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Craig's missing again and Tom P. is Large and in Charge!

Return of Petrosine Power

President "Craig Who" was missing in action tonight after making a triumphant return last week and **V.P. Tom Petrosine** was back in command of the **Garden Grove Kiwanis Club** this evening. Rumor was that **Craig** was going through **NASCAR** withdrawals and had run off somewhere to try and get another fix. So the first thing **Commander Tom** did was have **Will S.** lead the **Club** in a **Flag** salute, **R.C.** lead us in a patriotic song (that actually sounded pretty good tonight) and third string right-reverent **Gerry N.** lead us in an invocation (**Jerry K.** and **Bruce B.** were also M.I.A.). Then **Commander Tom** did something that some people might call ridiculous, but most in attendance thought was insanely ingenious. He had a surprise **Garden Grove Kiwanis** badge inspection even though he couldn't find his badge this evening! He was the first one to place his fine in the bucket and **Josh L., Rick G., Jay M., Will S.,** and **Don S.** were asked to join with him for not having their badges on.



We hope that Tom P. might get used to feeling the power in order for next year...

Happy/Sad

- Rick G.** - Sad \$ that **fill-in President Tom P.** has no badge tonight and claims that someone stole it.
- Don S.** - Sad \$ to be fined for wearing **Larry S.**'s badge tonight. Happy \$ to be here and for all the love in the room.
- Jack W.** - Happy \$ that **Marge** is feeling much better. **Tony L.** - Happy \$ to hear that **Marge** is doing better.
- Will S.** - Happy \$20 to be going to **Vegas** next week. (He must be feeling lucky). Sad \$ that he will miss next week.
- Brent H.** - Happy \$ for **Marge** feeling better. Happy \$ cause Old Dudes beat Young Dudes in softball game at work.
- Tom E.** - Happy \$ to be **Club Treasurer**. Sad \$ for **L.A.** folks that will have their diamond lanes turned into toll lanes.
- Jay M.** - Sad \$10 for **Shelly S.** who is at home and not feeling well tonight.
- Peter C.** - Sad \$ to hear that **Shelly S.** is not feeling well. Happy \$ that **Marge** is feeling better.
- R.C.** - Happy \$ for all who responded to the **Jack Wallin** dinner invitation. Sad \$ for all those who haven't yet sent it in.
- Walt D.** - Happy \$ for **Diane's** birthday and for his kids who are coming into town for the party. Sad \$ that he has to pay.
- Gary S.** - Sad \$ because no one at the meeting listens during the Happy/Sads.
- Ed H.** - Happy \$ cause he is sitting next to **Bob M.** and for **Marge** doing better. Happy \$ that his grandson finished **Navy Boot Camp** at **Great Lakes, MI.** Happy \$ that **Efrain D.** is his friend and filled in for him at **GGSF** meeting.
- Efrain D.** - Happy \$ that **Marge** is feeling better and that **Ed H.** has a friend.
- Bob M.** - Happy \$ to be here with us tonight. (Happy to be anywhere he added).
- Josh L.** - Happy \$20 that his ex-wife ended up having to pay him \$37/week in child support.
- Don N.** - Sad \$ **V.P. Tom P.** couldn't find his badge tonight. Happy \$ that **Tom P.** finally found his badge tonight.
- Tom P.** - Happy \$ for **Walt D.** agreeing to be the program tonight.
- Gerry N.** - Happy \$ for going to **Seattle** again next week for work. Sad \$ that "**Craig Who?**" not here with us tonight.

Program

Tonight's speaker was our own **Walt Donovan**. **Walt** was born in **Santa Ana** in 1926, soon after his parents moved there from **Ohio**. The "**Donovan Boys**" were known to be a bit on the wild side when **Walt** and his brother were growing up. He attended **Bolsa Elementary** school on Brookhurst and First Street and graduated from **Garden Grove High School** (Class of '44 with a graduation class of 380 students). **Walt** then went to **Santa Ana Junior College** where he played football. He then went to **University of Oregon** where he not only lettered in football, but he also met his wife **Diane** (they got married in 1948). **Walt** worked at a variety of jobs during his career. He was a cook and counter man at **Walt's Malts** at Harbor and First St., worked for **Sears & Roebuck Auto Center**, was a commercial cook in **Long Beach** and worked for **The Edison Company** in positions from a meter reader to an Area Manager. **Walt** says that he both opened and closed the **Garden Grove Edison** office. **Walt** first got interested in **City** politics by attending **City Council** meetings and decided to run for the **Council** in 1972. **Bob Main** was his campaign manager and he ran against a large field of candidates including **Woody Butterfield**. He even had a buddy who was a helicopter pilot and flew over the **City** towing a banner that said "**Vote for Walt**". **Walt** won the election and served on the **Council** for several years and then in 1988 he decided to run for **Mayor**. He won the election and served in that position for four years. **Walt** was (and still is) "Pro Redevelopment" and felt that the **City** needed to change from mostly residential in order to keep prospering.

Upcoming Events

- May 1st **Mystery Speaker provided by Bruce Broadwater**
- May 8th **Mother's Day Dinner Ladies Night (OC Supervisor Janet Nguyen is guest speaker)**
- May 14th **Jack Wallin Recognition Dinner at GG Community Center. (No Kiwanis meeting on the 15th)**
- May 23 - 26 **Kiwanis Corn Booth at Garden Grove Strawberry Festival**

Thought For The Week

"A friend laughs at your jokes when they're not so good, and sympathizes with your problems when they're not so bad."

Gerry Newlark