



# Ramblings

GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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**Gerrymandering**- Where the boundaries of an electoral district are modified to benefit a particular political gain.

**Gerry Meandering** – When Gerry Newkirk is off meandering with customers and deserts his fellow Kiwanians to the benefit his company politics. Congratulations to our NEW President for 2011.

Which is why I, (**Craig Howard**), am bringing you the news and features for...

## THIS WEEK AT KIWANISLAND (land...land...land)

With game #7 of the NBA play-offs, it was a light-night at the 'ol Kiwanis club haus this past Thursday night. We were able to start off with the usual with **Gary Sunda** leading the pledge, **RC Gall** TRYING to keep us in key for the song, and **Jerry Kelly** HOPING to save us all while blessing the meal for the night of Salibury Steak and all the fixin's. We had a couple guests this night as well. **David** from the Huntington Beach Kiwanis (HBK) club came to inter-club with us. Sorry, **President Brent** was supposed to get his last name but didn't. **President Brent** also brought our speaker for the night, **Allen Serna**, from the Environmental Services of the GG Public Works Department.

## The Evening Kiwanis in General

Speaking of **RC Gall**, This Tuesday Noon, June 22, 2010, RC will be crowned GG's King of Man...no wait...**GG's Man of the Year** at the Crowne Plaza on Harbor Boulevard. By the time you read this, he will already be crowned and running around town showing off his new clothes. Please make sure you say his clothes look great because, well, you know how the story goes.

**Stacy Margolin** will be coming one night in the near future to talk about the upcoming 2011 Miss Garden Grove Scholarship Pageant. No date has been set but you can be ready when it is announced. The current Miss Garden Grove and Miss Outstanding Teen are getting ready to leave for Fresno next month to participate in the Miss California Pageant. **Dee Dee Saetia** (sponsored by **Grove Body Shop**) and **Jennae Duran** (sponsored by **Giuliano's Specialty Foods**) will be representing so wish our girls luck the next time you flip a coin in a fountain. Make sure you visit these and all the sponsors that make this pageant a success for our local ladies.

Visit [www.missgardengrove.org](http://www.missgardengrove.org) for more details.

Some of the usuals were not there and were missed by the rest of us. Gerry Newkirk, Rick Glasby, Charles Kim, Tom Elliott, Dick Lobin, Scott McIlvain (gee I hope I spedded that right) to name just a few. Come back, my friends, and make this the gathering it was meant to be. The more...the more likely something will upset Bob Main...and that always makes for an exciting evening.

## Kiwanis Declarations and Proclamations

- Coming soon in September, the Boys and Girls Club Wine Tasting (or for some of you, Wine Inhaling) Festival will be happening. Watch for future newsletters for dates, times, and ticket prices.
- July 18 – Los Alamitos Race Track. Your very own **‘JR’ Howard** will be running with the wieners in the 15th Annual Weiner National Weiner Dog Race. Tickets are \$3 at the gate and the proceeds help the Seal Beach Animal Rescue Clinic. Come down and root for your favorite Weiner. Update – JR is showing great promise during training and should be a strong contender in this year’s race.
- June 18<sup>th</sup> – **Gary Sunda** passed the torch to the new Strawberry Festival President. The evening was filled with face painting of the new president Mike from a new unofficial critic Linda (Lauren Howard) as representative of the ‘real’ people. She came to tell how they can improve the festival for everyone’s benefit. Starting with things like not being cruel to animals by giving Gerry Newkirk food, water, and a bathroom while under lock-down in the change booth, Craig Howard giving better representation as the Corn Booth manager by giving him soap and a wash cloth, and appreciation to RC Gall for a job well done in keeping the monkeys fenced in. Funny though, they had more people leave the board this year than ever before....Hmmm.

### AND NOW FOR OUR FEATURE PRESENTATION

As you know, much of what makes your home or business is how well it’s kept up. First impressions are lasting impressions and for an establishment to reside within the city, there is a watchdog organization that works through the Public Works Department that makes sure all businesses are up to standards set at both the State and National Level. **Allen Serena**, who is an Environmental Services Specialist does just that and came to this night to talk about some of the things he does to maintain a high accreditation amongst our businesses. There is a term used in the profession called BMP, or Best Management Practices. Here, Allen inspects businesses, schools, but mostly restaurants, for things like waste management, safety standards, and overall procedures used by the store that follow the BMP guidelines. This keeps things in check like grease catch basins used by restaurants and other housekeeping activities to not only keep the State off everyone’s back, but also assures a clean operation to maximize the number of ‘A’ ratings and minimize the free publicity the OC Register runs on current restaurant closures.

His group also manages the miles of drains, catch basins, channels, and gutters to keep our beaches clean and open during times they’re needed most. Hopefully other countries will do the same some day to minimize the islands of trash that are fowling up our oceans at a record pace. Remember that when it comes time to dispose of things properly and also when you transport garbage, that you are not leaving a trail behind you to eventually be washed out to sea. OK..I’ll stop. So we can all thank Allen for the excellent job he is doing by going to his Mexican Restaurant located behind Jay’s Catering. I hear they make great tortillas and I’m sure the place is spotless.

## Happy / Sads

**RC Gall** - (Man of the Year) - \$H for the program

**Gary Sunda** (Former President of the Strawberry Festival) - \$H Presentation, \$H that HB Kiwanis will clean the beaches, \$H because he ran out of things to be happy for

**Walt Donovan** - \$5 Missed last week because he was at Los Al Hospital with ammonia (??) What, was he cleaning bed pans or something? Also, he fixed his 35 year old electric stove so watch for a blue flash in the night sky the next time he cooks dinner..

**Ed Hodges** – EH \$100 because BL passed (??) – I’m at a loss as to who BL is, but sorry for his friend (Ed doesn’t have too many friends to spare)

**Bob Main** - \$2 to Walts issues

**Bruce Broadwater** - \$2 to Allen and also that his Granddaughter graduated – Kindergarten (she’s only 3)

**Jerry Kelly** - \$2 for missing last two meetings

**Jack Wallin** - \$H that his Granddaughter from Japan is coming home

**Don Nielson** - \$5 for guests

**Jerry Margolin** - \$H but doesn’t know (or care) why

**Brent** – He didn’t speak up so I didn’t hear him

**Tom Petrosine** - \$4 for HB Kiwanis

**Craig Howard** - \$5 for the pending blue flash in the direction of Walt’s house. Also happy to FINALLY be starting flying lessons (the skies will never be the same)

**David (HBK)** - \$H for interclub and that daughter is graduating

So the **\$HAPPY** win again so I hope this is a good sign

For the 50/50 Tickets: **Gary Sunda** and **Ed Hodges** CLAIM they won but they graciously put their \$5 winnings towards the club.

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**This Day in History** – Instead of citing some history that you probably don’t care about (like today was the start of the war of 1812). I’m going to mention a piece of Garden Grove that is no longer here, but remains in the memory of those that were here as well.

Speaking of Giuliano’s, I’m going to recall that small little 8 lane bowling alley next door called **Maple Lanes** (not the one in Sheboygan, WI) that burned down probably because cigarettes and beer are a bad mixture. Any GG landmark memories you want mentioned please secretly email to me (only) so I can put it in my next issue and surprise the heck out of everyone else.

**This is Guest correspondent – Craig Howard, signing off**