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GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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In Partnership with the Garden Grove Boy & Girls Club,

GG Kiwanis Club Honors Distinguished Kids!

Our event this evening was all about honoring several of the youth in our community as the **Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove** teams with our **Club** to host and honor the **Youth of the Year** award winners and their families from 16 of the **Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove's** sites. The "Youth of the Year" program has been going on for over 60 years and honors the recipients for their service, pride, enthusiasm, participation, attendance and attitude throughout the year as they interact with members of their family, school; club and communities. **Kiwanis International** has partnered with **Boys and Girls Clubs of America** to foster, nurture, and establish a legacy of serving children, a cornerstone mission for both organizations. Our **Club** has been holding this annual event for over 30 years and when we started the tradition, we were honoring only a single child. Tonight we were privileged to honor and share this achievement with sixteen youths who are on the road to becoming future leaders in our community.



Tonight's event recognized kids in our community who have excelled over the last year and made a difference!

The **Clubhouse** and surrounding area was set up for the celebration and for barbequing and tonight's special event was sure to be a night that would be remembered by the honorees and their families. Providing assistance, encouragement, praise and fellowship to those in attendance for the celebratory event tonight were **Jack Wallin; RC Gall; Will Swanstrom; Don Schlensker; Brent Hayes; Don Nielsen; Gerry Newkirk; Bruce Broadwater; Walt Donovan; Craig Howard; Efrain Davalos; Ed Hodges; Tom Elliott; and Tom Petrosine.** Front and center as our official **Club** representative was **President Brent Hayes** and he thanked the award recipients and their gathered family and friends for coming, He also congratulated each honoree and presented them with their award plaques. **Jennifer Cisneros, Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove** Senior Director of School Age Programs was our Master of Ceremonies for the Award Ceremony. **Pat Halberstadt, Chief Professional Officer of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove** was also present to welcome the assembled guests and thank our **Club** for again hosting the event.

Garden Grove Kiwanis Club & Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove 2011 Youth of the Year

Jenny German - Doing Intermediate
Andrea Castaneda - Irvine Intermediate
Vivian Ho - McGarvin Intermediate
Francisco Trejo - Alamitos Intermediate
Julia Jimenez - Walton Intermediate
Marlene Ramirez - Fitz Intermediate
Pablo Castro - Jordan Intermediate
Ann Nguyen - Lake Intermediate

Amber Boatright - Ralston Intermediate
Stephanie Pintado - Santiago High School
Stephany Nguyen - Hare High School
Christine Vu - Edgar Branch
AJ Jasso - Clinton Branch
Brittany Barnette - Stanford Branch
Malia Baricuatro - Main Branch
Lindsey Chou - Patton Branch

Stephanie Pintado from **Santiago High School** was selected as the finalist to attend the **Boys and Girls Clubs of Orange County Youth of the Year** event. The winner of the **Orange County Youth of the Year** event will become eligible to compete for the **Youth of the Year** title at the state and regional levels. If successful there, they could go on to compete for the title of **BGCA's National Youth of the Year**. The **National Youth of the Year** receives a \$15,000 college scholarship and is installed by the **President** in an **Oval Office** ceremony.

Upcoming Events

Mar 05th Work Party Event at KiwanisLand

Thought for the Week

"You may only be one person in this world, but you may be the world to one person!"

Gerry Newkirk