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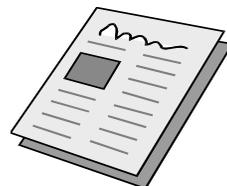
GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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After a couple of weeks hiatus,

The Ramblings Newsletter is back!

After being silent for two weeks, the **Garden Grove Kiwanis Club's** weekly **Ramblings** newsletter is back in print. Two weeks ago the **Club** was dark after having held the **Jack Wallin** Recognition Dinner the night before at the **Garden Grove Community Center**. It was quite an event with close to 200 people in attendance and several **County** and **City** officials there, along with **Jack's** family, to honor **Jack** and his 50 years of community service. There was even a surprise visit from a "Miss Texas" contestant that presented **Jack** with a sash and crown. It was a fun night for all in attendance. Then last week there was a meeting to get everyone psyched up for the **Garden Grove Strawberry Festival** and our **Club's Corn Booth** and **Pancake Breakfast** during the **Festival**. Since so many of the **Club** members are involved with the running of the **Festival** (including all the **Ramblings** bulletin writers) and all **Club** members were asked to help with the **Corn Booth** and the **Pancake Breakfast**, there was no time available to write and submit the bulletin. So we had to do without it for a second week. I assume everyone was able to buck up and survive without too much withdrawal pains. But we are back in force this week!



Two weeks without Kiwanis news. Is that cruel and unusual punishment?

Strawberry Festival Reports

President Craig started the meeting off by having **Pancake Breakfast Chairman John Leeb** give a report on how our Saturday morning event did this year. **John** reported that we sold 57 tickets at the door for \$5 each and that there were 92 tickets purchased by the **Strawberry Festival Association** for VIP's and dignitaries. There were also 94 tickets purchased for the **Police Explorers** of the various cities that attended and worked the **Festival**. This was a grand total of 243 tickets or \$1215. There were \$694 in expenses so that left us with a \$520 net profit for the **Club**. While this is not a huge amount, **John** said that we had 100 less people than last year due to the inclement weather and that we did not sell placemat advertising space due to the fact that it was so close to our April **Pancake Breakfast** event at **KiwanisLand**. Next year we will work more on pre-sales, advertising and the placemats. **John** wished to thank **Will S.; Don S.; Walt D. Tom P.; Efrain D.; Don N.; Mary Waggoner, Marlene Newkirk** and **Amada Newkirk** for their tremendous assistance in putting on the **Pancake Breakfast** event. **John** also thanked the **Bolsa Grande H.S. Key Club** members who volunteered their time to help our **Club** with this event.

President Craig then gave a report on the **Corn Booth**. We purchased 165 cases of white corn from **Stater Bros**, 35 cases of water, 8 cases of mayo packets, 7 tubs of parmesan cheese and the usual salt, pepper, napkins, etc. for the event. We sold out of all of our corn about 3 hours before the **Festival** was over on Monday night and ended up netting \$11K for the **Club**! We even had a test run of selling Dill Pickles from the booth for a short while and the crowd snapped them up very quickly at \$2 a piece. So we will keep them in mind as an additional item for next year (no prep time or effort...). **Craig** thanked all of the **Club** members and their families/friends and the **Bolsa Grande H.S. Key Club** members. Without everyone's effort in the Booth, we would not have been able to have a successful event. **Craig** also thanked **Veteran Ed** and his crew who provided the Booth flooring and picked up and transported the corn from the store and delivered corn each morning to the Booth, **Jay's Catering**, who let us store the corn in their walk in cold storage room, **Helen Weeks** who husked every morning for us, **Sally Monsoor** (the **County of Orange** Social Worker whom we coordinated with last December with our toy and canned food drive) who worked in our **Corn Booth**, and the Booth set-up and tear down crew.

Happy/Sad

- Don N.** - Happy \$ that **Helen** husked corn all weekend and for all who worked at **Corn Booth** and to be with this crew. Happy \$ for the Grand Marshalls (**Jack Wallin** and **Martin Landau**) at the **Strawberry Festival Parade**.
- R.C.** - Happy \$ that **Craig H.** did such a great job with **Corn Booth**. Happy \$ for **Shelly S.** and **Tom E.** assisting with **Jack Wallin's** party and that it turned out well and that it is all finally over. **Shelly S.** - Happy \$ to be here tonight.
- Gary S.** - Happy \$ that his, **Walt's, Peter's** and **Jack's** pictures are still up on the bulletin board. Happy \$ for all who worked **Corn Booth** and for **Craig H.** and **John L.** doing a good job. **Jerry M.** - Sad \$ that his dog is getting older and stiffer.
- Tom E.** - Happy \$ that his **Strawberry Festival** duties are done till next year and that he and **Pat** are going to **Hawaii** next week.
- Ed H.** - Sad \$ that he missed a few meetings while at **Havasu** and that he got rear ended on the freeway.
- Jerry K.** - Happy \$ for his anniversary yesterday and that he has been married 14 years to a wonderful woman.
- Bob M.** - Happy \$ for all of the hard work put in at the **Strawberry Festival** by the **Club** members.
- Will S.** - Happy \$20 for his wedding anniversary tomorrow and for a happy 34 of 38 years.
- John L.** - Happy \$ for the conclusion of the **Pancake Breakfast** and **Corn Booth** at the **Strawberry Festival**. Happy \$ that his transfer went through and he will be teaching at **Rancho Alamitos High School** next year.
- Craig H.** - Happy \$ for **BGHS Key Club** working with us on **Corn Booth** and **Pancake Breakfast** this weekend. Happy \$ for **Club** doing good at the **Festival**. Happy \$ for the newly elected **Club** officers.
- Gerry N.** - Happy \$ that **Corn Booth** and **Pancake Breakfast** made \$ this weekend. Happy \$ for **Craig H.** getting to be in **SF Parade** and doing good job with **Corn Booth**. Happy \$ for **John L.** and **Pancake Breakfast** crew.

Thought For The Week

"Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all."

Gerry Newkirk