



# Ramblings

GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEAKLY

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## Kiwanis on their best behavior?

**President Gerry Newkirk** had all the attendees at tonight's meeting on good behavior so much that it almost hurt. Even **Jack Wallin** couldn't take the pressure and ended up leaving right after dinner. He didn't even wait around for the 50/50. And **Craig Howard** was specifically instructed...NO JOKES. So why all the hub-bub...bub? I'll tell you in a minute.

### The Minute Countdown

The meeting began with **Gary Sunda** leading the masses in a prideful round of Pledge of Allegiance, **RC** led the beat to "My Country 'tis of Thee", and **Jerry Kelly** provided the avocation. After a brief introduction about our guests, Gerry excused us like a good boarding school supervisor and the night was off to a good start with Chicken Parmesean, Green Beans Anlondonde, and all the regular trimmings.

*Ring of the bell..*the meeting is in session. **President Gerry** takes control (or so he thinks...

#### *The Archives*

(looking at the past)

- First the remote control (to turn off the USC – Cal game) then he took control of the room by nicely (but sternly) asking **Bruce Broadwater** and **Jack Wallin** to shush-up (remember, he's putting on a false front of good behavior).
- **Vietnam Veteran's War Museum's Moving Wall** received rave reviews from those that attended the dinner and the memorial itself. **Bruce Broadwater** once again received accolades on the overall presentation and also the progress made on the Museum to be located on Harbor between 17<sup>th</sup> and Trask (former Mazda dealer). Although no completion date was given, a lot of detail on what will be in the museum has been decided and will include a computer based library, video hall, hardware from each branch of the military involved in the war including items offered by the Smithsonian as loaners to the museum of up to 10 years. Bruce and his team have put a lot of heart and soul into this museum and will be a great addition to the city for people from miles around to experience. Thank you Bruce !

#### *A Glance at the Future*



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- **Oct 22, 2011** - In one week, 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-o’clock-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)
- **Siggtoberfest – October 27, 2011**(why is this font that is typically used for German writing called Old English?) Our very own Soroptimists International of Garden Grove...**Siggtoberfest**...get it? will bring Oktoberfest to Main Street Garden Grove on October 27 from 4-7PM. **Doug’s Downtown Grill** will be hosting this fundraiser for the Soroptimist and will include a flight of three (3) autumn beers, Bratwurst, kraut (I think he means sour kraut - not the WWII version), Potato Pancakes (my mom’s favorite), fresh fruit (as opposed to any other type of fruit??), and wash it all down with a glass of wine. All for the paltry sum of \$30 for proceeds to benefit the Soroptimist of Garden Grove. Please contact **Craig Howard** (newportsci@aol.com) , **Sharon Sunda**, or **Suki Carter** for ticket information.  
**SPECIAL NOTICE – Garden Grove Evening Kiwanis will be dark that week and will hold their meeting at the Siggtoberfest venue the night of October 27. This will also be a ladies night so please contact us early to get your tickets.**
- **Ray Beaudoin 50/50 Raffle** (yes, I got it right this time...sorry Ray) will be delayed this year to avoid conflict with other charity events in the area. We wil have tickets ready so you can start selling now and to assure we have maximum participation from all players. It was moved to January 27<sup>th</sup> , 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](http://www.chocwalk.org). The walk will proceed...rain or shine.



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- **Acacia Signature Series Chef's Extraordinaire benefit dinner** will be held on November 5<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **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. I saw a flier of the show and on it there was a picture of the starlet of the show. Ladies, are you sure you want the guys going to his show? (hubba-hubba)
- **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT** – The HOLIDAY CELEBRATION LADIES NIGHT will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Kiwanisland Club House. Please dress in your holiday attire and show **Ed Hodges** what a real holiday tie should look like. **Sammy the Snowman** has been briefed and is attending Ethics training classes in preparation for the night. A review of his progress will be conducted before he is allowed to set one snow flake onto the Kiwanisland grounds.
- **October 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Wings Wheels and Rotors at the Los Alamitos Joint Service Base. Free admission and you may see one of the radars Craig Howard works on there on display.
- **Also to keep I mind is:**
  - The Holiday Food Drive
  - Turkey Trott
  - Angel Tree
  - Pancake Breakfast – April 21<sup>st</sup>
  - ONGOING – Kiwanisland Membership Drive.

## *The Evening's Events*

So why was it that this one night President Gerry Newkirk was all up in on's to being Mr. Prim and Proper? It turns out that we had a surprise visit by the reigning **Lt Governor Rocio Brooks** who appeared to feel right at home the second she walked in the door. But Gerry was nervous about how we might present lasting first impressions and gave us "the look" that we SHALL be on our best behavior tonight..or else (and I say "or else what?...you don't scare me"). Like I say, Rocio felt right at home and was not intimidated by even by the likes of **Ed Hodges** and his Ed Hodges \$50 bill.

She spoke of how she wanted to join an organization that was not focused on race / gender but had a focus to help on global level. After being involved with Circle-K at CSULB, a career in HR, and being bored as a stay-at-home mom, she tried to channel her energy through a local Kick-ball league. Having decided that getting tagged out by a huge rubber ball while running the bases, Rocio soon wanted to make a difference in the world and help make a difference. She soon



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found **Dr Brewster** with the **Fountain Valley Kiwanis** and joined them about the same time women folk were “allowed” to join the all men’s club of Kiwanis. Today Kiwanis is 25years strong in “allowing” women to join the organization and is a better organization because of it. But Rocio’s purpose took a turn here recently when her brother was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer and she had to spend the last few months they had together taking care of him and making sure he was comfortable. Her awakening came about here recently when Kaiser refused to administer the \$3,000 medication shot to her brother simply because he was, in the words of Kaiser, “without hope”. Her brother passed away three months after being diagnosed and, as was the case of Steve Jobs, was a quick process.

Because of this, Rocio has, along with her commitment to Kiwanis, has joined the ELIMINATE Project between Kiwanis and Unicef. The ELIMINATE Project is a world-wide program that eliminates maternal / neonatal Tetanus (MNT) to developing countries through the administration of a \$1.80 set of shots (three shots) to the mother to protect her and future newborn babies. Because of Kaiser’s corporate based selfishness to taking care of someone that paid diligently into his insurance premium only to be refused during his time of need, Rocio feels she and her brother are taking the cause forward through outreach sessions like she did at meeting tonight. ELIMINATES goal is to wipe out MNT by 2015 but only has 20 of the 58 countries to go to reach their 2015 commitment. Further information can be obtained at [www.TheEliminateProject.org](http://www.TheEliminateProject.org)

## Happy / Sads

**RC** - \$H3 for having made it

**Gerry Newkirk** - \$H for Gary Sunda’s guest Randy and \$H for Rocio coming to the meeting

**Tony Lombardi** - \$H5 although I missed it, Tony is always happy

**Don Schlensker** - \$H3 fur da preaugram

**Will Swanstrom** - \$H5 for the Lt Governors visit

**Don Nielson** – \$H for the program (and I did think Randy was Don’s brother...sorry Randy)

**Bruce Broadwater** – \$H5 for the success of the Vietnam War Museum’s visit

**Gary Sunda** - \$H Gary is always happy too except when it comes to Diamond lanes

**Lt Gov Rocio** – \$H50 to learn what a cheapskate Ed Hodges is with his Ed Hodges \$50 Bill but feels like an Ed Hodges \$1,000,000 by being here (which means she only feels like \$100,000)

**Effreain Davalos** - \$H program

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

**Jerry Kelly** - \$S still sad that his Black Jack game went to hell



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**Jack Wallin** – Remember that Jack left because of Gerry's edict

**Tom Petrosine** – He's in Tahiti

**Craig Howard** \$5H for program and looking forward to a Tetanus free world

**Brent Hayes** – Has anybody seen Brent?

**Garden Grove Fun Facts** – 39.8% Republicans and %38.7 Democrats (they can't even put the % sign on correctly)

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

## COMIC SECTION

Here is the Joke that Gerry wouldn't let me tell

So a cowboy is met at the Pearly Gates by St Peters. The cowboy walks up and says "Howdy Partner! Can you tell me where abouts I'm at?"

St Peters says "Son, this is the gate to heaven but before I let you in, I have to know how you are worthy of eternal life here in heaven. Tell me what you have done for your fellow man".

"Well", says the cowboy. "I was walking down the street and I see this huge tattooed biker with all this body piercin' bothering this yung lady and I reckon'd I'd better do something or she may git hurt. So I walked up an' after telling him to leave her be, he continued a botherin' her."

St Peter looked on with fascination and said, "Go on, what did you do next?"

And the cowboy said, "Well, I told him once more to leave'er alone and he pushed me back a bit hard to where I hit 'ginst the wall behind me. So I walked back up to him agin, kicked him in the groin, pulled out his nose ring, and pushed his motorbike over and scratched it all up. All whilst this was goin' on, the yung lady was able to run away".

St Peter said, "Wow, that was fantastic! When did this happen? I don't see it in my records?"

The cowboy says. "I reckon about 5 minutes ago".

See Gerry?

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