



Ramblings

www.kiwanisland.com

GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

FEBRUARY 26, 2009

Local Jeweler displays his wares to Garden Grove Kiwanis

Kiwanians Learn about Jewelry!

Our **Kiwanis** meeting this evening had a lot more gems than those we normally see each week and a couple of guests were in attendance to visit with us. Also, a few of the regulars were notably absent. **Tom Phan** was visiting and a guest of **John Pham** and **Ed Hodges**. **Eric Davalos**, the cousin of **Efrain Davalos**, was also visiting with us this evening. Missing were **R.C. Gall**, **Gary Sunda** and **Walt Donovan**, who were all on a cruise together. Also missing was **Bob Main**, who it was reported had taken a spill at home, and was recovering but very sore. Once the meeting started, **President Tom** announced that the meeting on March 19th will be an "informal special guest night". We will be sharing our St. Patrick's dinner with spouses, special friends, etc. who would like to attend and we will have **Maggie Wells** from the **Garden Grove Costco** as our speaker. A good turnout will be nice to show **Maggie** that we appreciate all that she does for our **Club** and our projects. Speaking of **Club Projects**, our **Pancake Breakfast** to benefit **KiwanisLand** is set for April 26th and **Chairman Davalos** spoke to us tonight about the event. Tickets will be \$5 each and each **Club** member will have 10 tickets to sell. We will be looking to have supplies for the event donated from either **Club** members or local businesses and **Efrain** will provide more information at upcoming meetings. We will also be selling spots on the placemats for businesses and people to sponsor and or advertise.



There was a lot of shining and sparkling at tonight's meeting.

Program

Tonight's Program was **Clay Bock**, a **Garden Grove** resident who has lived in **Garden Grove** and also been in the jewelry business for over 20 years. **Clay** is a member of the **Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce** and has a full service jewelry business called **Integrity Jewelers**, but he has no actual store. This enables him to offer all of the same services of a regular jewelry but with out the overhead, and thus he is able to offer lower prices. He will come to a home or place of business to make sales or pick up jewelry for repair. **Clay** told us that the price of gold has risen steadily, especially since 9/11 and always goes up when the dollar is weak. Diamond process have dropped slightly over the last few years, and he reminds us that you pay for size and quality when buying diamonds. He also buys "scrap" gold (broken or old jewelry) and pays 80% of the value, unlike many places that advertise on TV (they pay much less ~30 - 40% of value). **Clay** also sells coupon books called "Integrity Fundraising" books that organizations can sell to fundraise. These are similar to the Entertainment coupon books and contain coupons for many local businesses and restaurants.

Happy/Sad

- Tom E.** - Happy \$ that he is going on a 26 day cruise through the Orient and ending in Dubai.
Craig H. - Happy \$ to be here at this happy Club. Sad \$ for **Tom E.** because he doesn't realize **Craig** is going with him.
Gerry N. - Happy \$ for **Tom E.** doing his part to stimulate the economy. Happy \$ to be here tonight.
John P. - Happy \$ to be here tonight. Happy \$ that his friend **Tom Pham** is with us tonight also.
Ed H. - Happy \$ for **Tom E.** to come back to us after his world cruise.
Fred W. - Happy \$ that he was able to be with us tonight. **Tom Phan** - Happy \$ to be joining us tonight.
Efrain D. - Happy \$ to have his cousin **Eric** with us here tonight. **Eric Davalos** - Happy \$ to be with us tonight.
Brent H. - Happy \$ that his daughter is engaged. Sad \$ that he now has to pay for a wedding.
Jack W. - Happy \$ that **Marge** is doing well in recovering from her surgery.
Robin M. - Sad \$ that **Bob Main** is not here. Happy \$ that she was able to be here with everyone tonight.
Charles K. - Happy \$ for **Tom E.** is going on a cruise. Happy \$ to be here this evening.
Jerry M. - Sad \$ for not having any money tonight. Sad \$ that he got a new cell phone, but it lost many of his numbers.
Jay M. - Happy \$ to be here this evening and that **Marge** is doing better.
Tom P. - Happy \$ that **Tom E.** will be a Program when he gets back from his world cruise.
Clay Bock - Happy \$ for the great dinner tonight. Happy \$ to be the Program this evening and get to speak to the **Club**.

Upcoming Events

- | | |
|--------|--|
| Mar 5 | Zack Barrett from the City of Garden Grove - "Drilling Wells in the Caribbean" |
| Mar 12 | Allen Johncox on the First Production Thunderbird car |
| Mar 19 | Maggie Wells from Garden Grove Costco |
| Mar 21 | Miss Garden Grove Texas Hold em' Tournament (@ Lions Club) |
| Apr 26 | GG Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast to benefit KiwanisLand |

Thought For The Week

"A bargain is something you can't use at a price you can't resist."