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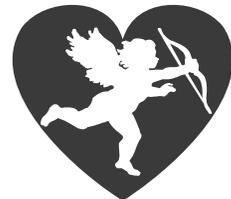
GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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A Kiwanis Club warm up to get you in the Valentines frame of mind !

Kiwanians and Their Special Someone's Gather

The Clubhouse was filled with Garden Grove Kiwanians and their special guests who were gathered for our Club's Sweetheart Valentines Dinner in order to celebrate the upcoming St. Valentine's day and to experience some good Kiwanian fellowship and a fine meal from Jay's Catering. Those celebrating this evening included R.C. Gall; Jerry Andreoff and Jan Dunn; Scott and Susan McIlvain; Efrain and Sophie Davalos; Ed and Shirley Hodges; John Phan; Walt and Dianne Donovan; Gary and Sharon Sunda; Don and Gail Nielsen; Craig and Monnie Howard; Gerry and Marlene Newkirk; Jerry and Connie Margolin; Jack and Marge Wallin; Brent and Saimi Hayes; Tony and Emma Lombardi; Dick and Sara Lobin; Jim and Marge Hansen; Buzz and Darlyne Johnson; Jay and Eleanor Mastrioanni; Shelly and Carol Singer; Jerry and Becky Kelly; Lorelei Howard; Tom Petrosine and our special Program for the evening, Chief Joe Polisar from the Garden Grove Police Department. President Tom thanked everyone for coming and also thanked R.C. Gall and Ed Hodges for supplying the special gifts that were passed out to all of the ladies attending tonight's gala event. President Tom had provided all of the flower centerpieces on the tables and they were awarded to the lady at each table whose birth day was closest to tonight's event.



Thoughts of romance were in the air tonight!

Program

Tonight's program was Garden Grove Police Department Chief Joe Polisar who was sworn in as the GGPD Chief in June of 1998. He had served as Chief of Police for the Albuquerque, NM Police Department before that.. He now commands an accredited department with 173 sworn officers, 70 non-sworn officers and a \$44M annual budget. Chief Polisar spoke to those in attendance about the issues that the GGPD faces in light of the city's budget woes. He provided a presentation that he had given to the City Council and City Staff last month at their annual City Council retreat. He said that there are two main issues that the Police Department faces, infrastructure and staffing. The first is due to the fact that the City's Public Safety building is almost 40 years old and is maxed out in space by housing both the Fire and Police departments. For the GGPD, their total allocation is 22,00 square feet in the main building plus some additional area offsite for Property/Evidence. This works out to a utilization of 160 sq. ft. per officer, which is one of the lowest in the County and well below the recommended 500 sq. ft./officer. The other major issue affecting the GGPD is staffing. They are currently under a hiring freeze and are projected to lose 13 sworn officers over the next 18 months due to retirements, etc. This will leave the department with the lowest ratio of officers to 1000 citizens (.92) in the County. However, Garden Grove has the highest number of arrests per officer in the County. Absent the economic crisis, the GGPD would be slated to be at 183 sworn offices in 2009. Chief Polisar says at 160 officers, Police services will degrade due to the fact that the City's population will continue to increase, the inability to be proactive and having to be reactive, the lack of officers to respond and reduced morale. He is recommending additional budget be raised through a City parcel or sales tax increase.

Happy/Sad

R.C. - Happy \$ for the good Program this evening. Jerry Andreoff - Happy \$ to be here this evening.
 Scott M. - Happy \$ to be here this evening with his sweetheart Susan. Jerry M. - Happy \$ to maintain his image.
 Efrain D. - Happy \$ to have his beautiful wife Sophie here with him this evening and for the good Program by Chief Joe. Shelly S. - Happy \$ for our two female Club members.
 Jerry K. - Happy \$ to wish Monnie H. a Happy Birthday. Jay M. - Happy \$ that Marge is doing better.
 Carol S. - Happy \$ for good dinner that she didn't have to prepare. Ed H. - Happy \$ for his wife Shirley's birthday. Happy \$ for Chief Polisar being here tonight and the good Program.
 Chief Joe P. - Happy \$ from a Morning Kiwanian to the Evening Kiwanians and Happy \$ to be with us this evening. Dick L. - Happy \$ for the nice Valentine's dinner tonight. Tom P. - Sad \$ that his Valentine couldn't be here.
 Tony L. - Happy \$ for having the Chief here with us and for the fine meal. Happy \$ that Marge is here and feeling better. Jack W. - Happy \$ to have the Police Chief with us tonight and for the good Program that he gave.
 Saimi Hayes - Happy \$ from another Morning Kiwanian. Happy \$ that the Evening Club treats their spouses so well. Brent H. - Happy \$ for Joe Polisar to be here and for the great meal. John P. - Happy \$ for Shirley H's Birthday.
 Gary S. - Happy \$ for his wife Sharon to be here this evening. Happy \$ for Chief Joe being here. Don N. - Happy \$ to be here tonight with his Valentine Gail. Happy \$ that Craig H. didn't sing for us this evening.
 Walt D. - Happy \$ to have his sweetheart Dianne here with him tonight. Happy \$ for the Program this evening. Marlene Newkirk - Sad \$ that her husband shushed her tonight during Happy/Sads.
 Gerry N. - Happy \$ for the lovely lady sitting at his table and also for his wife Marlene. Happy \$ for Joe P. to be here. Craig H. - Happy \$ will be going to Hawaii and Monnie will wear grass skirt and no coconuts. Happy \$ for Chief Joe.

Thought For The Week

"If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?"

Gerry Newkirk