



# Ramblings

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With Valentine's Day falling on February 14th, it seemed to be a good time to celebrate it rather than something else.

## Valentine's Day Dinner to be held on Valentine's Day

Since our Board of Directors is always looking for a reason for a "spouse, or significant other" night, it was a pleasant surprise to find that Valentine's Day and our meeting night were both being held on February 14th. From there it didn't take long to come up with a special evening at Kiwanis. **Jay** volunteered to set the menu, (He knows the cook) while the rest of us volunteered to come and enjoy the evening. **President Craig** promised not to quit prior to the party, and it quickly became a "go". So please calendar the date, and it looks like it will be a lot of fun. Our one and only **Shelly Singer** has scheduled **Maggie Wells, C.E.O** of our local **Costco** to be our guest speaker for the evening. A most amazing feat since we didn't know we needed a speaker till after the meeting began.



Nothing like a romantic party at the park with your favorite Valentine.

### Two Special Youth Events to be held in February

As you know, our special focus is on youth, and February we will have two big events at the park. The first one will be the **Installation of Officers Barbecue** for the **Bolsa Grande Key Club**. **John Leeb** will be handling most of that, but needs volunteers on the night of the event.. It will be a Thursday, and anyone can come, but it wont be a regular meeting. **Our Key Club has over 150 members**, and they turn over completely every four years, and we have barely 40 and haven't reached 50 in fifty years! The other event is our annual "**Boys and Girls Club award night**," later in the month. **Craig** and **Jack** will be doing a lot of that, and could also use some help, like cooking hamburgers etc., (**Can you say Swanstrom?**) So if you want to get involved let them know. We should have dates by next week. (not like a **Petrosine** date, a calendar date.)

### Chamber Mixer at "Downtown Grill"

We usually don't headline a mixer unless it's a members, but "**Doug's Downtown Grill**" recently opened on "**Historic Old Main St.**" It's a nice place, especially fitting in that area. Many of us know **Doug**, and when I was there, of the five tables being used, I knew the folks at four. I hear that from others too. (No they didn't leave, but it might have been because I didn't join them.) So if you haven't been there, or if you have, and liked it, as most everyone has, you might show support, and stop by. The sign code is a bit restrictive there, and some haven't noticed it yet. I'm sure that **Doug** will appreciate it. Freebies at a restaurant are usually pretty good too. It's **January 16th at 5:30 PM, 12900 Main St.**

### Checks, checks, and more checks

**Kiwanisland** received some financial thanks recently. Since **Boeing** has a **Community fund** where employees designate their charity contributions to go, we received a check for \$153.00, courtesy of **Gerry Newkirk**, the ever humble **Mr. Newkirk** conceded that some of that might have come via courtesy of the "missing" **Scott McIlvain**. For those who might not remember who that is, he was our Treasurer way back in 2007. If anyone spots him on the street, say hello. In addition we received \$200.00 from **Steve Shuster** from the "**Wilderness First Aid Club**. Is there a need for one in **Garden Grove**? I didn't know. **James** and **Laurie Anderson** donated \$25.00 in the memory of **Jon Elliott**. I wish he was still here. Lastly, **Will Swanstrom's** sister-in-law contacted **Wal-Mart** and requested \$1000.00 for **Kiwanisland** and got it. Can you imagine how much we might have received if we had a Store here?

### The Hospital group is cleaning up pretty good.

As I was looking around the room Thursday I noticed how much better **Jay** looked. To me it was amazing to see him almost as good as new. **Shelly** looks better every day, and **Peter C.** is almost back to good health after a two year trip. I hope this is a trend for the future, and that all of us have a healthy and happy new year. Do you hear that **Jack and Marge**? It's time.

### Happy/Sad Dollars

Once again I will try to do my best to write the happy/sads as presented. I have no idea if I will, but I hope if I don't, those who contributed, will do what I expect that they usually do, and that is, forget what they said.

**Bob M.** happy; has no idea why.

**Gerry N.** happy Eating Jay's food

**Jay M.** happy 20 a contribution to the bar.

**Jack W.** happy 2 why not?

**Will S.** happy; Sister in law's effort to get the Wal-Mart thousand.

**Bruce B.** happy three better than watching TV.

**Efran D.** happy three; no reason

**Craig H.** sad hasn't learned the Presidential routine yet.

**Jerry M.** one for Craig, hope he learns it soon

**Don S.** happy for Wills cabinet finishing and Craigs' meeting (sic)

**Peter C.** see Efran

**Tom P.** happy for Craig's "well run" meeting

**Rick G.** happy kitchen; has new microwave working!

**Shelly S.** happy to be here

**Gary S.** happy, off on the "Blues Cruise

**Walt D.** happy 2 to be here

**John L.** happy 2 built his fence

**Jerry K. ;** New tenant paid rent.

### Coming Soon

**February 7** Bruce will have a speaker, or a city update

**February 14** Valentine Day Celebration

### Thought for the week

The worst place to have a heart attack is during a game of Charades.