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Ramblings

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Was it the weather? Or the Basketball games on TV that was keeping some Garden Grove Kiwanians away tonight...

Low Turnout at Tonight's GG Kiwanis Meeting

There wasn't a real big crowd at tonight's **Garden Grove Kiwanis Club** meeting. **President Brent** was off entertaining some visiting family members, so **past-President Gary Sunda** boldly filled in and took control of the meeting. Even though we were missing a lot of our members tonight, those who braved the elements and managed to make it to the meeting carried on in fine **Kiwanian** fashion and had a good time. It makes you wonder though, where was everyone else and what was keeping them from being here enjoying all of the fun and excitement with us?



There were several Garden Grove Kiwanians missing at tonight's meeting.

Announcements

- At next week's **Kiwanis Club** meeting, **Jack Wallin** will be taking up a collection to help out the people in the **Japanese** village where his grand daughter lives and who are affected by the earthquake and tsunami. **Jack's** grand daughter lives and teaches English in **Japan** and was actually there during the earthquake and the tsunami. She and her husband are fine, all though a bit shaken. They are currently in the **U.S.** to visit and are also collecting some donations to help out the people in the village that they live in. **Jack** is going to try and have them come visit and talk to the **Club** at the meeting on 3/31/11 (if they haven't left to go back yet).
- **Jack Wallin** reported that **KiwanisLand** was included in the Small Business category for **Garden Grove's** Business Beautification Award for 2011. The winner will be determined by online voting being conducted during the week of March 21 through March 27. (*Editor's note:* **Jack** reported that **KiwanisLand** has overwhelmingly won the **City of Garden Grove** Beautification Award 2011 - Small Business Class!! The award will be presented May 16 at the Community Center.)

Program

Tonight's Program was motivational speaker **George Grajeda** from **La Mirada**, who spoke about his secrets to success in his talk titled "Dare to Dream." **George** has been searching for the secret of success for many years and shared with us a few ideas about the subject. **George** grew up in a border town in **Arizona** and struggled in school. He became a migrant worker and worked at that for awhile, but wanted to better himself. So he went back to school and got a diploma. He struggled through several menial jobs and eventually came across a book called "**Think and Grow Rich**" by **Napoleon Hill**. It talked about the power of positive thinking and how to use this to shape your life. **George** applied the principles in the book and eventually became an insurance salesman for **Allstate** (where he earned a membership in **Allstate Insurance Company's** Honor Ring in his first year there) and then with the **Colonial Life Insurance Company**. He has been a production sales leader and has received countless Sales and Management Leadership Awards. He won the company's **Cadillac** Award (where he was awarded a **Cadillac** car) eight times. As Marketing Director, he created a unique sales system that was later implemented throughout the entire company. He has spoken before many groups and sales conventions. He developed and taught a course titled "Personal Dynamics and Leadership" at **Pacific States University** and has led many seminars in personal development in **Los Angeles, Chicago, and Washington DC**. He worked with **W. Clement Stone**, an insurance billionaire to present his Positive Mental Attitude (PMA) Seminars. **George** has been a vegan for 24 years and believes in the benefits of healthy eating.

Happy/Sad

- Gary S.** - Happy \$ for **George's** Program tonight. Happy \$ the newsletters we have had lately.
- RC** - Sad \$ for the low turnout tonight. Happy \$ that we had a Program tonight.
- Peter C.** - Happy \$ to thank **Bruce B.** for his quick maneuver in ending of tonight's Program.
- Walt D.** - Happy \$ to be here tonight. Happy \$ to make a donation to **KiwanisLand**.
- Ed H.** - Happy \$ for the Program we had tonight and for being here this evening.
- Jerry K.** - Happy \$ to have a dollar to give tonight.
- Tom P.** - Sad \$ that 12 years ago tonight his wife passed away.
- Jerry M.** - Sad \$ had to leave meeting early to go sign checks for Condo Association.
- Bruce B.** - Happy \$ for the "nice" Program this evening. Happy \$ for **Cesar Chavez's** birthday on March 31.
- Jack W.** - Happy \$ for everyone to vote for **KiwanisLand** in **City of Garden Grove's** Best Looking Biz.
- Gerry N.** - Sad \$ missed last week and didn't while on business travel. Happy \$ to be here this evening.

Thought for the Week

"An optimist will tell you the glass is half-full; the pessimist will tell you it is half-empty; and the engineer will tell you the glass is twice the size it needs to be".

Gerry Newkirk