



Ramblings

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Tom is back, well rested and in charge.

President Tom Finally Returns!

President Tom Petrosine finally returned from his world travels and re-took control of the **Garden Grove Kiwanis Club**. It seems that he had been traveling the globe and cruising the seas in search of ways to better lead the band of brigands that make up our **Club**. The first thing he did as he started the meeting was to issue fines for anyone without a badge on or with a badge on that did not belong to them. Next, he had **Efrain D.** collect fines from anyone who had eaten or had started eating their desert. He must have learned that while taking a break from his leadership studies and while attending the many elaborate dinners aboard ship. There were a few calls from the audience for a return of the regime of **Immediate Past President Craig Howard**, but these quickly died down as **President Tom** got down to **Club** business.



It seems Tom P. had secluded himself aboard a cruise ship and been intensely studying up on leadership techniques.

Tom announced that there was some confusion about the 11/20 meeting. It will be a **Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner** meeting (complete with turkey dinner and a few turkey's in the audience as well!), but it will not be a "bring your favorite guest (a.k.a. Ladies Night)" event. We will be dark on 11/27 and then on Dec. 4th, we will have the **Kiwanis Club Christmas Party** extravaganza that will be a "bring your favorite guest (a.k.a. Ladies Night)" event. **Tom** promises it will be a "night to remember" and one that you won't want to miss. A sign-up sheet was started for the event.

President Tom also brought up potential new member **John Pham** and his sponsor **Ed Hodges**. **John** was presented with his **Kiwanis** pin and his **Club** apron, which is the first step in becoming a new member of our **Club**. **John** will now have to get all **Club** members to sign his apron and will eventually be asked to name everyone sitting at two of the tables at a future meeting. **John** told us a little bit about himself, he is married with two children and is a general contractor. He left **Viet Nam** in 1989 and lived in the **Philippines** and in **Canada** for several years before meeting his wife and coming to the **USA** and becoming a citizen in 2000. **Welcome John!**

Children's Holiday Gift Program

Marge reminds **Club** members to start getting in the frame of mind of thinking about our **Club's** Children's Holiday Gift Program. We will again be working with the social workers and **Community Action Partnership** to purchase gifts for children from ages 4 through 14. These gifts will be for the children of battered women who the social workers assist and who quite often have to pick up and leave with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. We will have more information at the Nov. 20th meeting and will need to get the items purchased, wrapped and turned in by the early December time frame. So start watching for those sales and getting in that Holiday frame of mind to help out the kids in our community.

Happy/Sad

- Peter C.** - Happy \$10 to be here tonight and for new member. **John P.** - Happy \$ to join our **Kiwanis Club**.
- Gary S.** - Happy \$20, had to out do **Carter**, Happy he won the pot this evening. **R.C.** - Happy \$ just for nothing.
- Don N.** - Happy \$ **Gary S.** won, Sad \$ that he didn't win. It would have put him in a different tax bracket.
- Gerry N.** - Sad \$ missed last week. Happy \$ to be here this week and that **Gary** was a winner tonight.
- Jerry K.** - Happy \$ that everyone cared about his health. Happy \$ that he had a good day at the track.
- Bruce B.** - Happy \$ that **John P.** joined the **Club**. Sad \$ that **Robin M.** lost the G.G. City Council race.
- Bob M.** - Happy \$ that **John P.** is joining us. Sad \$ cause he doesn't like **Will S.**'s game.
- Ed H.** - Happy \$ that his friend **John P.** joined as a member. Sad \$ that hunting season is over for the year.
- Tony L.** - Happy \$ for **John P.** And that **Gary S.** won the big pot this evening.
- Don S.** - Happy \$ for new member. Happy \$ he won **Ray Beadoin Drawing** and will make a donation to **KiwanisLand**.
- Jack W.** - Sad \$ that he will miss two weeks while he and **Marge** travel to **Oregon** to visit friends.
- John L.** - Happy \$ for **John P.** and first quarter of school is over. Happy \$ for **Club** members supporting Girl Scout sales.
- Will S.** - Happy \$ for **John P.** to join the **Club**. Happy \$ that **Bob M.** enjoys life so much.
- Walt D.** - Happy \$ for **Oregon** to beat **Cal** this weekend in football.
- Shelly S.** - Sad \$ that a friend of his was flying and crashed his plane and he and his passenger were .
- Craig H.** - Sad \$ he missed last week. Happy \$ for new member **John P.** Happy \$ for story about woman, room & knife.
- Efrain D.** - Happy \$ for **John P.** joining **Club** and for **Jerry K.** doing better.
- Tom P.** - Happy \$20 that he had a good **Panama Canal** cruise and that he is still talking to his girl friend.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 27th **Thanksgiving Day - Club will be Dark**
- Dec. 4th **Garden Grove Kiwanis Club Christmas Party - Ladies Night Event**

Thought For The Week

"My wife keeps complaining that I never listen to her... At least I think that's what she said!"

Gerry Newlark