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# Ramblings

GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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*Proceeds from the event will benefit the Park and the community.*

## Successful KiwanisLand Pancake Breakfast!

At tonight's Garden Grove Kiwanis meeting, we got an after action report from **President Tom** and **Pancake Breakfast Chairman Efrain Dávalos** on our **KiwanisLand Pancake Breakfast** that was held last Sunday. **Tom P.** guesstimates that we had over 200 in attendance at the event. We had the majority of our supplies donated by **Costco**, local businesses and **Club** members, but did have to purchase approx. \$400 in various supplies (including the pure maple syrup that we had for the event and that we got a lot of positive comments on from those in attendance). The fundraising event will make a profit of over \$4000 for supporting the **Club's** activities such as our **Park** and the other community groups that we assist. **Efrain** thanked **Jack Wallin** and everyone who donated items and worked at the event in order to make this a success. **Ed Hodges** thanked everyone who helped sponsor the placemats and apologized for not bringing in the whipped cream for the event. He claims he bought it, but didn't have any left by the time of the **Pancake Breakfast** event.

### Strawberry Festival on the Horizon

Just as we wrap up one event, the next event is coming up fast. **Strawberry Festival Pancake Breakfast Chairman John Leeb** told us that he is looking for **Club** members and their families to help out with this event on Saturday morning, May 23 from 6:30 to 10:30 am. We feed the explorer Scouts early and then the **Parade** celebrities and the community. **John** said he has help coming from the **BGHS Key Club**, but needs **Club** support also. **Corn Booth Chairman Craig Howard** said that all of the administrative effort is complete for the **Corn Booth**, and that we will be setting the **Booth** up on Tuesday (May 19) morning and tear down will be on Tuesday (May 26) morning. He will have **Corn Booth** shift sign up sheets at next meeting. **Club** members need to start encouraging family and friends to come out and help with the **Corn Booth** during the **Strawberry Festival**. This is our major fundraising event and we need all member's help.

### Program

Tonight's Program was supposed to be **Dean Torrence** of the **Jan & Dean** singing duo. However, he was unable to make tonight's meeting, so our backup Program was our own **Don Nielsen**. **Don** was born in **Inglewood, CA** in the mid 50's and grew up in **Torrance**. He attended **Harbor College** and married his wife **Gayle** in 1966. They have a daughter. **Don** served in the **Air Force** during the **Viet Nam** years, but was stationed in **Sacramento** where he wrote strategic reports for a B-52 bomber wing that was stationed there. After getting out of he service, he finished up his degree in Computer Science and started working for **Safeco** and then **Met Life** Insurance companies where he set up and installed computer systems for agents. In 1980, he interviewed for a teaching position at **Golden West College** and he got he job. He has been there ever since and was instrumental in setting up the Computer Science department at the school. **Don** joined the **Garden Grove Kiwanis Club** in 1993 and has been **Club President** twice.

### Happy/Sad

**Jack W.** - Happy \$ that he will be going to **North Carolina** for his granddaughter's college graduation.

**Brent H.** - Happy \$ just cause he is happy to be here with us tonight.      **Walt D.** - Happy \$ for being here tonight.

**Will S.** - Happy \$ for a fun and successful **KiwanisLand Pancake Breakfast** last Sunday.

**John L.** - Happy \$ for **Don N.**'s Program tonight. Happy \$ for **Efrain D.** and good job he did on **Pancake Breakfast**.

**Jerry K.** - Sad \$ he was the only one from our **Club** at the **H.B Inter-Club** and for missing the **Pancake Breakfast**.

**Ed H.** - Sad \$ cause some jerk wrote that he put in \$20 last week in Happy/Sad and his wife read it. Happy \$ to tell a joke.

**Bruce B.** - Happy \$ to tell a story about Mayor of **Palo Alto**, a dinner party with baked salmon and a cat that died.

**Fred W.** - Happy \$ for being here with all of us ugly guys. Happy \$ for the **Pancake Breakfast**.

**Efrain D.** - Happy \$ to be here tonight and to thank everyone who helped with the **KiwanisLand Pancake Breakfast**.

**Craig H.** - Sad \$ for the scrambled eggs that **Ed H.** cooked for him at the **Pancake Breakfast** last Sunday.

**Don N.** - Sad \$20 in memory of his father who was 96 and passed last week. Happy \$ for the **Pancake Breakfast**.

**R.C.** - Sad \$ for the joke that Ed H. told tonight. Happy \$ that the **Pancake Breakfast** is over.

**Gary S.** - Happy \$ for **Don N.**'s Program tonight and **Efrain D.** and the **Pancake Breakfast**. Sad \$ for no badge on.

**Peter C.** - Happy \$ for his son Myles' and his new bride and their wedding. Happy \$ for **Pancake Breakfast** doing well.

**Tom P.** - Happy \$ for **Club's Pancake Breakfast** doing well and for the great syrup that we had.

**Gerry N.** - Sad \$ for **Don. N.**'s loss. Happy \$ for **Peter Carter**'s gain of a daughter-in-law and for **Pancake Breakfast**.

### Upcoming Events

**May 14**      Garden Grove Police Department's Fallen Officer Memorial Event from 5-6 pm

**May 14**      Dinner and Visit with BGHS Key Club

**May 22 - 25**      GG Kiwanis Corn Booth and Pancake Breakfast (May 23) at Strawberry Festival

### Thought For The Week

*"Your marriage is in trouble if your wife says, 'You're only interested in one thing,' and you can't remember what it is."*

*Gerry Newkirk*