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Ramblings

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January attendance starts off better....

First GG Kiwanis Meeting of 2006

Attendance was better for the first meeting of the 2006 year than it had been in December. Everyone is done with all of their traveling, visiting guests, and their seasonal activities. It was good to see some of the members that had missed a few meetings and get caught up on what had been happening with them.



2006 meetings off to a good start!

Announcements

- **Jack Wallin** ask for any members who could make it to come down to **KiwanisLand** on Saturday morning (1/7/06) for a work party to help clean all of the leaves out of the lake (which is drained for the winter). We need to do some patching and re-sealing work on the concrete. (*Editor's note:* Thanks To **John Leeb**, **Jack Wallin** and **Gerry Newkirk** for attending the work party and getting the all of the leaves and debris cleaned out of the lake area.). There will be more work party opportunities coming up in the months to come.
- Thanks again to **Bruce Broadwater** for preparing a "press release" on the **Christmas Angel** gifts and Canned Food drive delivery that has been in both the **GG Journal** and **O.C. News**. **Bruce** says that press release about the "**Turkey Shoot**" will be out soon. Thanks again to **Marge** for organizing the **Christmas Angel** gifts with the **Salvation Army** and to **Tom Elliot** for organizing the Canned Food drive.
- **Shelly Singer** donated two tickets to a **L.A. Clippers** game to be raffled off as a fundraiser for the **Club**. These were premium seats for the game in the area where the waitress comes and takes your order so you don't have to miss the game. The raffle started off with everyone expecting a rousing exchange to happen when **Jay M.** immediately gave a bid that turned out to be the top bid. Thanks to **Jay M.** and **Shelly S.** for their generosity.
- **Garden Grove's 50th Anniversary** Kick-off Celebration will be on Wed., 1/11/06 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at City Hall. The new **Garden Grove Sports & Rec. Center** will have a Grand Opening Celebration ceremony on Sat., 1/21/06 at 10:30 am. The Center is at **Garden Grove Park** and everyone is invited to attend. Also, the **Mayor's State of the City Luncheon** will be held on Tuesday, 1/17/06 at 11:30 am at the **Embassy Suites Hotel**.
- The **Bolsa Grande H.S. Key Club** Installation Dinner will be on Fri., 1/13/06 at **KiwanisLand**. All **Club** members are encouraged to attend and come meet our the **Key Club** members that we sponsor. The new **Key Club** will be presented with their membership & officer pins, gavel, bell, etc.

Secret Greeter Strikes Again

We had a secret greeter this week and whenever this person is tasked for this position, the Club always seems to make some money. Wonder why that is? Our secret greeter this week was the affable **Ed Hodges**. When it came time to announce whom **Ed** had "caught" not shaking his hand, he seemed to be almost giddy in announcing **Shelly S.**, **Jerry K.**, **Tom P.** and **Jack W.** All four of them were heard to utter that it was well worth the dollar fine.

Happy/Sad

- Gary S.** - Happy \$ for that he is leaving on a **Caribbean** cruise tomorrow and for **Bruce B.** for submitting articles regarding our **Club** that has been in the **GG Journal** and **O.C. News**.
- Tom E.** - Sad \$ for **USC Trojans**, Happy \$ for **Texas Longhorns** (Tom is an **Oakie**).
- Tom P.** - Happy \$ for spending 4 days in **San Francisco** for New Years'.
- Ed H.** - Happy \$ that holidays are over and his grandkids got back home safely, that he can now spend some quality time with **Shirley**.
- Don M.** - Happy \$ for a Happy New Year.
- Jerry K.** - Sad \$ that he had to miss last week's meeting.
- Charles K.** - Sad \$ that turned into a Happy \$. He went in to get a flu shot and the doctor did a full check-out and was concerned with some heart issues. Referred him to a cardiologist who ran full battery of tests, and finally told him that everything is fine.
- Scott M.** - Happy \$ that he had two weeks off of work and also Happy to be here tonight.
- Will S.** - Happy \$ because he recently got back from same cruise that **Gary S.** is going on and had a great time.
Sad \$ that **Rosa** has to go in for a breast biopsy.
- Bruce B.** - Happy \$ because his friend **Jose Solario** is here to speak to the **Club** tonight.
- Jay M.** - Happy \$ to buy prayers for **Rosa S.** that everything will be all right.
- John L.** - Happy \$ for **Charles K.** good news, Sad \$ that poker got delayed one week so he will have to wait to take **Gary S.**'s money.
- Shelly S.** - Happy \$ to be here tonight.
- Craig H.** - Happy \$ that **Rosa S.** will be okay.
- Gerry N.** - Happy \$ to see everyone's smiling faces here tonight, for **Jose Solario** coming to speak and for good results for **Rosa S.**

Program

Our speaker for this evenings meeting was **Jose Solario**, who is a **Santa Ana City Councilman** and who is running for the **69th Assembly District** seat. Jose works for the OCTA, is a Board Member of the O.C. Water District and of the Santa Ana Boys and Girls Club, and was a member of the North Santa Ana Kiwanis Club for several years. Jose is running for the State Assembly in order to try to get money that is paid by O.C. in taxes brought back to O.C. in the way of projects, jobs, funding, etc. He also wants to fight the gang influence in central and north O.C.

Coming Soon

- January 12** Speaker from **Lymphoma Society**
- January 13** **Bolsa Grande H.S. Key Club** Installation BBQ Dinner at **KiwanisLand**
- January 19** Speaker from **OCTA**
- January 21** **91st Anniversary** of **Kiwanis**

Thought For The Week

"Have you ever noticed? Anybody going slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a moron."

Gerry Newkirk - Guest Editor -