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Ramblings

GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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The Economic Development Department is always on the lookout for ways to improve the economic condition of the City ...

Club Hears about City's Newest Venture!

President Brent welcomed two guests to the Club tonight, **Greg Brown** and **Greg Blodgett** from the **City's Economic Development** department, who were here as our Program.

Tom Elliott reported that he and Pat were able to fill 25 Thanksgiving meal bags from the money that our **Club** members contributed. They delivered them to the **Homefront America** organization along with the names of all of the **Club** members who contributed to this effort. The **Homefront America** organization will be sending a letter of thanks and recognition to **President Brent** and our **Club** for our donation. **Tom** again thanked all of our **Club** members who responded in such a generous and patriotic way to assist the families of military personnel who are serving our great country. This is truly a **Kiwanis Club** in action! The following members contributed money to buy 25 Thanksgiving bags: **Bruce Broadwater; Efrain Davalos; Walt Donovan; Tom Elliott; R.C. Gall; Brent Hayes; Ed Hodges; Craig Howard; Jerry Kelly; Bob Main; Jerry Margolin; Gerry Newkirk; Don Nielsen; Tom Petrosine; Don Schlensker; Gary Sunda; Will Swanstrom; and Jack Wallin.**



The City is working to bring a Water Park Hotel to Garden Grove to help draw in the tourists.

Program

Tonight's Program was a tag-team event by **Garden Grove City Councilman Bruce Broadwater** and the **Greg's** (**Greg Brown - Redevelopment Manager** and **Greg Blodgett - Senior Project Manager** from the **City's Economic Development** department). They talked to the **Club** about the efforts to bring a major water park hotel to the **Harbor Blvd** area of **Garden Grove**. The **City** has approved the **McWhinney/Stonebridge** group to develop a water park hotel on ten acres of land that used to be the old **Firestation Motel**. It will consist of 600 rooms, approximately 15,000 square feet of retail/restaurants, and a parking structure. It will also contain up to 3 acres of indoor and outdoor water park areas. The **City** studied several water park hotel areas, including sites in **Florida** and the **Wisconsin Dells** area, to get ideas and concepts of what they wanted to see in Garden Grove. The proposed water park hotel is projected to bring in \$4M in annual bed tax that will add to the already \$13M annual bed tax that **Garden Grove** now collects from the **Harbor Blvd** area hotels. Planning and project development are ongoing and current plans call for a July 2014 start date. More information can be found at <http://www.internationalwest.com/?q=node/6>.

Happy/Sad

Tom E. - Happy \$ to be here and for the Program. Happy \$ for the **Club** helping the **Operation Homefront** organization.
Gary S. - Happy \$ for **Bruce's** answers to his questions. Happy \$ cause he likes all of us.
RC - Happy \$ because he is going to win the drawing tonight. Happy \$ for the Program.
Walt D. - Happy \$ for the **City's** efforts and the Program. Happy \$ for the **Oregon Ducks** beating the **USC Trojans**.
Don N. - Happy \$ for the work that the **City** has done. Happy \$ for the good Program this evening.
Ed H. - Happy \$ for **Greg, Greg** and **Bruce** being here tonight. Happy \$ for the Program that they gave tonight.
Bob M. - Happy \$ for **Bruce B.** and the Program tonight. Happy \$ towards buying a water park pass for **Gary S.**
Efrain D. - Happy \$ for the great Program tonight. **Tom P.** - Happy \$ to hear the Program tonight.
Jack W. - Happy \$ for the water park that will help with the **Garden Grove** economy.
Jay M. - Happy \$ for **Bruce B.** and his efforts to help the **City**. Sad \$ that **Gary S.** won't be able to use the water park.
Don S. - Happy \$ for the water park presentation. Happy \$ towards buying **Gary S.** a water park pass so he can visit.
Will S. - Happy \$ for **Gary S.** who was representing the stubborn people tonight.
Bruce B. - Happy \$ for **Greg Brown** and **Greg Blodgett** being her tonight.
Brent H. - Happy \$ for **Walt D.**'s celebration. Happy \$ for the Program tonight.
Gerry N. - Happy \$ for **Greg, Greg** and **Bruce** and their Program tonight. Happy \$ towards **Gary S.**'s water park pass.
Greg Brown - Happy \$ to get to come visit us (he is a morning **Kiwanis Club** guy). Happy \$ for **Bruce** taking the abuse.

Upcoming Events

Nov. 19 Thanksgiving Dinner warm-up night (This will be a regular Club meeting)
Nov. 26 Club will be dark for Thanksgiving
Dec. 10 Club Holiday Party - this will be a "bring your special guest event (aka Ladies Night)"

Thought For The Week

"I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes."

Gerry Newkirk