



Ramblings

GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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“Let’s get this show on the road”

was the rally cry from **President Gerry Newkirk** as he stepped up to the podium and gave the bell a swift and mighty *whack*. After a brief introduction of our visiting Bolsa Grande Key Club members, he excused the room for dinner and set the night off for what was in store.

Countdown to the Meeting

The meeting began with **Walt Donovan** leading the Pledge of Allegiance , **RC** led the off-key beat to “My Country ‘tis of Thee”, and **Jerry Kelly** provided the blessing for all that is good. Dinner tonight was Don Nielson’s favorite of ground steak, red potato something with garlic, a vegetable that I can’t recall, salad, and a pudding cake that was to die for...oh, so decadent. With 15 in attendance, this turned out to be a subject of discussion given by our returning Tahitian beach-gomer Tom Petrosine later in the evening. So before we get into those details and how Craig Howard salvaged the mood swing caused by that discussion, let’s take care of some business, shall we?

...and now a word from our sponsors...

- Next week’s meeting will be held at the **SIGGtoberfest** at Doug’s Downtown Grill on Thursday October 27th 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, Potato Pancakes, fresh fruit, and to 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. Tickets can be bought at the door but if we know ahead of time, SIGGtoberfest may be able to take over the venue at DDG for a Private Event...oooo...sounds like what happens at the Playboy Mansion without the grotto.

A Glance at the Future

- **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



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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)

- **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 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.
- **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.
- **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 8th 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 22** – The Garden Grove Public Works will be hosting their open house this Saturday. Come enjoy the food, fun, and a working



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display of Former President Brent Hayes hard at work. If you are lucky, you may get a ride in a trash truck, smell the different varieties of natural gas, or maybe..just maybe...they'll let you climb the tower to get a bird's eye view onto Gary Sunda's place of business.

- **October 23rd** – 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 – Cans of food and let's not rely on the can of Hominy with the expired date on it this time
 - Turkey Trott – Planned for the last Thursday before Christmas (Dec 22nd)
 - Angel Tree – Same as the December 8th Holiday party
 - Pancake Breakfast – April 21st
 - ONGOING – Kiwanisland Membership Drive.

The Evening's Events

The **Bolsa Grande Key Club** was represented by **Trisha, Jennifer, and Donald** to reflect back on the events of their past, present, and future. They have been busy with community events such as serving meals at the Community Center, attending membership training event at a place, and giving direction to those participating in the OC Walk to Remember (I forgot about it). In November, they will be attending their Fall Rally at magic Mountain so they can get sick and scream while taking the day off from school. At the end of the year, they will try to get involved with the Rose Parade float decorations.

Best of all, though, and you should have seen it, they finished their talk with their rally cry that responds to “Hey Key Club, how do you feel?” They respond in unison “Oh, I feel good, yes I feel good..uhh..and I feel fine, yes I feel so fine..uh-booga..uh-booga...uh-booga-booga-booga (while spinning around with their fist pumping the air)”. But what was so special was seeing President Gerry Newkirk up there doing the booga dance right along with them. *Priceles.*

So then **Tom Petrosine** gets up and talks about the State of Affairs with his Treasure's Report. Although I will not give the details, let's just say they could be better. The main thing is dues...let's get our dues in on time. The other is membership. Let's go out and konk a few people on the head and drag them in. The last is fund raisers. We need more pancake breakfasts is what I got out of it...or corn booths...or something in between. Come on people, Tom needs to make more trips to Tahiti and he can't do it this way (for the record, I'm only kidding).

After Tom was done, you could sense that the mood in the room changed and this was no way to send a Kiwanis off into the night because there is no telling what he might do...illegal U-turn, cut someone off, rob a bank (at 8 PM?), who



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knows how desperate a Kiwani can get. So **Craig Howard** took it upon himself to boost the spirit back to where it was before Tom got up and told a joke (ala **Don Schlensker**..as was last weeks). It was clean (remember, there are Key-Clubbers in the room) so not to worry so here it goes for those who missed it (or the punch line)..

A Garden Grove police officer pulls over an elderly man at 2:30AM for speeding and asks where he is going this late at night. The man replies “ I’m going to a lecture about the bad effects that drinking, smoking, and staying out late at night can have on a man’s life”.

The cop stops to think then says “but who would be giving a lecture on that subject this late at night?”

The man looks at him and says “That would be my wife”.

The cop let him go with a warning

Happy / Sads

RC - \$H2 for being here and the Key club

Peter Carter - \$H5 for stuff that I missed

Gary Sunda - \$H2 for Brent and the Blues (I don’t get it either)

Don Nielson – \$H for the program

Walt Donovan – \$5S for Tom P’s report

Ed Hodges – \$2H Key club and also a \$Fine for his phone going off

Effrain Davalos - \$H program

Jerry Kelly - \$H for the Key clubs attendance and a \$fine for his phone too

Don Schlensker - \$H for Tom P and \$H2 for the Key Club

Jack Wallin – \$2H for picking up his daughter at the airport only to take her back the next day for New York which was the basis for the \$S

Will Swanstrom - \$H5 for everyone pitching in to the Bell Fit-a-Thon

Brent Hayes – Hooray! Brent was here tonight

Tom Petrosine - \$H for Key club and a \$fine for..you guessed it...phone

Gerry Newkirk - \$5H for Key Club and to be here with all of us

The winning tickets were **Walt Donovan** and **Peter Carter** for \$5 which were graciously given to Kiwanis Club

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....