



# Ramblings

GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEAKLY

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## We have Guests in the House

so our fellow Kiwanis were on their best behavior since they had someone(s) looking over them. It's nice to see a full room but it was all for Jack Wallin's Granddaughter Autumn coming for a return visit to Kiwanisland to give us a update on the events surrounding the earthquake and tsunami relief in Japan. The ladies of Kiwanis were invited for a special "But it's not a ladies night" at Kiwanis. Call it what you may, but the ladies were there and it was night.

Ed "Sling Blade" Hodges led the pledge, RC cracked a few glasses, and Bruce brought the saving graces to the room to begin the evenings supper of Pot Roast and other fixins'. Helen Weeks was there in force and she made sure we cleaned our plates before dessert.

## ...Kalendar... (clever use of the K, huh?)

- **Ray Beaudoin 50/50 Raffle** 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.
- **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 haven't heard if they've gone yet so check with RC. *Maybe he'll want to go again...and again*
- **FLASH - HOLIDAY CELEBRATION LADIES NIGHT – FLASH**  
We are still on for a December 8<sup>th</sup> Kiwanisland Holiday Party. With the sling, I don't think **Ed Hodges** can even tie a tie these days let alone wear one. Anyone have an extra holiday clip-on for him.  
**Sammy the Snowman** is progressing with his Ethics training classes in preparation for the night. He has had a few setbacks with a few racial (snow) "slurries". We threatened him with a heating pad and straightened right up. I think he will be OK.



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- **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 Trot – Planned for the last Thursday before Christmas (Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>)
- Angel Tree – Same as the December 8<sup>th</sup> Holiday party
- Pancake Breakfast – April 21<sup>st</sup>
- ONGOING – Kiwanisland Membership Drive.
- In case you missed it – for updates to the 405/22/605 closures, go to the OCTA website for more information:  
[www.octa.net/westcounty](http://www.octa.net/westcounty)

## *The (Bob)Main Event*

**Jack Wallin's** granddaughter **Autumn** came back to Kiwanisland to give us an update on what is still going on in Japan after the earthquake and tsunami. Autumn lives in Japan and is not one to sit around and wait for things to happen. Through her own fruition, she started on her own to raise funds and awareness for the continued struggles of those affected most by the events earlier this year. On her own, she raised over \$9,000 dollars that went towards things like trucking in loaner boats for fishermen or saws to cut buildings that block the only road into these back country villages. Autumn is a go-getter and with her unselfish efforts, people are getting back to business of making a living in their home towns once again.

But her efforts are also of awareness. The global news no longer carries stories of the Fukushima Power Plant that is beyond the melt down stage. It continues to smolder on a nuclear level and is affecting everyone in the vicinity of the plant. Between acid rain and radiation levels in the food, there is a lot to be done to assess the damage that comes long after the day of the main event. Another thing that happened because of the quake was an old gold mine at the top of a hill had a toxic sludge pool of Arsenic laced mud. When the quake hit, the dam holding the sludge back collapsed and all this sludge ran down on the village and into the water where clams and seaweed were harvested. Through money that Autumn provided to the local agencies, they were able to run tests to show the level of toxicity to put the area in line for future clean-up.

But the good news is there is a lot going on with the rebuilding and getting back to everyday business. At times where there was a shortage of help now there is an over abundance. Although they have to watch out for the fly-by-nights, they are still moving forward to rebuilding their lives in their homeland. Autumn also had an announcement of her own so let's just say Jack is about to be a Great-Grandfather once again (those Wallins sure know how to breed don't they?)



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## Happy / Sads

**RC** - \$H to give up some of his allowance for a great program

**Peter Carter** - \$H he's always happy

**Gary Sunda** - \$10H for program , Christmas CD, lovely wife Sharon

**Walt Donovan** – \$5H for program

**Jack Wallin** – \$2H that his granddaughter came to talk

**Craig Howard** - \$H4 for Program

**Effrain Davalos** - \$5H for Autumn

**Ed Hodges** - \$(some money)H for the program and for ladies night even though he didn't bring Shirley

**Bruce Broadwater** - \$5H for Autumn, for Veteran's Celebration at Mormon Church

**Don Schlensker** - \$50H...now is that an Ed Hodges 50? As of this writing, I wasn't sure (see disclaimer below) ...for program and for his lovely wife Terri

**Gerry Newkirk** - \$5H-S combination for Autumn, Sad that he's missed meetings, happy that he's President

**Tom Petrosine** - \$H for program

The winning tickets were **Craig Howard** (\$10) and **Tom Petrosine** for \$5 which were graciously given back to Kiwanis Club

## 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

Late one Friday night a Garden Grove policeman spotted Gerry Newkirk driving very erratically through on the street of Dublin in Garden Grove. They pulled Gerry over and asked him if he had been drinking that evening.

"Aye, so I have. 'Tis Friday, you know, so me and the lads stopped by the pub where I had six or seven pints. And then there was something called "Happy Hour" and they served these mar-gar-itos which are quite good. I had four or five o' those. Then I had to drive me friend Craig's home and O' course I had to go in for a couple of Guinness - couldn't be rude, ye know. Then I stopped on the way home to get another bottle for later .." And Gerry fumbled around in his coat until he located his bottle of whiskey, which he held up for inspection.

Officer Brown sighed, and said, "Sir, I'm afraid I'll need you to step out of the car and take a breathalyzer test."

Indignantly, Gerry said, "Why? Don't ye believe me?!"



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## SPORTS

### The Local Grid Iron

<u>Team</u>	<u>Standings</u>
Rancho Alamitos	5-0-0
Los Amigos	4-1-0
Garden Grove	3-2-0
Bolsa Grande	2-3-0
Santiago	1-4-0
La Quinta	0-5-0
Pacifica (5 <sup>th</sup> )	1-4-0 Empire League

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