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It's all GrΣΣk to Me

his **newsletter** will use an ad Lib'd approach because this **newseditor** cannot find his notes from last week's meeting. What he will do is - turn down the lights, isolate himself from the rest of the world, and rely solely on his power of memory to recall the meeting of last week....(I hear crickets)

Besides, we didn't have **President Brent**, nor did we didn't have **Gerry Newkirk** (for the editing), and VP Will Swanstrom (President Absentia) is an ad Lib kind of guy as it is. Since he ran the meeting, it was ad Lib'd all the way.

What is the meaning of **ad Lib**? We hear it all the time, we say it too, but what does it all mean? The term ad Lib is derived from the Greek (Latin) term **ad Libitum**. This means "at the discretion of the performer". Used mainly in the arts, it gave musicians or actors the license to omit or alter a piece at their discretion. So you ask yourself, what does this have to do with ad Lib'ng a newsletter. It's not art, we're not actors, we are supposed to report the facts here people. Well the fact is, I'm writing this and it is by 'fidus qua creditor' (The faith by which it is believed). So get off my back and omnia extares (let it all hang out!).

Announcements

(yes, some are recycled...but they're still relevant)

- **Peter Carter** is recovering from another episode of the prostate. After having surgery to remove something in his system due to the treatment, he is recovering and hopefully will be home in time for the weekend. Here's hopes to a speedy recovery, Peter!!
- **Ray Bedoine** Memorial 50/50 drawing is off and running. This is where you sell tickets for \$100 and the winner has a chance to win \$5000. The drawing will be October 29th so start putting your names list together. Gerry Kelly says there are plenty of tickets left so start cashing in on those favors owed by others. We will be happy to invoice so it's a legitimate tax deduction since it is a "donation".
- **Garden Grove High School Multi-Year Reunion – Class of 68-72** Saturday October 23 @6PM on Main St Garden Grove. They will close off the street and make it a Knight on Enchantment (no wait, that was



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my Prom). \$85 per person covers dinner at any of the restaurants on main, music, and linen table cloths on a tables in a special section for the VIPs. Go to www.gghsreunion1968-1972.com for information.

- **Acacia Adult Day Care – Autumnfest 2010** Saturday October 9, 2010 from 2-6PM at Kiwanisland. They will have entertainment, Beer tasting (vs Beer drinking...you have to give it back), Silent Auction, activities fur der kinderen. \$35 pre-paid or \$40 at the gate...\$20 for kids 10 and under (I guess because they don't drink that much beer).
- **Thomas House Temporary Shelter presents Nights on Broadway.** Sunday September 26, 2010 at the Turnip Rose Grand Newport @1901 Newport Blvd in Costa Mesa. Dinner, Silent Auction, entertainment by the "Kids Next Door" Alumni; all for \$135 to help provide temporary shelter to homeless families in OC. Other sponsorships available so call Judi Pennella at 714-554-0357 for further information.
- And not that this news writer wants to start any rumors or anything because he has it from a reliable source who will remain anonymous but have you ever had trouble getting hold of **RC (Man of the Year, don't cha know)** on the second Saturday of each month? Well I heard it's because he goes down the street to the ~~Prancing Skiltare~~ house and parties with the Furies. It's the house with the Skunk-like animal on the lighted sign on the chopped off palm tree on Gilbert. I'll bet he dresses like a Lion and parties until all hours of the night. You didn't hear it from me but in case you want to find out more, go to prancing.skiltare.net

A Moment with a Member

For those of you who elect not to come because you have 'better things to do'. I share with you a new section called 'A Moment with a Member'. By not coming to the meetings you miss out on the networking that is a key benefit to being an "ACTIVE" member in a service organization.

So as I was sitting at dinner listening to **Gary Sunda** and **Gerry Margolin** talk about whatever it was they were talking about, I noticed sitting next to me, all quiet and in deep in thought, our very own 'Man of the Year' **RC Gall**. I thought to myself, what a shame it is to waste a golden opportunity



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like this so I thought I would tap into that matrix he calls a brain and find out something about the man that makes the man tick.

“RC, when you go out clubbin’ on the weekend, where do you go?” I aksed.

I was shocked at the answer because RC said he is not a regular on the town. BUT, when he does go out (oh boy...pay dirt!!), when he does hit the streets, two of his favorite places to go are:

1. Chris and Pitts....no wait...Ruth Chris (wow, that’s a contrast)
2. The Cellar

He said it was down south somewhere but I know there is one in Fullerton

So take it from a pro (and the Garden Grove Man of the Year), if you can’t think of the right place to go, go to where the winners go. I mean if it’s OK with RC...it’s OK by ME!

A Bit of a Program

(more like show and tell but it was very interesting none the less)

A while back, **Bruce Broadwater** shared with us his early career days in the Rail Road industry (in a way, he’s still in the RR business...but I digress). So he was telling us of how he wished he had a picture of engine 94 that plowed off the end of the tracks at LA’s Grand Central Station in 1948 and was left hanging over what is now Hwy 101. With this being a birthday request a few years back, his two sons and daughter-in-law set out to find that picture.

What he brought in is was not one picture, but a whole series of PICTURES...and a copy of LIFE Magazine...that had not only the familiar snapshot he remembers from the LA Times, but a copy of various shots from the original 90 year old photographer who now lives in Las Vegas. For those of you who doubt the power of the internet and feel it is a passing fad, **liberate tutemet ex infurnis** (liberate yourselves from hell!). Their hard work and dedication brought treasures from the past that put a smile as big as engine 94 itself.

In fact, this editor also went the distance as well and found the actual black and white video of why this accident happened. They blamed the engineer, but as you can see from the video, there was more at “play” than just poor



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judgment. Copy and paste the link into your internet browser and you be the judge, jury, and executioner. Sorry to those not yet in the 21st century. Maybe you can get a friend to “help” you.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HMxJtMoTnx8>

Thanks Bruce...for sharing your present with the rest of us'ns.

Hoppy / Sods

This was going to be the hard part...how to recall all those “Happy/Sads” and still get it close. But here goes nutin'...

RC - \$H for the program. \$S for Peter Carter who hopefully will be home by the weekend.

Gary Sunda - \$H for Program, \$S for Peter

Ed Hodges - \$H 20 for program and some other thing of insignificance

Walt Donovan - \$H Program

Bob Main - \$H to be married 60 years...veni, vedi, vici!!

Bruce Broadwater – \$H

Jerry Kelly - \$H for 50/50's pending success

Jack Wallin - \$2H for going fishing in Tahoe

Tom Petrosine – He's in Italy (I think)

Tony Lombardi – not present

Gerry Margolin – He left

Brent Hayes – He right

Don Nielson - \$1H for attending Key Klub Members

Craig Howard - \$5H happy to be remembered by Gary (after he reminded him)

Will Swanstrom - \$H to run the meeting and can't wait to run ALL the meetings

Effrain Davalos - \$2H just because

Ticket Winners: Will Swanstraom (white chip) and Craig Howard (white chip).

Garden Grove Memories – Zlacket's Market has been around for 83 years and has the atmosphere of the markets of days past.

Finis coronat opus...ave atque vale
(the end crowns the work...hail and farewell)

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Editor-in-Cheap Craig Howard signing off