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# Ramblings

GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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*The crowd was small, but those that attended were treated to a few magnificent things...*

## KiwanisLand Is Looking Great

Walking into the **Park** this evening was like entering an oasis. The trees were rustling in the breeze, there was a lush sea of green grass as far as you could see, flowers were blooming and the roar of the waterfall brought a soothing calm to even the most harried person. It really makes you stop and ponder and you realize that this is exactly why we put in the effort at the Corn Booth, the Pancake Breakfasts and the other fundraisers that the **Club** performs. To bring about this beautiful **Park** not just to the members, but to all of the kids and the community members that come to visit it throughout the year. Thanks to **Jack Wallin** for helping to keep it looking so great.

Tonight's **Garden Grove Kiwanis** meeting may not have been our biggest turnout ever, but those in attendance were witness to **Will Swanstrom's** prowess as commander of the podium as he filled in for our missing **President Tom Petrosine**. **Tom** was rumored to be in **Washington, D.C.** with his two grandsons as he showed them around our nation's capitol and all of the sights and museums and adventures that can be found there. **Will** in his usual contrary self mixed things up a bit this evening (it must have been the small crowd that got him confused), as he had **RC** lead us in a patriotic song before he had the **Club** recite the **Pledge of Allegiance**. At least he didn't force us to eat desert before our main course (although a few members choose to do that anyways)! **Will** did announce that he was the secret greeter tonight and luckily everyone shook his hand. He also instituted fines for any member who did not have a badge on this evening. **RC; John L.; Jerry K.; Tony L.; Walt D. and Jerry M.** all enjoyed paying a Sad \$ for this occurrence.

### Announcements

Our very own **Gary Sunda** was honored today as the 2009 Man of the Year by the **Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce** during a luncheon at the **Embassy Suites Hotel**. Several **Club** members were able to attend and watch as **Gary** was bestowed with the title. We have it from reliable sources that during his speech, **Gary** faithfully mentioned the **Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove** and **KiwanisLand**, so there was no need to fine him at tonight's meeting. **Congratulations Gary!**

**Shelly Singer's Kiwanis Club** badge was retired and placed with honor on our **Club** banner along with our other esteemed **Kiwanis Club** members who have passed and gone on to join the **Kiwanis Club** in heaven. A public celebration of **Shelly Singer's** life will be held at 2 PM on Saturday, June 27 at **KiwanisLand**. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to **KiwanisLand** or the **Garden Grove Boys & Girls Club**.

### Happy/Sad

**RC** - Sad \$ for getting fined for no badge tonight. Sad \$ that they always start at his table for Happy/Sads.

**Gary S.** - Happy \$ for **RC, Jack W., Walt D. & Jerry M.** coming to see him get awarded by Chamber today.

**Tom E.** - Happy \$ to be here tonight in presence of Man of Year **Gary S.** Sad \$ **Lakers** not doing good tonight.

**Craig H.** - Happy \$ for **Jack W.** keeping **Park** looking so good. Sad \$ **Gerry N.** had something in his ear.

**Jerry K.** - Happy \$ for switching careers to Pro Blackjack player. Went to **Barona** with **Becky** and they won.

**Efrain D.** - Happy \$ for the Man of the Year awardee **Gary Sunda**.

**Walt D.** - Happy \$ for getting to go to the award ceremony today and see **Gary S.** speak and get honored.

**Ed H.** - Happy \$ to be in presence of the Man of the Year **Gary S.** Sad \$50 in memory of **Shelly Singer**.

**John L.** - Happy \$ for **Club's** first pregnant member. Happy \$ that **Will S.** was running the meeting tonight.

**Don S.** - Happy \$ for **Gary S.** getting awarded the Man of the Year.

**Jack W.** - Happy \$ to get to see **Gary S.** get award today. Happy \$ for granddaughter visiting last weekend.

**Tony L.** - Sad \$ for loss of **Shelly S.** Sad \$ for not having badge on tonight.

**Jerry M.** - Sad \$ that he had to pay for no badge, otherwise he would have had two Happy \$.

**Will S.** - Happy \$ for **Gary S.** getting the Man of the Year Award.

**Gerry N.** - Sad \$ will miss next week while in Sierra's. Happy \$ for **Gary S.** and for **Park** looking so good.

### Upcoming Events

**June 18**      Speaker from Davis Carnival Company

**June 27**      Memorial Service for Shelly Singer at KiwanisLand (2 pm)

### Thought For The Week

*"Those that say you can't take it with you never saw a car packed for a vacation trip."*

*Gerry Newark*