



Ramblings

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What th' DUCK??

At the **K-land** this weekend?? **Ed Hodges**, go get your gun. You love to shoot defenseless creatures while they are minding their own business



So cute...and not so edible

After a dinner of baked Chicken, mashed potatoes, corn sans a cob, salad, fruit - all eaten by a bunch of nuts, the weakly Kiwanisland Dinner meeting commenced. With a Pledge of Allegiance by **President Brent Hayes** (can you say 3-peat?), song by the honorable **RC Gall**, and prayer by **Brother Bruce Broadwater** the meeting began with a mad rush to the back corner then a retreat to their tables to masticate and partake in socializing in their little clicks.

Announcements

- **Kiwanisland** is once again proud sponsor for this year's 2012 Miss Garden Grove Scholarship pageant. During the evening gala at Grove Body Shop (car bodies), Evening Kiwanis drew the name out of the hat and...."drum roll, please"**Miss Tweet Ho**. Her platform is the beauty of Scoliosis and her talent will be a comedic monologue titled "Rose Ritz". And so, to keep with this week's bird theme, I have to say...she's a tweety.
- **Marie Caledars** they're at it again with all these tweet deals. For you busy body shop people, they have box lunches for \$7.99 (min order



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10), they have your breakfast ready for you, too with their daily special, and of course, they've got your pie. Now, help me understand something. On one of their brochures, they advertise "Togo orders". Togo is a little known country in Africa who became autonomous in 1955 from France. So does this mean you have to like Togo food?

- **Gary James** said **Jack** is lovely a couple times during his guest speech. His compliments to the park were at an all time high and with the hopes of an improving economy, there might be more Gary James events at **Kiwanisland**. **Jack** returned the compliment by saying that **Gary James** has come through where you lazy people fall short. He helped with sweeping lakes, building freezers, pouring concrete. He da man!!
- **Treasure Tom Petrosine** got another scathing letter from the tax people saying that if the \$3,835.14 cents is not paid in full, they will start taking liens against the park. After many a phone call to the tax people, Tom made one more call and asked the question if we paid the bill, would we be squared away? The MAN on the other end of the phone said YES and tom left it at that. He was defeated; he's done all that he could; he was afraid that anymore delays would result in Kiwanisland having to change its name to IRS Land. Tom lay awake that night for over 10 minutes. The next morning, the Tax Gods shined on this little park of ours for in the mail the next day was a letter, a letter from the tax board he talked to not 24 hours earlier. When Tom saw the letter he thought, well this is it. We now work for the MAN and now we have to turn a profit and get a liquor license and charge admission and give Jack minimum wages and pay the toxic fine (because all these collection boards stick together). But what he found after the coffee countered the vodka from the night before was not a letter of demise for our little slice of heaven, but a letter simply stating we had a tax CREDIT of \$3,835.14. I think there was a tear in Tom's eye that morning.
- **Gerry Andreoff** was proudly placed on the banner of honor this night. After a somber announcement by **Will Swanstrom**, **Gerry's** badge was hung with dignity next to those who join him on the Kiwanisland Banner of Honor.
- **DUCK!!!** Ok, all you QUACKERS...you can get up now. What I was saying is that Kiwanisland will be swarmed with over 300 ducks going nowhere except in our hearts as they navigate the treacherous waters of Lake Kiwaninwani. But while they find their way around **Jack Wallin Island** and under the **BoB Main Street Bridge** then through the Straights of **RC lagoon**, the rest of us will be eating Duck Burgers, and



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Duck Wings, and drinking the water off a ducks back during the first annual **Kiwanisland** “Go Ducky GO!!” Duck race. The ducks are resting peacefully after weeks of training for the big race. SO come down THIS SUNDAY August 7th, 2011 between 10-4 and get all Ducked up. You don’t have to get Ducked-out for this event because it’s a picnic for cryin’ out loud. We need all Kiwanis’ to help out with this. The hard workers will be at Main Street Café at 7 for breakfast, 8 to set up then stay until the last blade of grass is put in it’s locked and upright position before we leave. Please do your share to make this a DUCK-sessful event....QUACK

And now on to our Program

(please turn off your cell phones and no texting during the next presentation)

Gus Castellanos – Executive producer for Garden Grove TV – Came to Kiwanisland to bring news to the people because that is what he does. Sponsored by Bruce Broadwater, Gus came with a story and a video - that had a story – about a skirmish the US was involved in back in the 60’s and the 70’s that in one way or another touched all of our lives even when we were too young to understand the impact of what was happening. In a war that demonstrated what bad politics can do when politicians try to do what they weren’t elected to do. When a nation torn in half probably as bad if not worse than the 1860’s. When the some of the most brutal combat ever undertaken by US soldiers was taking place for such a long period of time. When generations of people torn from their country may not fully understand why they were displaced to a foreign land. When people couldn’t understand why these alien people were dropped on their doorstep. There needs to be a place where the history of this kind of event can be collected so people can start to understand the events that drove this part of all of our lives and is still affecting it in some mutation that time has on everything around us.

Which is why The Moving Wall is coming to Garden Grove in October. The Moving wall is a ½ scale version of the real wall in Washington DC. With all 58, 253 names of those who sacrificed it all to fight for their buddies next to them, their country who was divided because of them, and the their lives that were in front of them in a country that probably wasn’t known to most of them – including the Garden Grove 40- is a tribute to the soldiers who suffered both overseas and when they returned. This is an opportunity to right a significant wrong to those who had no choice and with the visit of the wall, is the chance for Garden Grove to be home to the Viet Nam War Memorial Museum right here in our city.

The wall will be here from October 6-10, 2011 at the Garden Grove Park off Westminster Ave between Gilbert and Magnolia. The wall will be open 24 hours and there are planned events beginning with opening ceremonies on Thursday, a



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dinner on Saturday, and other tributes events during the 4-day visit. Important to the creation of the museum is the fundraising that will take place including the dinner. For various levels of donations from \$1 to however high you take it, the VNWMA foundation is working to get a museum somewhere. And what better place that somewhere on Harbor Blvd where everyone from around the world can spend time remembering the story heard around the world. Spearheaded by our own Bruce Broadwater, this could be gem for the city that would move us even further into the one-stop place for tourism. For more information, especially on the GG40, go to [www. Vietnam.garden-grove.org](http://www.Vietnam.garden-grove.org) under "The Moving Wall" Heading or call Marti Carroll at (714) 741-5284 for more information. There will also be a brochure at Kiwanisland for additional information.

Thanks Gus and thank you Bruce

Quacky / Sads

RC - \$H for program , \$H for Gary James visit, \$S because now he has no more dollars (only \$10's and \$20s I bet).

Gary Sunda - \$H Ducks – a Buck for a Duck if you will

Ed Hodges – He needs to pay more than the couple \$H because he has a new truck

Walt Donovan - \$S because he is back on food stamps because the market tanked

Bruce Broadwater – \$H for Gary James, program

Jerry Kelly – I hear he has a spoiled dog

Jack Wallin – \$H for Gary and Marge (OK-who stole his fruit tray)

Tom Elliott - \$H for Gary and Program

Tom Petrosine - \$H for the tax reprieve letter (and leave those Miss GG moms alone)

Tony Lombardi – Where is that doggone Tony

Brent Hayes - \$2H just a happy guy

Craig Howard - \$5H but I didn't get to talk because Tom forgot me

Effrain Davalos - \$2H Someone give that guy a microphone next time...or shut Ed up

Garden Grove Memories – The Garden Grove 40 – They were Soldiers Once and Young

Also – At the dinner for The Moving Wall, the author of the book "We Were Soldiers Once and Young" Joe Gallow will be guest speaker that night. His book inspired the movie "We Were Soldiers"

The winning tickets were 293 (Gary Sunda) \$5 and RC Gall 336 for \$5

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Editor-in-Cheap Craig Howard signing off....SEE YOU AT THE RACES!! Gentlemen, you have a race