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Members from the 16 Club facilities are given their moment of recognition as parents beam!

Girls and Boys Club Members honored for their work!

It was a wonderful night for the **Girls and Boys Club** award winners, three of whom, who have the opportunity to compete for “National Youth of the Year” in their age categories at the Orange County Award Dinner on March 24th, with an opportunity to be named “**National Youth of the Year**” in Washington D.C. This was the largest crowd ever at this event, as the program has grown over the years to now reach **sixteen facilities** in the **Garden Grove** area. **President Newkirk** presented the awards, and couldn't have been more proud, (other than when his kids are honored, which is not a rare event.) **Jack Wallin**, with the park in awesome shape, had time to cook hamburgers and get things ready, with the assistance of **Will Swanstrom**, **Don Schlenker** was the “**Replenish the Condiments**” guy, **Hodges and Elliott**, took ownership of the bar spelling **Jack**. **Scott** grumbled about the books, no complaints, just grumbles because **Scott is Scott** and others enjoyed the camaraderie of the evening and helped where and if needed, while **Craig** quietly looked around and thought “**Next year this will be all mine, do you hear! Mine!!!**”



It wasn't a Cup but the kids were delighted to receive recognition in any form and the parents were thrilled

Nice turnout of members too.

In addition it was good to see other members present providing their support. Usually we don't get that many members on kids night, since the evening is strictly for the children and their parents, but tonight there seemed to be more than there have been in the past, and everyone took time for a little socializing and commenting on the quality of service provided by those who were doing most of the work. Since we are an organization of volunteers seeking to better ourselves, you can imagine how well that was received by those putting in the most effort. It was very touching, although there was some fear that the touching could get violent if we continued it much longer. But thanks to a healthier looking **Jay**, along with **Kelly, Main, Nielsen, Shelly, Bruce**, our newest entry, **Nadine**, and **Gary Sunda**, (actually I was considering not mentioning anyone else at all, but **Gary** gets so upset when he doesn't see his name in print, I thought that if I mentioned everyone, I could mention **Gary** without having a reason to do so.

Special Olympics warm-up Bowling Tournament March 3!

The warm-up for the Special Olympic Bowling Tournament is scheduled for March 3. Time is from 9:30-noon at **Fountain Valley bowl** and unless I miss my guess, they need volunteers to help keep score, and support the kids. It's a nice even and if you have some time in the morning you might stop by. You might even enjoy it too.

Total K Day Carnival at Choc Hospital March 11!

I know President **Gerry** mentioned the Choc Carnival last week, but this is a light news bulletin so I will mention it again. There will be a full compliment of Clubs present and each club will have a booth for the kids. It's a great day of fun, and involvement for the clubs. If I remember correctly, there is then a picnic after the carnival and a grand time is had by all. We have the “Fishin Pond” for their involvement, and after the event there is usually a K Day Picnic to top off the K Day day. It's a good time to wear your **Kiwanis shirts**, and if it's cold outside, you can wear your **Kiwanis Jackets**. Then if at the last minute we decide to have a **K Day parade**, we will all be ready for it. However, if you don't feel like doing that you can go directly to—**All Service Organization Luncheon May 3rd** Yes, it's back again. After being a yearly enterprise that stopped happening a few years ago, the **All Service Club Lunch** returns to **Kiwanisland**. Hopefully bigger and better than ever. All the other clubs are invited to attend and we all get to meet those club members and get to realize that we are not alone in the world of service and benefit to mankind! (Excuse me, “**person kind**”). Defections are usually few, so we all should end up with the same organization that we started with.

Thought For the Week

Power corrupts. Absolute power is kind of neat.