 months and includes physical and written tests, oral interviews, background checks, a Voice Stress Analyzation test, Psych and Physical exams and the Captain's Oral interview. If you make it past all of that then you get to spend 26 weeks in the Police Academy, 3 months with a Field Training Officer and 15 months on a probationary period. This is what makes the **GGPD** the fine unit it is.

Coming Soon

Nov. 15 Thanksgiving Party Ladies Night

Nov. 22 Thanksgiving Holiday (Club dark)

Thought For The Week

I know that life isn't always fair, but why isn't it ever unfair in my favor?