



Ramblings

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Talk about a long way to go to play a gig!

GG Kiwanis Club Has an International Guest

This evening's **Kiwanis Club** attendees were treated to a special event as they entered the **Clubhouse**. No, it wasn't the usual smiling faces, but a couple of new smiling faces to meet and greet. **Karen** from **Germany** and her daughter **Suzanne** (who was born in **Germany** but now lives locally) were here to visit. More on them below. **President Craig** did have a few announcements for us tonight. He thanked those that were in attendance at last week's Ladies Night event and gave a brief re-cap of the evening, including again thanking **Supervisor Janet Nguyen** for being our guest and speaker and for the financial donation that she was able to procure for us from the **County** so that we could extend our walkways to the back of the **Park**. **Craig** also thanked **Tony and Emma Lombardi** for the hosting the **Garden Grove Chamber** mixer at their business on Wednesday evening. This was the event where the **Miss Garden Grove Pageant** contestants are introduced and paired with their sponsors. Our **Club** is sponsoring **Miss Gabrielle (Gabby) Pearson**, a **Garden Grove** resident who attends **Cal State Fullerton**. This is **Gabby's** second year in the **Pageant**. **President Craig** also announced that our **Club** would be teaming up with **Sally Monsoor** (the O.C. social worker whom we teamed with to do the Christmas canned food and toy drive last year and who worked in this years **Corn Booth**) to hold a "**Back to School**" backpack and supply drive. **Craig** will be collecting financial donations and our **Club** (via **Don S.** who volunteered to be our buyer) will then go out and buy backpacks, paper, pencils, pens, etc. in bulk to donate via **Sally** to those children whose families cannot afford to provide these items for them. **Craig** is asking for all donations to be in by **Aug. 14** so that we can make our buy and provide the items to **Sally** on **Aug. 21**.



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Gary Sunda announced that **KiwanisLand** now has a new phone number and voicemail and that it is 714-539-3542.

Happy/Sad

- R.C.** - Happy \$ for our speaker to us this evening.
- Walt D.** - Sad \$ that he missed last week's Ladies Night event. Happy \$ for the program this evening.
- Gary S.** - Happy \$ for our guests and Happy \$ for the great event that **Tony L.** put on at his place last night.
- Bruce B.** - Happy \$ for our guest from **Kassel, Germany**, where he once showered while serving there in the **Army**.
- Efrain D.** - Happy \$ to be here this evening and for our special guests to be here.
- Josh L.** - Happy \$ to be here tonight with his son.
- Jerry K.** - Happy \$ that his wife **Becky** just rented two of their vacant properties.
- Tony L.** - Happy \$ to be here this evening and for our speaker.
- Jack W.** - Happy \$ that **Bruce** had at least one shower in **Germany**.
- Don S.** - Happy \$ to have our guests here this evening and to listen to their program.
- Shelly S.** - Happy \$ for the two ladies to join us this evening and to talk to us about **Germany**.
- Jay M.** - Happy \$ to be here this evening with all of the **Club** members and the two guests.
- Karen** - Happy \$ to be here this evening and to see our lovely **Park**. Happy \$ to get to talk to all of us.
- Gerry N.** - Happy \$ for the guests/speaker this evening. Sad \$ has to go to **Seattle** next week and may miss meeting.
- Craig H.** - Happy \$ for the guests to be here tonight. Happy \$ that **Jenna** and **Gabby** are in the **Miss GG Paegent**.

Program

Tonight's impromptu program traveled all the way from **Germany** to come speak to us this evening. **Karen** knew that she would be in **Southern California** to visit her daughter **Suzanne**, who lives in **Diamond Bar**, and wanted to visit a **Kiwanis Club** while she was here. So **Suzanne** did a little bit of research and found our **Club**, and thought we looked interesting. So she did some calling around and contacted **John Leeb** and eventually got a hold of **President Craig**, who invited them to tonight's meeting. **Karen** lives in **Kassel, Germany** and is a founding member of the **Kassel Kiwanis Club** and they will be celebrating their 30th anniversary in August. **Kassel** is on the autobahn between **Frankfurt** and **Hanover**. The town has a population of about 200,000 and has three **Kiwanis Clubs**. One of **Kassel's** claims to fame is that it is home of the **German Wallpaper Museum** and the **Grimm Brothers Museum** (of fairy tale fame). **Karen's Kiwanis Club** has 20 members (15 men and 5 women) and they are also an evening **Club**. They collect and sell used books to raise funds for their community projects. They have about 12,000 used books and sell the rare and valuable ones on the internet and the rest they sell at a monthly book sale in the town. All of the books are priced based on the number of pages. Their currency is euros, but it works out to approx. 50¢ per 100 pages.

Upcoming Events

- July 24th** Joke Night at KiwanisLand (Those with no joke to tell may be fined!)
- July 31st** Guest Speaker Doug Coleman (from Doug's Downtown Grill)

Thought For The Week

"Time may be a great healer, but it is a lousy beautician!"