



# Ramblings

GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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## BOEING...BOEING...GONE

**Scott and Sue McIlvain** are leaving the land of hot tubs and botox for the double-wide capital of America. Yes, folks, where the family tree has no branches and landscaping includes old toilets and wheelbarrows as flower pots, Scott and Sue are packing up the wagon and heading east to live amongst the corn fields and cow pastures of Oklahoma. Does anyone have some rope to tie the mattress to the top of the car? Or an old car they can park in their front yard? How about some matching Daisy Dukes for Scott and Sue???

Scott acted as honorary President to kick off the special night where ladies were welcome. Hopefully by now, those in attendance have regained their hearing after an uncontrollable Honorary President Scott rang in the beginning of the meeting...and rang, and rang, and rang even louder. That started off a stampede to the grub and vittles and I swear I heard the music of a country Ho Down in the distance.

### Announcements

- **Kiwanisland** sponsored **Tweet Ho** at the **Miss Garden Grove Scholarship Pageant** and was amongst tough competition last August 20<sup>th</sup> but was out scored by Rotary's **Bree Morse**. At a spry 17, Miss Ho will have plenty of opportunities to continue on in all pageants associated with the Miss California pageants. In these pageants, everyone is a winner with the lessons these ladies learn to give them a great head start in their lives and careers. Our hats are off to all of them. We'll get you next time Rotary Club!!
- **Oct 22, 2011** - All in the name of political correctness, the **Boys and Girls Club "Dinner and Auction"** will take place at **Kiwanisland** on Oct 22, 2011 starting at 4:00PM. Better known as the Boys and Girls Club Wine Festival the "Dinner and Auction" will start at Kiwanisland with the traditional format only this time there will be less wine vendors but more pouring. There will also be a beer garden. With the beautiful park as the backdrop, everyone will be able to enjoy the "Wine Festival" feel during the first phase of the celebration. Then at



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6-ish, the event will move over to the Boy and Girls Club Gym for a sit-down dinner and no-host bar for a night to remember. There are tables for large groups and sponsorships available. Contact **Kiwanisland** or **Tricia Mathis** at the Boys and Girls Club for more information (714-530-0430...tricia@bgcgg.org)

- **Oct 6-10, 2011** – **The Moving Wall comes to Garden Grove.** This year, Garden Grove is honored to host the Vietnam Veteran's War Memorial "The Moving Wall" when it comes to Garden Grove park. The memorial will be open 24/7 and will include various events, speakers, and a dinner to commemorate the Wall and also the GG41. Col. Greg F. Jones will be speaking on Monday Oct 10<sup>th</sup> at the "Food for Thought" Luncheon. 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.
- **Dave from Huntington Beach Kiwanis** spoke about the benefits of what was once known as the Indian Guides. But because of political correctness, are now known as Adventure Guides to disassociate them from any reference to Indians. Do you think if they were called the "Rocks" or "Spruce" or "Oaks", the Sierra Club would make them change their name as well? Anyway, he stood up and talked about how much fun he has as a dad spending time at places like Kiwanisland camping and cooking and camaraderie in the lushness of the park. We all appreciated his appreciativeness.
- **Gerry Newkirk** wants everyone to know he is OK (no – not Oklahoma). Gerry and his Reno Air Race entourage were out on the ropes when Galloping Ghost flew out of control and slammed into the crowd at Saturday's races. With 3800hp of uncontrollable aluminum and steel, this highly modified airplane could have hit anywhere but unfortunately hit in an area where spectators were seated but fortunately where Gerry was not. Gerry was witness to the whole thing but after learning of the tragedy that happened only a couple hours earlier, your editor contacted Gerry who was still at the airport while another friend's wife (who is a nurse) help with the injured. The race was cancelled for the weekend which was understandable based on the investigation and overall mood of the race promoters. But Gerry is fine and I'm sure he'll never forget this trip to Reno. The guys who fly these machines know the dangers and will do all that they can to keep the public out of danger when things go wrong.



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## BACK TO SCOTT AND SUE...

Yes, it's true. Scott has fallen prey of needing to work to feed his habits and has taken a job with Boeing in Oklahoma City. Boeing is moving the C-130 AMPS and B-1B program to Tinker AFB and Scott, with the help of his side-kick Sue, will tackle to the tough job of keeping the program in the red to assure additional funding in these tough times of aerospace programs. At a time where Space Shuttles built in the '80's are being prepped for museums around the country, Scott and Sues C-130 AMP program will keep a mainstay of military aircraft designed in the '50's flying into the '20's and possibly the '30's .....

WAIT!...you mean they are going back in time?

Oh yeah, that's right...they are moving to Oklahoma where mullets are fashionable and Civil War re-enactments take the place of fire-pits at the beach. Hopefully they will have a car port at their trailer park because if the tornadoes don't mess up your day, baseball size hail will definitely ruin your paint job. And anyone who thinks a doublewide and car port will protect you during a tornado should be asked to leave California. Does anyone know a good dentist in Oklahoma because I heard it's a fashion statement to have a missing front tooth in OK.

But **Jack Wallin** seemed to sum up Scott's Kiwanisland membership quite well in a 5 minute roast of a guy who was so cheap that he would show up semi-plastered carrying his OWN drink (from home) and failed to support the bar (and the club) with a couple bucks to buy a drink for "the cluhhb". But as cheap as he was, Scott was a great guy to have around. He was fun to be with, had a great retrospect on what is real, and never in a bad mood unless it had to do with money (especially if it was his). We will miss you Scott and Sue. In your honor, the **Happy / Sad** section will be named after you (just this once):

### Scotty / Sues

**RC** - \$H for program

**Scott McIlvail** \$5H to be leaving especially after Jack's ranting

**Gary Sunda** - \$H for Scott and Sue to have a great time

**Ed Hodges** - \$5S to see Sue go

**Walt Donovan** - \$H for Scott (best of Luck) \$\$ because a pole jumped out in front of him while driving a golf cart \$H Diane is with him tonight.



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**Don Schlensker** \$H Ed Hodges Hundred to have Terri with him  
**Jerry Kelly** – \$5H to wish Scott and Sue the best of luck  
**Jack Wallin** – \$H for Scott to hit the road  
**Wiil Swanstrom** (they named a game after him) \$H for Scott and Sue on their new adventure  
**Don Nielson** \$H to wish Sue the best; for Scott...ehhh  
**Tom Elliott** - \$H for Gary and Program  
**Tom Petrosine** - \$H for the information Scott left in regards to being treasured. \$\$ because Scott didn't give info on how to LEAVE treasurer  
**Tony Lombardi** \$H to wish Scott and Sue the best  
**Brent Hayes** - \$2H for the new double wide

**Garden Grove Memories** – Blinky's Pizza at Brookhurst and Westminster. In particular, the ground black pepper they used to put on the bottom of the crust of their pizza's.

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 at the Saturday night dinner. His book inspired the movie “We Were Soldiers”

**CORRECTION: Craig Howard** was not taking a job at Goleta. He was talking with a group with Raytheon's Flight Test Ops at Van Nuys for a part-time gig but with the goings on at his current location in Fullerton (coupled with the reality of the 50 mile one-way drive), he decided to graciously decline and stay focused on his current location 7 miles from home. There ain't no way he's leave Garden Grove and thinks anyone who would is crazier than a Mcilvain at an Oklahoma Drive-in theater.

The winning tickets were Bruce Broadwater and Terry Schlensker for \$5 and were so gracious to donate back to Kiwanis (not Kiwanisland) – even though Bruce was not there.

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**Editor-in-Cheap Craig Howard signing off....**