



# Ramblings

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*Dinner and a Movie Kiwanis Style!*

## GG Kiwanis Club Has a “Movie Night”

Club members and a several guests were at the Clubhouse this evening not only to experience the organized chaos that is a **GG Kiwanis Club** meeting, but to also be a part of our Movie Night event.

### A Few Announcements First

**President Craig** got the meeting off to a quick start by having **Club** members introduce their guests for this evening. **Bruce Broadwater** brought long time associates **Gerry Coleman** and **Torrie Zimmerman** along to enjoy a fine meal and learn more about the history of the **P.E. Railway**. **Bob Main** introduced **John Perott** and ex-Garden Grove Fire Chief **Lon Cahill**, who are regular members of the morning **Coffee Klatch** at **Main Street Café**, who were also there to see the featured film. **Craig** also had the following announcements:

- The **Miss Garden Grove Pageant** will be having a **Texas Hold'em Fundraising Tournament** on March 8th at the **Lions Clubhouse**. Our **Club** is pulling a team together to play and so far, **Gary S., Don N., Walt D., Jerry M.** and **Craig H.** have signed up to play. We need 8 people to form the team, so any interested members or family should contact **President Craig** or **Jerry Margolin**.
- There will be a **KiwanisLand Work Party** on Saturday, Mar. 1st. Interested parties can meet for breakfast at **Main Street Café** at 7:30 am and the work party will start at about 8:15 am.
- We will be having a **St. Patrick's Day Dinner** on March 14 and it will be a **Ladies Night** event. So mark your calendars and find a bit o' green to wear that night as we celebrate the **Luck of the Irish**.



*Who was supposed to bring the popcorn?*

### History of the Pacific Electric Railroad

**Bruce B.** provided tonight's feature, which was entitled "**This Was Pacific Electric**". This film, narrated by Stephanie Edwards, was a history of the world's greatest electric railway, the Pacific Electric Railway (also known as the Red Car system). The story traces the rise & fall of the P.E. using old film footage and photographs, animated maps and extensive interviews. It started in 1872 with L.A.'s first horse car line and continuing through to the last Red Car that ran in 1961. At its greatest extent (the early 1920's) the system interconnected cities in Los Angeles and Orange Counties and also connected to Riverside County and San Bernardino County in the Inland Empire. The Pacific Electric was the largest operator of interurban electric railway passenger service in the world, with over 1,000 miles of track and dozens of regularly scheduled trains a day. The Pacific Electric also ran frequent freight trains under electric power throughout its service area, including one of the few electrically-powered Railway Post Office routes in the country. The Pacific Electric created many of the outlying communities due to the ease of being able to travel to major cities (such as LA) where the work was located on a regular and reliable railway service. Thus the term "commuters" was coined. The railway started to decline during the Depression years, but saw a surge in service during and right after WWII due to gas rationing, and hauling workers and freight to shipyards, etc. But due to the popularity of the automobile, the line again began to decline and by 1960, there was only one line left, from Los Angeles to Long Beach. This line was shut down on April 9, 1961. Removing the Red Cars caused businesses to fold from Glendale to Watts and beyond.



### Upcoming Events

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| Mar 6th  | Garden Grove Boys and Girls Club "Youth of the Year" awards dinner at KiwanisLand |
| Mar 8th  | Miss Garden Grove Texas Hold'em Tournament at the Lions Club                      |
| Mar 14th | St. Patrick's Dinner Event (Ladies Night)   |

### Thought For The Week

*"The trouble with the future is that it's getting here faster than it used to."*

*Gerry Newlink*