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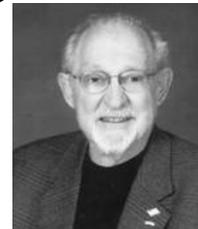
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Shelly truly exemplified the meaning of community service!

Loss of Kiwanian Brother Sheldon Singer

We are sad to announce that long time **Garden Grove Kiwanis** member **Sheldon Singer** passed on Sunday morning. **Shelly** had been in the hospital since right after riding in the **Strawberry Festival Parade** with his brother **Dr. Melville Singer** as the Theme Grand Marshals.

Shelly was born and raised in **Cleveland, Ohio** and served in the **Navy** during **WWII** in the Pacific Theater. After the war he graduated from **Ohio State University** with a **B.S.** and an **O.D.** degree. He came to **California** in 1954 and he opened his optometric practice in **Garden Grove** in 1956. **Shelly** joined the **Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce** in 1957 and became it's president in 1965. In 1958, he was chair of the committee that proposed the **Garden Grove Strawberry Festival** to the **Chamber**. He served on the **Garden Grove Strawberry Festival** Board of Directors for 15 years and was their president in 1965. **Shelly** had been involved with the **Boys and Girls Club of Garden**



We mourn the passing of a true humanitarian, Dr. Sheldon Singer.

Grove since 1959 and served on the Board of Directors for many years and as their President in 1965. He was actively involved with getting the **Garden Grove Galleria** project started, which is an eight-story building being built on three acres of land on **Garden Grove Boulevard**. The **Galleria** will house commercial establishments on the lower floors and luxury residential condominiums on the upper floors, the income from which will help underwrite the **Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove**. **Shelly** was also instrumental in obtaining the land for the **Children's Health and Dental Center** in **Garden Grove**, which is a joint venture with **BGC of GG** and **CHOC**. **Shelly** served on many other community and governmental based Boards, Committees and Organizations throughout the years, including the **Garden Grove Sanitary District** from 1974-1997 (serving as president from 1995-1997); the **Orange County Sanitation District** from 1992-1997 (serving as Chairman of the Planning, Development and Construction Committee in 1996); foreman of the **Orange County Grand Jury** in 1998; member of the **Orange County Grand Jurors Assn.** (serving as president in 2004 and 2005); member of the **Special Needs in Transit Committee** for the **Orange County Transportation Authority** since 2001; member of the Board of Directors of the **Orange County Vector Control** since 2001; a board member of the **Garden Grove Hospital** and the **Garden Grove Community Forum** since 2003; a member of the **Flying Samaritans of Orange County** (a group of health practitioners, who fly to **Baja, Mexico** one weekend a month to work in a free clinic) for over 30 years (he served as president in 1994); **Shelly** also recently helped to begin and maintain an **International Certified Farmers Market** open every Sunday on **Garden Grove's Historic Main Street**. In 1970 he was named the **Garden Grove Chamber's Man of the Year** and in 2005 was honored as a **Community Achievement Award** honoree by the **Chamber**. In 2003, he received the **National Medallion** from the **Boys and Girls Clubs of America** and in 2006 he received the **President's Volunteer Service Award** from the **President's Council on Service & Civic Participation**.

Shelly joined the **Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove** in 1970 and he served as **Club** President during the 1978-79 **Club** year. He was instrumental in bringing in many new members, working on **Club** projects and in bring many of the excellent Programs and speakers that we have had throughout the years. He will surely be missed by his fellow **Kiwanis Club** members, who wish to express their sympathy and condolences to **Carol** and the rest of **Shelly's** family. A Memorial Service for **Shelly** will be held at **KiwanisLand** sometime in the next few weeks. The date will be announced once it is set.

Strawberry Festival Reports

Strawberry Festival Pancake Breakfast Chairman John Leeb reported that we had 295 people attending the **Strawberry Festival Pancake Breakfast**. This was an increase of approx. 90 people over last year's attendance, and over all the event made a small profit (~\$700) for our **Club**. **John** wished to thank **Gail Nielsen** for the table decorations and **Mary Wagoner** for the kitchen help and supervision. He thanked members **Walt Donovan, Will Swanstrom, Jack Wallin, Brent Hayes, Tom Petrosine, RC Gall, and Don Nielsen** for working at this event and making it a success. He also thanked the **Bolsa Grande HS** and **Garden Grove HS Key Club** students for helping out with our event.

Corn Booth Chairman Craig Howard reported that our **Club** sold 150 cases of corn (~7200 ears), 4 buckets (~240 individual) of pickles and 720 bottles of water at this years **Strawberry Festival Corn Booth**. After paying off all of our associated bills, it appears that we will net just under \$11K for the **Club** from the **Corn Booth**. **Craig** thanked all of the **Club** members and their family and friends who worked at the **Corn Booth** during the **Strawberry Festival**, the **Key Club** members who supported us and those who helped setup and tear down the booth for all of their hard work and efforts in making this a successful event for our **Club**.

Happy/Sads are on hold this week

Upcoming Events

June 4 "Significant Other" Evening with Guest Speaker O.C. Sheriff Sandra Hutchens

Thought For The Week

"The fear of death follows from the fear of life. A man who lives fully is prepared to die at any time." ~Mark Twain

Gerry Newlark