



# Ramblings

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GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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*Our new President is in control and even brought along the Program tonight...*

## The Hayes Phase is Now in Full Swing!

**President Brent Hayes** was at the podium tonight for his second official **Garden Grove Kiwanis Club** meeting. He was actually looking more comfortable and relaxed this evening as he commanded this merry band of brigands! We had **Master Sergeant Bill Pritchard** (who also happened to be **Brent's** "nephew-in-law") of the **U.S. Army/California Army National Guard** as our guest speaker for the evening and we had a fairly good turnout on this warm September evening. **Brent** started off the meeting by having **Gary S.** lead us in the pledge to our flag, **RC** leading us in semi-harmonious patriotic son and the right reverent **Jerry K.** provide us with the invocation. After a scrumptious **Jay's Catering** provided meal, **President Brent** told us that he, **Tom Petrosine; Don Nielsen; Ed Hodges;** and **Jack Wallin** had attended an inter-club meeting with the morning **Kiwanis Club** this week. **Jack Wallin** ended up being the Program for that meeting and he talked to them about **KiwanisLand** and how the **Park** helps to serve the community. He also spoke to them about having a party at **KiwanisLand** in May for all of the **Kiwanis Key Clubs** that help out with the Corn and Funnel Cake booths at the **Strawberry Festival**. **Jack** also mentioned about the costs that it takes to run the **Park** how our water bills have been increasing due to the water rates that we pay. As it turns out, the **Matt Fertal**, the **Garden Grove City Manager** is a member of the morning **Kiwanis Club** and he told **Jack** that he would work with the **City's Water Department** and see if there was anything that could be done to help with the way that we are rated and potentially change our status in order help with our water bill at the **Park**. **Jack** did such a good job with their Program that the morning **Club** also donated \$5,000.00 to **KiwanisLand**.



*We have a few more Ray Beaudoin Memorial Drawing tickets left. All Club members are asked to help make this event a success for our Park!*

**Jerry Kelly** told us that he still has 17 tickets left for the "**Ray Beaudoin Memorial Drawing**" which will be held on Oct. 10th at **KiwanisLand**. This important fund raising event supports **KiwanisLand** and **Jerry** is asking all **Club** members to start turning in the money for tickets that they have bought and sold to family, friends, associates and co-workers. Since we still have some tickets to sell, **Jerry** asks us to think about who else you can tell about this unique way to help our beautiful **Park** and also to potentially become the big winner.

### Program

Tonight's Program was provided by **Master Sergeant Bill Pritchard** from the **U.S. Army**. **MSgt Pritchard** has served 24 years in the **Army** and in the **California Army National Guard**, where he has done duty in the **Sinai Desert** and most recently at **Camp Anaconda** just outside of **Baghdad, Iraq** in 2005/2006. There he served in the Command and Supply Brigade. **Bill** showed us a video of the training that they did in **Fort Bliss, Texas** in order to prepare for their duty in **Iraq** and then showed a video taken during his Units time while in **Iraq**. He also provided us with a description of his duties and activities while he was at **Camp Anaconda** and answered the assembled audience's questions. **Bill** is currently assigned duty at the **Long Beach Armory** and plans on retiring from the **Army** in a few years.

### Happy/Sad

- Don N.** - Happy \$ for tonight's Program and for **Jack Wallin** speaking to the morning Kiwanis Club.
- RC** - Happy \$ for **President Brent H.** and for the Program tonight.
- Gary S.** - Happy \$ to thank **Bill Pritchard** for being here tonight and giving us a great Program.
- Tom E.** - Happy \$ for the Program tonight. Happy \$ for being back home in the USA.
- Walt D.** - Happy \$ for our Program this evening. Happy \$ that his **Oregon** team won last week.
- Efrain D.** - Happy \$ for being here and for the Program.
- Tony L.** - Happy \$ to be here tonight and for our Program.
- Bob M.** - Happy \$ for being here tonight at the meeting.
- Charles K.** - Happy \$ for the Program that we had tonight.
- Ed H.** - Happy \$ for **Bill Pritchard** being here. Happy \$ for **Jack Wallin** and the donation he brought to us.
- Jerry K.** - Happy \$ for **Bill Pritchard** and for his service to our country.
- Don S.** - Happy \$ for **Jack W.'s** speech and for the Program we had tonight.
- Jerry M.** - Happy \$ for new dog to replace dog that died. Sad \$ other dog is blind. Happy \$ **OC Sr Citizens Commission**.
- Will S.** - Happy \$ for our Program that we had this evening.
- Jack W.** - Happy \$ for **Morning Kiwanis Club** supporting the **Park**. Happy \$ for the Program this evening.
- Gerry N.** - Happy \$ for **Bill Pritchard's** Program. Sad \$ for missing last week and will miss next week while in **Seattle**.
- Brent H.** - Happy \$ that **Bill Pritchard** was here to give the Program. Happy \$ for **Jack W.** and the donation he brought.

### Upcoming Events

- Oct. 01 Guest Speaker Tom Elliot will have a slideshow from his recent trip to Egypt.
- Oct. 10 "Ray Beaudoin Memorial" Drawing at KiwanisLand

### Thought For The Week

*"Half our life is spent trying to find something to do with the time we have rushed through life trying to save."*

*Gerry Newlark*