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GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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*After a lengthy leave of absence Jon returns looking, slimmer, trimmer, and available for duty.*

## Welcome Back Jon Elliott!

Sometimes in this hectic world we live in, you don't know you miss someone, until you suddenly see them, and realize how good it is to see them again.. So it was when former president **Jon Elliott** came to the meeting, looking slimmer, trimmer, and ready to get back in the swing of things. It is always nice to see old friends, and we are always better for having them with us. Welcome back **Jon!**

### Big Turnout always Pleasing to the eye!

There was a nice crowd on hand as **President Newkirk** banged the gavel for his usual spate of announcements. (Don't blame **Gerry**, he's just doing his job.) **Will Swanstrom** regaled our table with either "space stories" or "spacey" stories, but whatever they were, I am now convinced that my planned spacewalk must be canceled. **Gerry** told us about all the 50th Anniversary celebrations, but if you didn't see the 50's party on "**Historic Main Street.**" Friday, you just missed another one. Sunday was **RC's** 50h Anniversary of his 35th birthday, and a large group was on hand at the park to celebrate with him. Many, many more **R. C. June 17**, the city celebrates it's actual Birthday with an all day event culminating with a large fireworks display. And of course, almost anytime a city function occurs, **Craig Howard** reminds us that **Miss Garden Grove, Lauren Howard**, will also be present. Well my daughter **Stacy**, is head of the fireworks committee, so she will be there too. Just a blatant plug. The newly formed **Choc Hospital Kiwanis Club**, will be meeting at **Kiwanisland** this quickly coming or already past Tuesday, those wishing to attend may do so, or have done so. The "kids walk" held last week made around \$8000.00. there were over 300 participants, and was a great success. Since **Peter Carter** was very involved, I assume it was for **Choc Hospital**. Our new **Miss Garden Grove Candidate**, will be chosen at the **Grove Auto Body** mixer **June 21st**. **Tony** and **Emma** put on great mixers, so be there. **Bolsa Grande Key Club** helped us with our Corn Booth and in appreciation we presented them with a \$500.00 Scholarship for community volunteerism, which will be awarded to the student with the most volunteer hours, as determined by the School Counselor.



The Welcome Mat was out for Jon Elliott.

### Kiwanisland Hits the newspapers!

Well, it wasn't the best news, but we were in the paper thanks to the efforts of a work party, (not members) who were cleaning up the place on Election Day. They were digging and hit a Methane Gas Pipe, causing a leak that forced evacuation of the park and neighborhood as a safety precaution. Since it was a polling place, it disrupted the process, and special methods were taken to assure our citizens right to vote, No one was hurt, **Jack** was ecstatic that it wasn't his doing. No one was accused of wrongdoing, but **Schlensker** had seventeen sad dollars for the Gardening crew, so draw your own conclusions.

### The four week Craig Howard game!

**Craig Howard**, who could become our permanent **President Elect**, some time in the future, has devised a new fund raiser. **Craig** accumulated a fair amount of change over the four day festival that had not been counted. It is now in a jar under constant surveillance, and for four weeks, we will be allowed to guess the total in the jar, at a dollar per chance.. At that time, the contents will be revealed and the closest one to the correct amount will win the contents. **Sunda** has acclaimed himself the winner, as he was blessed with an "epiphany" in the middle of the night, and it revealed the total. However it is rumored that he also had an "epiphany" that Diamond Lanes would become extinct by 2002, and you all know how close he was on that one.

### Happy/Sad Dollars

Lots of money changing hands tonight. Including **Don N.**, Seeing **Jon**, finished interview for **Dean** of his Department, **Peter, RC, Kelly, Sunda, Main, Petrosine, Glasby, Leeb, Newkirk, Schlensker**, all for return of **Jon** and **Gerry A.**, Some had multiple hits, which we will mention, and the donations are inclusive. **Walt** two, just happy, **Gary**, five, also **Corn Booth** success, Guest Speaker, and something else, **Main** five including the program, and two for being here, **Ed H.** two for a flying filter, (you had to be here.), Guest **John Parott**, five to stop harassment from **Wallin** and **Hodges**, **Scott** five echoing **Main's** sentiments, **Schlensker** 17, pleading no contest to who donated the Gardening crew, **Swanstrom**, three, one for each totaled car, his not so lucky daughter has accumulated by the age of 24. Fortunately no major damage to his daughter, **Craig** for the fiftieth Anniversary and his daughter being such an important part of it, which she surely is. **Me**, son **Raphe**, moved to Santa Monica, to pursue his Real Estate career, and **Gerry N.** five, only 55 days till school starts, **Leeb** five, and **Josh**, saw lady hit by car, fly over his, and land on the other side, on 060606, otherwise known to many as "Devils Day, plus happy to talk his wonderful Aunt, **Judge Eileen C. Moore**, into speaking to us this week, and last but far from least **Jon Elliott**, \$100.00 for his long absence, which we truly appreciate, not the absence, the donation. If I missed anyone, or credited the wrong person, I'm sorry. No matter how often I tell **Newkirk** I'm ready to do Happy/Sads, I seem to be lying. The comment about 55 days back to school, may have been by **Peter**, but since **Gerry** has school goers and Peter doesn't, I can't imagine why. The bigger question, is do we care, as long as we collect the money?

### Josh brings Aunt to dinner

When I first heard that **Josh's Aunt Eileen** was our guest speaker, I thought we would hear about how **Josh** grew up, and decided to take the path to becoming one of the youngest men ever to join **Kiwanis**. Turns out I was wrong once again. **Josh's Aunt** is Appellate **Court Judge Eileen C. Moore**. **Eileen's** official title now is Associate Justice, and one of three reviewing appealed cases in the District she represents. She is also an author writing about cases that have been adjudicated, and has been honored by the **Orange County Board of Supervisors**. She spoke about the difficulties of the decision process since their duty is not to question the validity of their decision as it affects the case, but to make sure that the meaning of the written law, is enforced. **Eileen** commanded our interest, and it was observed that no one took a nap during her presentation. A most formidable show of success.. We thank **Josh** for asking her to visit with us, and I will treat him better in the future. The only bench I've ever sat on, is the one in front of my Condo

### Thought For The Week

**In the beginning there was nothing, and God said, 'Let there be light!', and there was light. There was still nothing, but you could see it a whole lot better.**