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Garden Grove Kiwanis Club Meeting Held at Jay's House!

GG Kiwanis Club Visits Jay Mastroianni

If you came to the **Garden Grove Kiwanis Clubhouse** for our meeting tonight, you probably noticed that it was pretty dark there. Everyone else was at the **Mastroianni** residence, where we held our **Kiwanis Club** meeting tonight. We did so in order for our **Club** members to get to visit with **Jay** and **Eleanor**. **Jay** hasn't been able to get out to attend the meetings lately so we decided to ask if we could have a meeting at **Jay's** house. That way we could visit and **Jay** wouldn't have to travel out. We found out that he even knows a pretty good catering company who could provide some dinner for us for the evening!



Tonight's Garden Grove Kiwanis meeting was held at Jay Mastroianni's house so he and our members could visit!

The evening started with our usual social time but instead of Master Mixologist **Jack Wallin** behind the bar serving up liquid refreshments, we had **Jay's** son **Mike Mastroianni** serving us up the libations.

President Brent called the gathered **Club** members to **Jay's** side room that he has for entertaining a large group of guests and got the meeting started with our normal salute to the flag, **RC** leading us in patriotic song and the right reverent **Jerry Kelly** proding us a benediction. **Jay** welcomed us to his home and thanked us for coming to visit with him. He said it was difficult for him to get out nowadays and that this meant a lot to him to have us come to visit. He has been a member of the **Club** for over 35 years and that he enjoyed getting to come to meetings and to visit with everyone.

We then had a fine meal from a local caterer that **Jay** knows. **Mike** also joined us for dinner and told us that if he could describe his dad in one word, it would have to be "fearless". He has been fearless in all of the ventures that he has undertaken throughout his life and in developing the catering company that he built from scratch. He said that "generosity" would be a close second. **Jay** has been generous not only to his family, but also to the community and to the organizations that he belongs to.

Jay then told us that his one goal in life was to have a family business that his kids could work at and eventually take over and run.

The **Club** would like to thank **Jay, Eleanor, Mike** and **Linda** for their hospitality and for having us over for dinner and a visit!

Announcements

Even though tonight's meeting was mainly a social event to get together with **Jay**, there were a couple of announcements from **President Brent**.

- On Feb. 10th, we will be having our **Valentine's Celebration Dinner**. That night will be an "invite your favorite sweetheart" event (aka a **Ladies Night**). **Club** members and their special guests will be treated to a fine meal and experience some great **Kiwanian** fellowship, so be sure to attend what promises to be a sweet event!
- Our **Club** will be teaming with the **Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove** on Feb. 17th at **KiwanisLand** to host and honor their **Youth of the Year** award winners along with their families from several of their sites. We will need **Club** members for barbequing and for festivities setup and to help with making this a special night for the youths who have been selected to receive this award.

Upcoming Events

Feb 10th Sweetheart's Valentines Celebration Dinner Event

Feb 17th GG Kiwanis and GG Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year Awards at KiwanisLand

Thought for the Week

Never explain - your friends do not need it and your enemies will not believe you anyways.

Gerry Newkirk