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# Ramblings

GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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*Summer is in full swing and lots of Members are traveling...*

## VP Will Swanstrom Leads the Charge!

President Brent Hayes was not able to make it tonight so Vice President Will Swanstrom was in charge of our Garden Grove Kiwanis Club meeting this evening. We had a light crowd, but those of us in attendance were a lively lot. Everyone was buzzing about Jerry Kelly's recent doctor visit. His doctor told him that his recent tests showed that his prostate cancer had basically disappeared from the treatments that he had been receiving and that he was cured. That is great news Jerry!



*It's that time of year again, when the meeting attendance is light due to members traveling and being on vacation!*

### Announcements

- Gary Sunda talked to the Club Members about the KiwanisLand Family Picnic and Rubber Duck Races that will be held in just 3 weeks on Sunday, Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>. He said he has already adopted out quite a few ducks and reminded everyone that there would only be 200 rubber ducks that will be adopted and raced during this event. He mentioned that Will Swanstrom and his Food Committee will be selling food (Hamburgers & Hot Dogs) during the event. Gary has flyers that have information and the form for the rubber duck adoptions. You can also get the flyers on our website ([www.kiwanisland.com](http://www.kiwanisland.com)).
- Jack Wallin told us that there have been over a hundred Girl Scouts in the Park this week having a Day Camp in the Park. Don Nielsen has shot a bunch of pictures of the events and will bring them in to show us.
- The Garden Grove Chamber will be having their Miss Garden Grove Mixer on Wed, July 20<sup>th</sup> at Tony Lombardi's Grove Body Shop. Tony says that all Club members are welcome to come enjoy some food and refreshments and see his shop.

### Program

Tonight's mini-Program was City of Garden Grove Councilman Bruce Broadwater. He told us about a July 11th article printed in the O.C. Register newspaper that displayed and compares the salaries and compensation for all of the City Councils in Orange County (Ref: <http://taxdollars.ocregister.com/2011/07/11/which-city-council-makes-the-most-money/88311/>). The article was based on an Orange County Grand Jury investigation and report. The article said that Garden Grove City Council members were paid a \$5,833 yearly base salary and received \$18,462 in "total benefits and other pay" for a total of \$24,475. The "total benefits and other pay" included things such as: fees, deferred compensation, bonus pay, insurance premiums, auto allowance, pension contributions and pay in lieu of time off. Bruce said the article and Grand Jury report wasn't entirely accurate. He said that the base salary for the Mayor of Garden Grove was more than that amount. (**Editor's Note:** According to the City of Garden Grove's website, the base salary of the Mayor is \$600/month (\$7,200/year) and the base salary of a Council member is \$486.05/month (\$5832.60/year).) Bruce also said that the "total benefits and other pay" was misleading because if a person is already a member of PERS due to their current or previous job, then they do not receive that part of the benefits package. Bruce said that he and Mayor Dalton are in this category.

### Happy/Sad

- RC – Sad \$ for the low turnout tonight. Don N. - Happy \$ that it is great to be here tonight.
- Gary S. – Happy \$ to be back in the good old U.S.A. after spending a couple of weeks in "gay Paree" (Paris).
- Ed H. – Happy \$ for the good boat ride over the weekend. Jerry K. took over the captain duties for him.
- Jerry K. – Happy \$ for the good news he got from his doctor. Tony L. – Happy \$ for being here this evening.
- Walt D. – Happy \$ for the great Program from Bruce B. tonight. Jack W. – Happy \$ to be here tonight.
- Tom P. – Happy \$ for being here tonight. Will S. – Happy \$ for Jerry K.'s good news and for the Duck Races.
- Bruce B. – Happy \$10 for living in Garden Grove and that he still has all of his original equipment.
- Gerry N. – Happy \$ that his trip to Seattle got postponed. Sad \$ that his good buddy Craig H. could not be here tonight.
- Happy \$ for the great news about Jerry Kelly.

### Thought for the Week

*"Never waste a minute of your precious life by squandering it thinking about people you don't like"*

*Gerry Newkirk*