



Ramblings

GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEAKLY

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A Bunch of Balarney

A room full of **Kiwanians** were there to usher in the annual installment of what gives us in America another excuse to go out and party. More on that soon so let's see how the night unfolded...

With us this night of *Irelandishness* was **President Dennis** from the **Greater Garden Grove Morning Club** and also **Troy and Arlene** from the **Garden Grove Marching Band**.

The Bell tolled at 7:00 PM sharp to mark the beginning of the 11th meeting of 2011 in the fantastic surroundings of **Kiwanisland of Garden Grove**. Not a Leprechaun was in sight but our dessert plates were adorned with Gold coins that were actually Pesos (??). Anyway, **Ed Hodges** was elected Pledge leader and what a fine job he did. **Tom Elliott** lead us in song that would make the harshest Irishman blush, and **Bruce Broadwater** blessed all that was around us and the best for those who are suffering throughout the world. For this day of Irish celebration, **Jay's Catering** brought on the Corn Beef and Cabbage, Red Potato's, carrots, and the usual trimmings to feast on this day of green Shamrocks and Blarney Stones.

Speaking of which, why the green on St Patrick's Day? Well back when St Patrick's Day was first celebrated, BLUE was the color to mark the occasion. But because St Patrick's was all about the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, it is told in Irish lore that the three leafed Shamrock was used to explain the trinity to the pagan Irish. Thus started the "Wearing of the Green", the Shamrock, and Paul McCartney's song "Give Ireland Back to the Irish". **Bruce Broadwater** started to tell the tale of the Duke of Orange but I believe it goes counter to the whole St Patrick's Day theme so we will skip that one for now.

It was a light night for the regular members so thank goodness for our guests to fill the ranks. So where are the regulars? Taking in the Green Beer? Sitting at a concert for an Irish band in Tucson?? Drawing a Green Chip for a drawing (soreheads). We need the club to get back to the average numbers. 10 Kiwanians do not a club make.



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The Announcements

Last Monday, the DCM was held at **Kiwanisland** where the voting took place to elect the Lt Governor. The ramblings on this subject were such that the name of the elected Lt Governor was not captured for this article but I can tell you this person is in for their second term. If this is not correct, my apologies.

The **Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce** is announcing the annual Women's Division hosting of the *Silver Spoons* event on some Sunday (no date was given). They will be coming to speak at our meeting in the near future and there was some commotion amongst the ranks as to who will attend this year. Some say someone who was not in attendance, t'others say someone who was present. Before an Irish barroom brawl broke out, we pushed it off to decide another day to keep the meeting safe for our guests.

April 2nd is the **Miss Garden Grove Texas Hold'em Tournament** at the **Lions Club** (next to Kiwanisland). This is a fun-filled event that allows you to practice your skills of poker while knowing your bank is going to a great cause. Kiwanis would like to put a team of 8 together for this event but let's not limit ourselves to that number. You should reserve early because there is limited seating (otherwise it could go all night and I don't think the most of you can stay up after 11). Please come to the meeting and find out more details (regular members get food).

The Day..the mu-sic...Died

... 'cause the players tried to take the field, the marching band refused to yield. Do you recall what was revealed? The day ...the music....died

and so goes the rest of the song. But we couldn't let the music die, at least not for the **Garden Grove Marching Band**. They've been marching since **Walt Donovan** was on the football field and their drums have taken a beating (is there a pun there?). So because they asked nicely, and they will be in the **Strawberry Festival Parade**, and **Garden Grove football did win CIF**, we at **Kiwanis** could not let the music die (now you see where this was going?). So with our help and the help they got from the morning club, they should be marching to a different drum real soon (I'm starting to sound like **Don Nielson**).



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HAPPY (\$H) – SADS (\$S)

This won't take long as there were only 10 anglers this night of March Madness

Gary Sunda \$H for the GG Football team and \$H for the band in the parade

Tom Elliott \$H to be here and \$H for GG Football

Bruce Broadwater \$H for GG band to NOT tell others of donation (Bruce was in rare form tonight for some reason)

Ed Hodges \$S that Jerry Kelly had a tumor taken off of cheek but is doing fine (to our favorite Irishman – “May the luck o’ the Irish be with you)

Don Nielson \$H for our speaker and \$H to be rid of the donation money

Craig Howard \$S5 that he couldn't do his Irish Jig dance

President Dennis \$H 42 years with Kiwanis

Our President Brent Hayes \$H that Craig couldn't do his Irish Jig

Tom Petrosine \$H that Craig didn't give an Irish Joke

Walt Donovan \$H5 Go Argonauts! but wait there's more...back when he was a Rotarian, it was LAW that on your birthday, you gave the amount of your age. Because Walt is no longer a Rotarian, he did it anyway and gave a check to Kiwanis (not Kiwanisland) for \$85. Where were you in 1926?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to **WALT's MALT's**

The 50/50 drawing was held and once again, the BLUE CHIP was picked by none other than **Tom Elliott**. In a way I'm glad because I'll never have to hear “I never win” from him again.

Speaking of Garden Grove High School's Football team. Do you know their name back in 1926 when Walt was born? Hint – it's the name of a spice that was grown here in Garden Grove and is also the name of a rock band today

Answer: The Chili Peppers