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GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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2011 is half way done and Summer is in full swing...

Assembled Group of Patriots Hear about Legal Pot!

Tonight was the first **Garden Grove Kiwanis Club** meeting of the second half of 2011. The Fourth of July has come and gone and that means summertime is in full swing. The **Park** is looking great with it's lush green lawns, beautiful shady trees and the lake is resplendent with it's sparkling and fresh water. We had both our **President Brent Hayes** and our **Vice President Will Swanstrom** back with us this evening and we also had **Bruce Broadwater's** brother **Phil** (who has an Insurance business in **Garden Grove**) visiting us, along with a special guest speaker that provided us with a Program at the meeting tonight.



Hope everyone had a Safe, Sane and Healthy Independence Day Holiday!

Announcements

- **Don Nielsen** reminded the **Club Members** about the **KiwanisLand Duck Races and Family Picnic** to be held on Sunday, Aug. 7th. He again had flyers that had information and a form for the 200 rubber ducks that will be adopted and raced during this event. You can also get more information and the form on our website (www.kiwanisland.com).
- **Jack Wallin** told the us that the **Division 4 Key Club Party** had been held in the **Park** and there were over 135 kids celebrating summer and having fun. He also mentioned that the **Boy Scouts** had been using the **Park** this last week and that the **Girl Scouts** would be having a Day Camp in the **Park**. The **Div. 4 Kiwanis Clubs Officer Installation Dinner** will be held at **KiwanisLand** on August 27th and will feature a Hawaii themed event for \$25 a person.
- The **Garden Grove Chamber** will be having their **Miss Garden Grove Mixer** on Wed, July 20th at **Tony Lombardi's Grove Body Shop**. **Tony** is always proud to display his state of the art facility.

Program

Tonight's Program was **Susan Emery**, who is a **Director of Community Development** for the **City of Garden Grove**. **Bruce Broadwater** asked her to come and talk to us tonight about the **Medical Marijuana dispensaries** in the **City** after a question he was asked at one of our previous meetings. **Susan** told us that there are 40 Marijuana dispensaries within the **City** boundaries even though the **City Council** passed an ordinance banning them in 2008. Most of them are located in industrial and commercial zones in the **City**, but not all of them are. They can be recognized by the green lighting, green "Wellness" lettering or green leaf symbol on their business signage. Several factors that make it difficult to enforce the current ordinance are that in 1996, **Prop 215** was passed by the voters of **California** that allows marijuana use for medical purposes. In 2004, **SB420** was passed by the **CA Legislature** and signed by **Governor Davis** which expands on **Prop 215** and set up the **Medical Marijuana ID Card System** in use today. **Garden Grove City** officials are studying and developing a registration, licensing and zoning process that it can use to "control, limit and regulate" the **Medical Marijuana Dispensaries** within the **City** limits. They have noted that the **Long Beach** and **Brea** have tried to aggressively enforce their **City's** ordinances and have spent millions of dollars in lawsuits and legal fees.

Happy/Sad

- RC** – Happy \$ to be here and for the Program tonight. **Efrain D.** - Happy \$ for the Program we had tonight.
Ed H. – Happy \$ for the Program this evening. Sad \$ that he missed the meeting last week.
Don N. – Happy \$ for the Program tonight explaining about a new money making opportunity for the **Club**.
Jerry K. – Happy \$ for the Program and our guests tonight. **Tony L.** – Happy \$ for being here again this week.
Walt D. – Happy \$ for the informative Program. Sad \$ that he spilled his drink tonight.
Jack W. – Happy \$ to be having the **Girl Scouts** in the **Park**. **Tom P.** – Happy \$ for the Program tonight.
Will S. – Happy \$ for the great Program that **Susan** provided us this evening.
Bruce B. – Happy \$ his brother **Phil** being here to visit us tonight. Happy \$ for **Susan Emery** and the Program she gave.
Brent H. – Happy \$ that **Jack W.** could cultivate some great medical marijuana here at the **Park**.
Gerry N. – Happy \$ for picking up his car from **Tony L.'s** shop this week. They did a great job of fixing it!

Thought for the Week

"Liberty is the right to choose. Freedom is the result of the right choice."

Gerry Newkirk