



Ramblings

GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED **WEEKLY**

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Mild and Meek

DOUBLE DOUBLE

For the Newsletter

this Week

This is a RARE edition of the **Kiwanis Ramblings** where you not only get one week's worth of fun and frivolity at the GG Evening Kiwanis weekly meeting, but this week you get

TWO, TWO, TWO NEWSLETTERS IN ONE!!

That's because your guest editor-in-cheap misplaced the previous weeks notes then found them a couple days ago *then* was asked once again to sit in for our favorite editor-in-even-cheaper **Gerry Newkirk** while he is floating mindlessly in Corona Cove up at Bass Lake next week.



Have *fun* Gerry !!

Week of 7/15

Helen Weeks was frolicking (I said frolicking) on the beaches of Hawaii. Didn't get a full report but I understand she got Lei'd and, rumor has it, saw the beach from the movie "From here to Eternity". While she was gone, we had the famous Jay's Ham Samitches. This happened after **Jerry Kelly** led the pledge, **RC** took the lead on the song, and Double-Trouble **Jerry Kelly** – yes, the same Jerry Kelly AGAIN....got us, our dinner, and the park blessed before the nights events.



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AT THE PARK

All week, Jack could be seen chewing his nails off because the park was invaded with 150 Brownies. Although he tried to keep everyone off the grass, you know who was the stronger of the two. I mean Jack can take most of us on with one hand tied behind his back, but you get 150 pairs of puppy dog eyes looking at him and you know he is going to give in.

Coming up soon

- Sometime in August we will all go be Reservoir Dogs when we go tour the big water storage facility at Magnolia and Trask. It's the one that's catty-corner from the In-n-Out that was going to close (allegedly). Free samples of pure reservoir water.
- Saturday – 7/18 Acacia Adult Day Care Center had a fundraiser at Los Coyotes Country Club and will hold another at Kiwanisland on 10/9
- Kiwanisland gave to support the Backstreet Bombers Fast Pitch Softball team and will also support Gail Knight's program from H.O.P.E. in the near future.
- CKI – Circle K International will be holding a mixer party at Kiwanisland on August 27th from 3-9 PM. They will have games, food, raffles, and even a pie-toss so set the day come get hit with a pie. Contact Thai Nguyen at angleoffire333@yahoo.com for more information.

Main Event for this Week



Didi Saetia from Miss Garden Grove Scholarship Pageant came and burned the place down; literally. Didi performed the same Fire Dance she performed at this year's Miss California Pageant and lit a few cigars in the process



(again, **Jack** was nervous. He was standing by with his remote water controller to put out fires on his grass). Formerly Miss Kern County, Didi gained the title of Miss Garden Grove 2010 and was sponsored



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by **Tony Lombardi** at Grove Body Shop. She has a BA in Economics and **Don Nielson** is first in line to recruit her over to Goldenwest College. She made many friends amongst her competitors but made an even bigger friend with the Mayor of Fresno when she presented him with a flag and hat from Garden Grove. She has one month left as the reigning Miss GG but she is grateful for the experience and is looking forward to handing the crown off to next year's Miss Garden Grove.

Hooray for the **Soroptomists!!!** They graciously gave \$500 to the park because they like it so much which is why they have their meetings here. If it weren't for the Soroptomists, we would have run out of tickets a couple times. IT'S ANOTHER DAILY DOUBLE!!!! Thank you ladies (question - do you have men in the club??)

Happy / Sads (July 15, 2010)

RC Gall - \$H to be here (as Man of the Year)

Peter Carter - \$H great to be part of the night

Walt Donovan - Happy \$5 for negative on his latest cancer scan

Jerry Kelly - \$H wife had a baby and it's not the poopy diaper kind (but it still poops)

Effrain Davalos - \$H We can fill in the blank

Don Nielson - \$H for Didi

Tom Petrosine - \$H says Walt didn't have cancer...only crabs

Tony Lombardi - \$5 that he's happy and healthy

Tom Elliott - \$H for FIRST live show with a female fire dancer

Jack Wallin - \$H for grandbaby is out of Hospital in Reno

Will Swanstrom - \$H for program and for new president (who ever that may be)

Jerry Margolin - \$H for Didi

Brent - \$H AGAIN...I never hear what Brent is happy for

Craig Howard - \$H that he was stalling a plane and was able to land it too

Garden Grove Memories - Pinnacle Peak...greatest Steaks in the world. Did anyone lose their tie there?

Any memories of the Garden Grove that is no longer here, but remains in the memory of those that were here as well and would like mentioned please, email to me (only) so I can put it in my next issue.

AND NOW FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK (7/22/2010)

(trouble is I have to read Gerry's chicken scratch)

WHAT'S FOR SUPPER!?

With a Ham, Broccoli, and Sweet Potato mash...I mean mash...we started the day off with **Don Nielson** leading the pledge, **RC the Kiwanisland**



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Khoir, and the Right Reverend Gerry Kelly leading us in the right direction, we got the evening off to a great start.

HOLD THE PRESS, WE HAVE A NEWS BRIEF ON A SPECIAL ELECTION...

All those in favor of eliminating the Sweet Potato Mush say... **"AYE"**

All those opposed of eliminating the Sweet Potato Mush say ... "nay"

Yep, the Ayes' have it - fair and square.

NOW BACK TO THE REST OF OUR NEWS STORY

Tony Lombardi hosted the Miss Garden Grove mixer on Wednesday (7/21).

Jack Wallin (great-great grandfather he is) poured the drinks and

Kiwanisland will be sponsoring **Brittany Olson** for the 2011 pageant. **Bob**

Main came home a winner too by winning a big bottle of booze in a raffle (rumor has it that he bought all the tickets).

Congratulations to **Saimie Hayes** for her pending retirement from Garden Grove City Works. After 34 years, she's going to concentrate her energy in



driving **President Brent** even more crazy (another rumor is we will have our FIRST husband/wife Presidency in Kiwanisland)

Running of the Dogs



Most of you are aware that each year the Weiner Nationals are held at Los Alamitos Race Track. And even though dog racing is illegal, there is no betting on the dogs, but you can bet your bottom dollar there were \$bills\$ being passed for this fun charity event to benefit the Seal Beach Adoption Shelter. Our very own JR Howard ran this year and even after weeks of



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grueling training and diet, he barely made it out of the gate before the sweet sweet aroma of dirt and horse manure took his attention away from the thrill of victory. Always next year

The Main Story

Our guests tonight were two sisters from the Discovery Arts Foundation that takes art, music, and old fashioned imagination to kids with life threatening and terminal illnesses. **Nancy and Marylyne Marshall** started this organization 17 years ago on a whim to take her experience as a choreographer to put on a show for kids in a special needs hospital. After putting on shows for presidents, popes, and other dignitaries, her biggest reward came when she was able to encourage a kid who was going through treatment to get up from being in bed for weeks and ended up tap dancing for two hours. After seeing that, she gave up the Nordstrom lifestyle and began putting together the Discovery Arts Foundation to take creativity and imagination to kids who have otherwise had everything stripped from them in the way of being a kid. She does face (and head) painting, bedside activities to those who just can't get out of bed, and the kids get to keep the costumes they are given that allows them to escape their personal inner-prison. These two sisters were able to take a program from a single 14 bed unit all the way to supporting a 3500 beds over 5 facilities. I don't think there was a dry eye in the room.

But to keep this program going, they need the help and support from outside sources so I think we can all pull together and do something for this group. Art supplies, costumes (new), monthly "Circle of Friends" donation, sponsor a program (\$500), Polaroid 600 film, etc. Talk to any Kiwanisland member and we can work with getting them the help they desperately need. They also plan to hold an event at Kiwanisland in late August/early September that will give these kids a chance to run free.

This is what **Kiwanisland** is all about.





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Hoppy / Sods

RC - \$2 Happy for Notes that Gerry took

Gerry Newkirk - \$5 Happy for program and Sad because he's going to Bass lake (yeah, right)

Walt Donovan - \$H for program

Bob Main - \$H for program and mixer at Tony's

Bruce Broadwater - \$H for program and mixer at Tony's
(I told you you'd see double)

Jerry Kelly - \$H for girls efforts (he knew their dad- a realtor)

Jack Wallin - \$H for Program

Tom Elliott - \$H for Mixer , \$S to take care of Pat (happy to do it; sad she was sick)

Tom Petrosine - \$S Sad that lady wrecked his car right when he was thinking of selling it

Tony Lombardi - \$2 for program; \$H Tom wrecked his car (editors opinion)

Brent Hayes - \$H happy to have Thai and the Discovery Arts ladies

Don Nielson - \$20 to have Brent as next president

Craig Howard - \$H Second that motion

Garden Grove Memories – Rumor Hazit...famous gay bar known throughout Orange County

I told you guys to send me suggestions. Otherwise, you never know what you're going to get.

This writer is not responsible for misspellings of word, names, or wrong dates listed for events or happenings
Editor-in-Cheap Craig Howard signing off