



Ramblings

GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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“Carmageddon is coming to the OC”



As stated by **Christina Byrne** and **Madison Chetwood** from OCTA. These poor ladies didn't know what was in store for them because **Gary Sunda** was in the audience and he was armed with questions.

But on a very special note, **Scott Wymer** from the Orange Kiwanis (?) and former fire fighter came to us tonight with some very good news for anyone who uses the club. Through various organizations and sponsors, Kiwanisland will be the recipient of our very own Defibulator. With a goal to making these machines as common as fire extinguishers, Defibulators have proven themselves many times over. And it's just not the upper age groups either. High School age kids have been resuscitated almost as often due to sports injuries. A vote was taken to make this a pay-per-use machine but it was felt that as cheap as some of the club members are, we might get ourselves into trouble. So we voted that whoever uses the machine, can buy a round of drinks at the next meeting.

The Meeting Countdown

Bruce Broadwater was asked to lead the pledge with our hand on our chest and a ready and a begin...Then **RC** led us to singin' (and it was good)...and while **Jerry Kelly** was off prophetcising at a race track or Black Jack table, **Tom Elliott** led us in a prayer...and it was a long one. **Will Swanstrom** held



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the meeting as best he could but with our exhausted ruler **Gerry Newkirk** off spending corporate funds on what could be unallowable expenses, we all were led into a night of fun AND education. So now we are all littlebit smarter because of it.

...and as the meeting moved forward...we take a look in the past...

- It was told that last week's **SIGGtoberfest** was a good one and that everyone had a good time. Nobody was carried out and the word was the beer, food, and wine were mighty fine.
- **Sally Monsour** sent Kiwanisland a thank you note for the use of the park in not so distant past. This was for their yearly Christmas retreat so you know they had a great time here at the park.
- **Oct 22, 2011** - The **Boys and Girls Club "Dinner and Auction"** held at **Kiwanisland** on Oct 22, 2011 was a great time to spend with a bunch of people that have a common desire to help the kids. There was a lot of prizes going out which means there were a lot of very generous people in attendance. Not sure how much they took in but I'm sure they came in on the positive side since there were prizes bidding in the \$1,000's. The weather was perfect, the wine was delich, and the food was great as was the MC Mr Nye.

...and into the future...

- **Next Weeks Meeting** – Ladies are invited but it's not officially a ladies night (what ever that means). **Jack Wallin's granddaughter** will stop through to talk a little more about the going-on in Japan after the earthquake and the lack of support the Japanese Government is providing. With such an in-depth topic, we wanted to invite the ladies.
- **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.
- **November 11 – Veteran's Day "An evening of Remembrance"** will be held at the Stanford Ave **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** to celebrate those who sacrificed their lives in the name of freedom. Keynote speaker Justice Eileen C Moore from the 4th District Court of Appeals will highlight the show to talk about her time served



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as 2nd Lt with the US Army Corps as a Combat Nurse in 1966.
Refreshments will be served and the doors will open at 6:30.

- **November 22 – Mayors Prayer Breakfast at the GG Community Center.** The event will be at 7:00 am and it's only \$20 per person.
- **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*)
- **FLASH - HOLIDAY CELEBRATION LADIES NIGHT – FLASH** 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 snowflake onto the Kiwanisland grounds.
- Scott Wymer from another club (Orange?) came to Kiwanis to announce that not because of age, but because of the number of people that pass through its gates, we will be getting our very own Defibrillator machine. Bring your quarters.
- **Also worth noting 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 (Bob)Main Event

Carmageddon...you've heard the term before. But it was in a far away land of Hollywood starlets and movie executives. The poor souls who had to plod the Sepulveda pass on the 405 between the valley and LA and all of those on the west side. But it didn't matter to us in the bedroom communities of Orange County. That was a day-trip away (by horse and buggy) and had no effect on us except to clog our favorite news stations 24 hours a day.....

...but don't speak too soon you laxidasical Orange Countians because it's about to appear on your very own door step. Kiwanis was treated to a firsthand look at



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all the plans behind all the plans for the planning that OCTD is planning to plan to plan for the future of Orange County . As you all are aware, there is digging going on around the 405/22/605 interchange that will make transitioning this area a whole lot easier and safer for the rest of us. As part of a \$277M...plan...the entire process will add lanes, fly-overs, car pool lanes (**Gary Sunda** was taking copious notes the whole time), and bridge improvements. Once it's completed, there will be adornments of flying Heron's and Cattails or Seals and Seaweed to line your route as you go to work, grandma's, or Bakersfield along these newly renovated freeways. So what does that mean for carnageddon you ask? The Seal Beach Blvd bridge will create a similar scenario when the demolition process begins in the near future. There will be detours and work-arounds to get us through this all. Once it's completed, even our own **Gary Sunda** and his band of nay-sayers will be singing praises.

But wait there's more! Act now and in the spring of 2012, we'll send you a south 605 / 405 tunnel closure for free. And if that's not enough there will be continued improvements down the 405 to the 73 interchange that will make your travel easier to the south county. It's a Cornucopia of highway improvements that will keep our roads safer and carpoolers happier as we improve on an outdated design when it was thought cars were only a fad.

And along with the new technology of road design, is the methods of outreach to keep us all informed of closures, detours, and project information. If you go to the main website, you can navigate to various locations for news, schedules, and probably even cool aerial shots of what is in store for us here. If you go to

www.octa.net/westcounty

you can get scores, schedules, and information to this and other links like Twitter and Facebook (Facebook? What, are we going to find out who OCTA's BFF is? I hear they de-friended **Gary Sunda**). It will also help those of you poor souls get through the pending doom of **CARMAGEDDON of the OC**. And don't forget that rainy season is upon us.

But as a reporter and teller of facts, let **ME** help you with a little known tip to get through the mess surrounding the 405 / 22 closures. One of the main detours is to take Katella / Knott going in either direction with Lampson as an option. But there is another snake route to tell you about and that is Stanford Ave between Springdale and Goldenwest. There are a couple stop signs along Stanford but it's known amongst the locals that whilst you are travelling on Stanford, if you blast your horn as you approach and go through the stop signs, the north/south traffic is to yield the right-away; even those coming out of driveways. This also allows you to maintain the same speed you would use on the freeway because they want to get as many cars through there as possible. This will make your commute a whole lot easier and you'll get to see an area that you probably have never been through. Heck, maybe you'll meet new people and make new friends.



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Happy / Sads

RC - \$\$ to be the BEST YODLER (be ready to give a demo)

Peter Carter - \$H because he always is

Gary Sunda - \$H for program (and more car pool lanes), cruise, Defib

Don Nielson – \$2H for the program

Walt Donovan – \$2H for program

Jack Wallin – \$2H that his granddaughter is coming to talk

Craig Howard - \$H3 for Program, Defib machine, 2nd solo cross country

Sorry – there was so much chatter that is all I was able to capture

The winning tickets were **Scott Wyman** and **another guy** for \$5 which were graciously given to Kiwanis Club (at least Scott's was)

Lost and Found

LOST – Kiwanis members. If you see any on the street, drag their tails back here to regain the Kiwanis the way it used to be.

COMIC SECTION

A Love Story.....

A woman was sipping a glass of wine while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says, "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you."

Her husband asks, "Is that you or the wine talking?"

She replies, "It's me ... talking to the wine."

SPORTS

Los Amigos 55, La Quinta 0

Garden Grove 38, Bolsa Grande 21

Pacifica 21, Valencia 16

Huntington Beach 58, Los Alamitos 28

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

Just in Case – I was only kidding about the Stanford Avenue detour tip. This is not a good route and there are too many kids and cats in the road to make this a safe route. But if you happen to pass by that way, you may want to toot your horn in a friendly manner at the stop sign at the east end of Stanford. You will probably get a friendly wave from a familiar face each time you do.

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