



Ramblings

GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEAKLY

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It's Like Déjà vu all over again

I am happy to announce (*very* happy to announce) that **Gerry Newkirk** has returned as the 2012 President for the **Garden Grove Evening Kiwanis** and has shown little signs of any swollen ego because of it. Let's all join together and call Gerry at his house at 2:00am on Sunday morning and give him a hearty round of "Hip-Hip...Hooray"! And while we are at it, call the other officers as well: **Will Swanstrom** as the VP, **Effrain Davalos** as the Secretary, and **Tom Petrosine** as the Treasurer. The down side to all of this is I, **Craig Howard** (gee, do I get to put my own name in bold?) will be the "Editor-in-Cheap" for the Ramblings (I'll try to make it a *weakly* affair...can I tell jokes?)

The Meeting Minutlies

Effrain led the masses in a rowdy round of Pledge of Allegiance, **RC** strained our singing voice, and **Jerry Kelly** provided the blessing. **Ed Hodges** was allowed to take his table up first because he had his arm in a sling and made sure everyone knew about it.

- **First let me begin with a correspondence from the editor**
Tonight, as has been many nights in the past, have been light in numbers. As **Jack Wallin** pointed out, if we don't get our numbers in Rank up, we are not going to have a Kiwanis club, we will lose the park, and we won't have an excuse to get out at night and will have to go back to sneaking out on Thursdays...not good in all respects. A new feature to the Ramblings is the attendance count. Please note this number at each printing and you can tell we need to call back our absentees. Otherwise we will tell your wives where you *haven't* been all those Thursday nights in the past.
- **Saturday - Oct 8, 2011** the Vietnam Veteran's War Memorial will host the Memorial Dinner to honor the Garden Grove 41 and the arrival of the Moving Wall at the Garden Grove City park. The wall will be on display 24/7 through Monday. More information can be obtained at www.Vietnam.garden-grove.org under "The Moving Wall" Heading or call **Marti Carroll** at (714) 741-5284 for more information.



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- **Oct 22, 2011** - 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 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)
- **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** – The **HOLIDAY CELEBRATION LADIES NIGHT** will be held on December 8th at the Kiwanisland Club House. Please dress in your holiday attire and show **Ed Hodges** what a real holiday tie should look like. We will not allow **Sammy the Snowman** in the door unless he agrees to behave himself
- **Acacia Signature Series Chef’s Extraordinaire benefit dinner** will be held on November 5th at 6:00pm to benefit the Acacia Adult Community Center . There will be cocktails, Silent Auction, and raffles to spice up the night with chefs from the Anaheim White House Restaurant. Tickets are \$125 per person or \$200 per couple.
- **Ray Bedoin 50/50 Raffle** will be delayed this year to avoid conflict with other charity events in the area. We will have tickets ready so you can start selling now and to assure we have maximum participation from all players. It was moved to January 27th , 2012 at Kiwanisland so please make sure you reserve your tickets today.
- **2011 CHOC WALK – Sunday October 16, 2011 at Disneyland starting at 7:00am.** The distance is 5K through the park (but it doesn’t include rides). There is free parking in the Mickey and Friends parking structure. A minimum \$50 entrance fee is required and registration must be done on-line at www.chocwalk.org. The walk will proceed...rain or shine.
- **Palm Springs Follies** – November 1-31. Contact **RC Gall** because he has a group going that costs \$95 and includes a round-trip bus ride, lunch, and the show. Good times-good times.



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- **Also to keep I mind is:**
 - The Holiday Food Drive
 - Turkey Trott
 - Angel Tree
 - Pancake Breakfast – April 21st
 - ONGOING – Kiwanisland Membership Drive.

The Evening's Events

Jack Wallin was up to no good (again) when he saw **Tom Elliott** walk in for the meeting. With a big devious grin on his face, he proceeded to give Tom a hard time which resulted in Tom taking his money off the bar and storming off saying a few expletives along the way; all the while Jack cracking up while the rest of looked on in horror to the words that Tom was able to come up with. Jack, seeing the pain (and the humor) of the situation, offered up a peace offering to Tom which he accepted and the two are once again friends. Jack is like that cat who lies in wait to pounce on his prey and run off only to piss them off but not to hurt them in any way.

President **Gerry Newkirk** hooked up his laptop to show pictures and video of the event that happened at the Reno Air Races. If you all remember, the races were cut short when a P-51 went out of control and crashed during the last heat of the day. In all, 11 people were killed and because of the randomness of how it all unfolded, we are all very fortunate that Gerry is here to tell about it. We were all so happy, we made him President (remember, Hip-Hip...Hurray at 2:00am any day at your convenience).

Happy / Sads

RC - \$H5 for having his allowance

Gerry Newkirk - \$\$ for Tom E. getting upset, \$\$ for missing so many meetings which probably had something to do with him being President

Gary Sunda - \$H for cruise that he, RC, and Jack (with wives) went on, \$H for ride on the Goodyear Blimp. (Had I known he was going, I would have flown that day and threw darts at the Blimp)

Ed Hodges – \$H that his buddies Tom E and Jack W made up, \$H couple others but I can't read my notes

Peter Carter - \$H to be here

Effreain Davalos - \$H ditto

Don Nielson – \$H and again...happy to be here (yawn)

Tom Elliott - \$H that it was a joke by Jack; \$\$ of the attendance

Jerry Kelly - \$\$ that his Black Jack game went to hell



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Jack Wallin – \$H for a great trip (and he didn't get pushed overboard)

Will Swanstrom - \$H2 Dec 1st will be 1st official day of retirement

Tom Petrosine - \$H that he's going to Tahiti

Craig Howard \$2S for membership, but \$H that Gerry missed so we can make him president (don't let that happen to you next year)

Brent Hayes – Has anybody seen Brent?

Garden Grove Memories – The Goodyear Blimp cut the ribbon to officially open the Garden Grove Freeway

The winning tickets were **Peter Carter** and **Gary Sunda** for \$5 and were so gracious to donate back to Kiwanis (not Kiwanisland)

This writer is not responsible for misspellings of word, names, rumors, or wrong dates listed for events or happenings

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