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Tom P. is back to leading the Garden Grove Kiwanians, but not for much longer...

President Tom is Back in Control!

President Tom Petrosine was back at the helm for tonight's **Garden Grove Kiwanis** meeting and seemed to be in a good mood and sporting a big smile all of the time. Why was he so happy you might be wondering? Could it be the fact that he can count on one hand the number of meetings he has left to stand up in front of this crowd of members and be heckled? Either that was it or he had the inside track on a race at **Los Alamitos** the next day. **Tom** is almost ecstatic that soon he will be able to take a seat in the crowd during the meetings and offer up these same tidbits of "encouragement" to our incoming **President Brent Hayes**. **Tom** reminded us that Sept. 10th will be the **Club Installation** dinner and that it will be a bring your **Special Guest Night** (formerly known as **Ladies Night**). **Orange County Supervisor Janet Nguyen** will be our guest speaker for the evening and **Jack Wallin** informed the gathered members that we will be "dining alfresco" out in the **Park** amphitheater. **President Tom** passed around a sign up sheet for the event in order for us to get an accurate headcount for ordering dinner. He will pass around the list again next week, so be sure to sign up or let **Tom** know directly if you are planning on attending. It is sure to be an evening of fine food, good friends and great cheer all in a beautiful setting. Who could ask for anything more?



The Club Inauguration Dinner on September 10th promises to be one of the major events of the year!

Announcements

- **Jack Wallin** had a "Thinking of You" card for **Club** members to sign for **Al** and **Carol Lastuck**. As previously reported, former member **Big Al** is not doing to well and is having complications due to Alzheimer's.
- **Don Nielsen** presented **KiwanisLand President Gary Sunda** with a \$200 donation to **KiwanisLand** in memory of his father **Virgil Nielsen**, who passed away earlier this summer. Thanks **Don!**
- **Jerry Kelly** took the podium to remind the **Club** about our "**Ray Beaudoin Memorial Drawing**" that is fast approaching on Oct. 10th. He spoke about how this was an important event to help raise funds for our beautiful **Park** and said that he has 47 tickets left. **Jerry** asked that each **Club** member make sure they have at least one ticket for themselves and one for family, friends, associates and co-workers who you should tell about this unique way to help support **KiwanisLand** and also to potentially become the big winner. With the economy being down, we will need to work hard to ensure a sellout and make this a successful fundraiser for the **Park**. We have just over a month left and all **Club** members need to support this important event.

Happy/Sad

- Tom E.** - Happy \$ to be back home from a 10 day cruise of the **Scandinavian** areas of **Europe**.
Don N. - Happy \$ to be here and because school sis starting next week.
Gary S. - Happy \$ to thank **Don N.** for the donation to **KiwanisLand**.
Craig H. - Happy \$ to tell a joke. Happy \$ that kids are back in school and to be here. Sad \$ for **Ted Kennedy**.
RC - Happy \$ **Marilyn** is recovered from illness. Happy \$ for his trip to **North Long Beach** and to **Barstow**.
Jerry K. - Sad \$ for the passing of **Senator Ted Kennedy**, whom he got to meet once.
John P. - Happy \$ to be back with us after missing a few weeks.
Ed H. - Happy \$ to be back home from his trip to **Stanton, Westminster, Anaheim** and **Santa Ana**.
Efrain D. - Happy \$ for **John P.** and **Tom E.** being back with us..
Walt D. - Happy \$ for just being happy. **Will S.** - Happy \$ to be here with us tonight.
Jack Wallin - Happy \$ that he had a good visit with his grand daughter last weekend.
Don S. - Happy \$ for all the great trips everyone was so happy to be back from.
Tom P. - Happy \$ that he is proud to be associated with a group of people like us.
Gerry N. - Happy \$ for **Craig & Monnie Howard's** Anniversary (26). Happy \$ that **Tom P., Tom E. John P.** and **Craig H.** are back with us tonight.

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 3rd** Surprise Program provided by **Brent Hayes**
Sept. 10th Installation Dinner - Special Guest Night - Speaker OC Supervisor **Janet Nguyen**

Thought For The Week

"I look to the future because that's where I'm going to spend the rest of my life." - George Burns