



# Ramblings

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*The long awaited and many times announced Dean Torrence comes to talk to us.*

## Singing Sensation Visits GG Kiwanis!

We had a special guest at tonight's **Garden Grove Kiwanis** meeting. No, I'm not speaking of **Dean Torrence**, tonight's Program (although he was special to!). It was **Dick Lobin**, who not only stayed through the social hour, but also for dinner and the meeting. Why, he even brought along some **Angel's** tickets which he donation to the **Club** to be auctioned off as a fundraiser. **Thanks, Dick!**



*Our Program tonight was part of a singing duo that had sixteen Top 40 hits (8 Top 10) and multiple gold records.*

### Announcements

**President Tom P.** had a few announcements for us at tonight's meeting:

- We hope to be back to sending the **Club's Ramblings** newsletter out by mail for those that wish to receive it that way. We will also be offering to send it via e-mail for those that wish to receive it via that method and help the **Club** in reducing costs and meeting our "green" goals.
- The **Ray Beadoin Memorial Drawing** is on schedule for Oct. 10th at 6:30 PM at **KiwanisLand**. **Chairman Jerry Kelly** said that **Don Malm** was printing the tickets for us and he hoped to have them at the next meeting for distribution to **Club** members. He reminded everyone that this is one of the key fundraisers our **Club** does to support **KiwanisLand**, so all members need to assist.
- On Aug. 15th, the **Garden Grove Elks Lodge** will be holding their annual "**Hot August Days**" car show. Our very own **Gary Sunda** will be displaying his classic **Corvette** in the event and says he will donate \$1 to **Kiwanisland** for every **Garden Grove Kiwanis Club** member who stops by to say hi to him. Entrance is free and there will be food/beverages for sale at the event and lots of entertainment, so stop in and say hi to **Gary**.

### Program

Tonight's Program was **Dean Torrence** of the singing duo **Jan and Dean**. **Dean** is a friend of **Club** member **Don Neilsen**, whom he meet at **Golden West College**. **Dean** meet **Jan** at **University High School** in **West L.A.** They were both on the school's 1957 football team and a bunch of the players would sing doo wap songs in the showers after practice. Eventually they started singing and making tape recordings in the garage at **Jan's** house. They formed a group called **The Barons** and sang at the school's talent show. After that, the group dropped down to just three members and they eventually cut a record from one of their tapes called "**Jennie Lee**". At this point, **Dean** had to serve a six month stint in the Army reserves that he had signed up for. While he was at **Ft. Ord**, he heard the song **Jennie Lee** on the radio and after it was over, the DJ announced it was a new hit by **Jan** and .... **Arnie** (the other remaining **Baron**). **Dean** thought his music days were over. After he completed his **Army** commitment, he returned home and a few weeks later he saw **Jan** who asked him if he wanted to work on some music. It turns out that **Arnie** wasn't interested in the music business. So they started working together and became **Jan and Dean**. They worked on their own for awhile, but eventually they connected up with record producers **Herb Alpert** (yes, that **Herb Alpert**) and **Lou Adler** and started touring and putting out hit records such as "**Baby Talk**", "**The Little Old Lady from Pasadena**", "**Surf City**", and "**Dead Man's Curve**". They both continued to go to college and **Dean** received a bachelors degree from **USC** in Advertising Design. Unfortunately, in April of 1966, **Jan** was in an automobile accident just a short distance from **Dead Man's Curve** in **Los Angeles**, two years after the song had become a hit. He received severe head injuries and suffered severe brain damage. **Jan and Dean** came to an abrupt halt. **Dean** opened his own graphics company, **Kittyhawk Graphics**, designing and creating album covers and logos for other musicians and recording artists. He even won a **Grammy Award** for **Album Cover of the Year** in 1973 (but he never received one for performing). After 13 years, **Jan** had recovered enough for **Jan and Dean** to start limited performances again and they toured with the **Beach Boys**. Their popularity had been buoyed by a 1977 Primetime TV movie called "**Deadman's Curve: The Jan and Dean Story**". They continued to tour at State Fairs and similar venues until **Jan** passed away in 2004. **Dean** now tours occasionally with his band, "**The Surf City Allstars**". He serves as a spokesman for the **City of Huntington Beach**, which, thanks in part to his efforts, is nationally recognized as "**Surf City USA**".

### Happy/Sad

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| <b>Will S.</b> - Happy \$ for the interesting Program tonight.   | <b>Dick L.</b> - Happy \$ to be here among his friends tonight.     |
| <b>Jerry M.</b> - Happy \$ that his eye surgery went well and he can see again. Sad \$ because he can see us again.                            |   |
| <b>Charles K.</b> - Happy \$ for the great speaker and Program tonight.  | <b>Jerry K.</b> - Happy \$ for the interesting Program.             |
| <b>Walt D.</b> - Happy \$ for being here tonight and because he's happy.   | <b>Jack W.</b> - Happy \$ to hear the Program tonight.              |
| <b>Ed H.</b> - Happy \$ for the Program tonight. Sad \$ cause <b>Walt D.</b> can't afford long pants and <b>Jerry K.</b> can't afford a razor. |   |
| <b>Don N.</b> - Happy \$ for <b>Dean</b> being here and a great Program.   | <b>Tom P.</b> - Happy \$ for Program and for <b>San Diego</b> trip. |
| <b>Gary S.</b> - Happy \$ for <b>Dean</b> being here and the Program.  | <b>Peter C.</b> - Happy \$ for tonight's good Program.              |
| <b>RC</b> - Sad \$ that <b>Marilyn</b> was in the hospital. Happy \$ that she is out now and for the Program we had this evening.              |   |
| <b>Craig H.</b> - Happy \$ for <b>Dean</b> being here tonight and the great Program he gave. Happy \$ that <b>Newkirk</b> is doing bulletin.   |   |
| <b>Gerry N.</b> - Happy \$ for a great family vacation at <b>Bass Lake</b> last week. Happy \$ for <b>Dean</b> and the interesting Program.    |   |

### Upcoming Events

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| Aug 13th | <b>Theresa Phan</b> - Miss Garden Grove Pageant contestant Sponsored by our Kiwanis Club |
| Aug 20th | "How to Win at Black Jack" Seminar by The Gambler - Jerry Kelly                          |

### Thought For The Week

*"Have you noticed that the things that made you mad 20 years ago just don't seem to bother you much anymore!"*