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GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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*The Clubhouse was packed full of both Kiwanians and our special Soroptimist guests tonight!*

## GG Soroptimist and GG Kiwanis Meet Tonight

For our first office meeting of 2011, we held a combined **Garden Grove Kiwanis Club** and **Soroptimist International of Garden Grove Club** meeting this evening. The reason for this was to focus on the issue of Human Trafficking. One of the goals of **Soroptimist International** is to raise awareness, aid in prevention, provide victim services and act as an advocate for this important topic. **Garden Grove Soroptimist Club President Erin Webb** and **Garden Grove Kiwanis Club Stand-in President Gary Sunda** (**President Brent H.** and **Vice- President Will S.** were both away on travel) greeted guests this evening as they arrived for the special night. The **Clubhouse** was packed with over 50 people for this event and **Helen** was a busy bee tonight as she took care of the gathered folks.



SOROPTIMIST  
Best for Women

*Tonight was a combined Club meeting for the Garden Grove Kiwanis and the Garden Grove Soroptimist Clubs.*

### Announcements

- We will be having a work party on January 22 at **KiwanisLand** to do some roof maintenance on the **Park** buildings. **Club** members will be reminded at the next meeting, but save the date and mark your calendars. Those interested in breakfast before heading over to the **Park** to work can meet at **Kaye's Kitchen** on **Main Street** at 7:30 am.
- At **Club** meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting the **Santa Ana Kiwanis Club** for an inter-Club meeting. In addition to these wacky bunch **Kiwanians**, the Program and special guest for the evening will be our new **Garden Police Department Chief of Police, Kevin Raney**. This is sure to be a special evening, so plan on attending!
- **Jerry Kelly** announced that **Bill Calliham**, a previous **Garden Grove Kiwanis Club** member and past **Club President**, has been ill and in the hospital and is not doing well. He is now in a rehabilitation facility and **Jerry** asks for all **Club** members and friends that know **Bill** to keep him in their thoughts and prayers.

### Program

Introduction to tonight's subject were made by **Garden Grove Soroptimist Club** members **Lori Smith** and **Cathy Standiford** (former **President of Soroptimist International of the Americas**). **Jen'et Kreitner**, **Executive Director of Grandma's House of Hope**, a non-profit that helps those who have been impacted by Human Trafficking, was our speaker for the evening. She told us that Human Trafficking is the illegal trade in human beings for the purposes of commercial sexual exploitation or forced labor: a modern-day form of slavery. Each year, thousands of people are forced into the commercial sex industry - the vast majority of whom are women and girls. An estimated 20 million slaves are in the world, and 79 percent are ensnared in sexual servitude. They suffer physical, psychological and sexual abuse. Sex slavery perpetuates a culture of violence, destroys communities and families, fuels organized crime, and ruins lives. These women and girls are not anonymous, faceless victims, they are someone's daughters, sisters, mothers and friends. There were several girls in the audience who acted out various stories of victims and told how they became enslaved, what they were forced to endure and how it effected them. It was a powerful demonstration and helped to bring this issue down to a personal level.

### Upcoming Events

- January 20<sup>th</sup>** Garden Grove Police Chief Kevin Raney will be the Program
- January 22<sup>nd</sup>** Work Party at KiwanisLand (Breakfast at Kaye's Kitchen beforehand)

### Thought for the Week

*Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better person.*

*Gerry Newkirk*