



Ramblings

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Hail to the Chief!!

Garden Grove Chief of Police, that is. Chief Kevin Raney was the guest tonight and told us how he rose through the ranks and became the newest Police Chief for Garden Grove.

So let us start from the beginning because the meeting at Kiwanisland this night was wrought with activities that I'm sure you would like to hear about (otherwise, why would you read this newsletter?)

It began on this warm January night with **Efrain Davalos** leading us in the pledge, **RC Gall** was the maestro-magnifique, and **Jerry Kelly** as Right Reverend blessed the park, our police, and the dinner we were about to begin. The room was about 75% **Garden Grove Evening Kiwanis** and 25% **Santa Ana Kiwanis**. President **Les Washington** and his granddaughter **Taylor**, **Ali Bayrami** (their newest member), **Bob Barnes**, **Bob Stokes**, and **Tevis Bratcher** joined us in the evenings revelry. **Jay's Catering** came through once again and **Helen Weeks** was able to slow down a bit from the joint **Soroptomist / Kiwanisland** meeting last week. So we all hung out and broke off in our little groups while the dinner was ett. Once **Tom Petrosine** was ready to start the meeting, the bell was rung and the room came to silent attention (*yeah, right*) as he covered the important topics for the night. And they are as follows:



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The Announcements

Jay Mastroianni (man that's a hard name to spell but it's unique for a unique guy) is doing well but is finding it harder to leave the house. **Tom Petrosine** went over to visit him and **Eleanor** and boosted their spirit with a good visit. **Tom** had a great idea that **Eleanor** thought would be great but we want to keep it a surprise for now. On February 3rd (two weeks), GG Kiwanis will hold our weekly meeting at Jay's house. It would be nice if we can make a good showing so reply back to the email when you get your newsletter whether you can make it so we can put your name in the pot (no not the chamber pot for the 50/50 drawing). We need to plan carefully because we will probably set up chairs or something.

Jack Wallin stated we will hold the **Boys Club** Awards on February 10th. This is where we grill Hamburgers so we need some help there too.

Peter Carter seems to be doing better from my last update

Bob and Lenny Main presented Kiwanisland...or , since **Gerry Newkirk** is not around, do I mean GG Kiwanis with a couple checks in honor of our friends of Kiwanisland. One was to celebrate **Barbara Kiki's** 90th birthday (somebody call Smuckers) and the other was in memory of **Ed Green**. Thank you for the gift of charity.

The **Santa Ana Kiwanis** were there as an interclub and talked about some the activities they have planned including the annual **Fountain Valley Bowl Handicapped Bowl**. I didn't catch the date but it's still a few weeks away so we will keep you informed because they can use help setting up the pins and retrieving bowling balls or something.



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So now that Tom has exhausted all his announcements, he was ready...reluctantly ready...to hand the podium over to Bruce Broadwater who was able to commandeer the oldest of the newest of the bestest Police Force of all of California and probably the world and maybe even still of the entire universe...our very own...**Police Chief Kevin Raney.**

Chief Raney (from here on referred to as Raney...no respect, I know - but it's easier) literally worked his way up through the ranks. Starting as 19 year old Cadet Raney in 1976, he grew up in Lakewood and attended nearby CSLB (aka the Beach). With the LA based jobs running tight, he heard about this community in Orange County called Garden Grove.

One thing Chief Raney compared was the training program implemented then to what it is now. When he started, it 8 days of briefings and handed the keys. Today, it's 6 months of training, probation, and everything else beyond the months of Academy to train today's cop. But during his climb through the ranks, he's seen a wide range of police work that made him the cop he is today. You wouldn't expect clean cut Raney you know as an afro headed, scruffy bearded heroin addict with pencil tattooed track marks hanging out at the old Firestation Hotel with guns put to his belly and \$140K of drug money in a suitcase for an undercover "buy". During that one, he was being set-up but luckily he was alert to his surroundings (like the guy taking a swing with a baseball bat from behind) and had the backup necessary to take the perps down.

His most rewarding and also most busiest was his stint in the Buena Clinton neighborhood where his team was able to earn the respect of the community and begin the process of stabilizing the area towards becoming a much better (but not perfect) community for the people living there.



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But the pinnacle of his career was a bitter-sweet one during his involvement with the **Officer Howard Dallies** murder investigation. Although the initial investigation hit a frustrating dead-end, his supervisor put together a team of 13 people to continue working the investigation to get the person or persons responsible behind bars. After 11 months of intensive interviews with various witnesses, informants, and other clandestine detective work within the California prison system, the tide suddenly turned with a cousin of the shooter pointing the suspect out as the shooter. But because of the complexity of the case, and the fact that the suspect was already in prison on a 25-life 3rd Strike violation, the case did not stand-up in court so it never went to trial. But he knows that the person who shot Officer Dallies is behind bars for a long time to come.

In closing the night out, Chief Raney stated that the biggest problem the force has ahead is implementing a service model that is developed on trust within the community. This would make the job as Police Chief run smoothly and will be the model he carries forward as his tenure as the Chief of Police for the City of Garden Grove. Everyone at Kiwanis is 101% behind our new Chief of Police. Congratulations Chief Raney!!

HAPPY – SADS

Gary Sunda (\$H), Don Nielson (\$H), RC Gall (\$H), Efrain Davalos (\$H), Veteran Ed (\$H), Tony Lombardi (\$H), Walt Donovan (\$H), Craig Howard (\$H), Tom Petrosine (\$H), Bruce Broadwater (\$H) – All for the great program that Chief Raney brought to the meeting

The Santa Ana Club put in (\$H) for the great interclub 9but we need to work on getting one to defect to our club)



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Chief Raney also put in a (\$H) for the great evening