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GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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There may not have been as many of us as usual, but a good time was had by all, even though the program was "What to do when you're dead!"

Small Crowd enjoys big fellowship and fun

It was once again good to see everyone enjoying the camaraderie of this group of unique people who have a good time, fight or argue often, disagree vehemently on some issues, go home in a "huff" (I wonder what year and model their "Huff" is?) on occasion, insult you mercilessly, fall asleep once in a while during announcements, and somehow are still friends again, the next day, seldom ever apologizing for anything that might have been said that wasn't quite proper or even thinking that an apology might be in order, because the truth is, it really isn't. Of course that doesn't happen often anymore, because most of us are too busy waiting breathlessly for **President "Will my term ever end?" Newkirk** to announce his weekly announcements. He led off with a few comments on the appreciation shown by the **Girls and Boys Club Staff** for being allowed to have their special meeting at our beautiful **Kiwanisland**, followed quickly with a jab about "Alanon" using our park for their picnic, and the money they saved because bartenders and one day liquor licenses were not required. Then a sharp comment to the group about the beginning of Day Camp for Girl Scouts starting in three weeks, and capped it off with a joyous right hand, explaining that member **Nadine Nofziger** was representing our club at the **Kiwanis International Convention in Belgium**. **Nadine** was chosen for this prestigious assignment after considerable thought by the ever vigilant **Newkirk**, for three major reasons, she is originally from **Belgium**, she was going to be there anyway, and she paid for her own trip. Those types of decisions are what separates leaders from the riff-raff. **Nadine** has been ill lately, and we're all happy to see that she is recovering, and will be out there protecting our interests. Also **Gary James** presented his check for this years picnic rentals, and donations to **Kiwanisland** in lieu of gifts celebrating **RC's** 85th birthday now total \$1725.00. It couldn't happen for a nicer guy. May you have many more **RC**, and keep getting those donations for **Kiwanisland**. We also were notified that "**Shakespeare In The Park**" begins July 22, with "**Hamlet**," tickets are available at the **Amphitheater**. Since I mentioned **Hamlet** dies, and was chastised for giving away the plot, there will probably not be a clamor for tickets from this group. By the way, it's not about food. (I thought it was.). Eastgate Park is having weekly free concerts. Tell your family. You can't go because it's on Thursday's. Sometime before Christmas, the Boy Scout Executive Council will be selling those large popcorn tins. Stay tuned!



It's great fun to have a program that makes you want to run right out and buy a cemetery plot as soon as it's over!

Lauren Howard Miss California Report

While we were disappointed that **Lauren Howard** was not named Miss California, (Judges seldom know anything about comedic talent,) she did make us proud. **Lauren** was featured on the front page of the local section of the "**Fresno Bee**" a major California newspaper, with a half page six inch wide picture of her doing her talent, along with a story about how good she was. It was the first time I have ever seen a feature on anyone other than a local contestant. Everyone remarked on her future potential, and **Craig** and **Monnie**, were the kind of parents that our program wants, but seldom gets. Her unique talent will be featured in our **Miss Garden Grove Pageant** August 11, she is a definite "I knew her when candidate" **Lauren** is 19, and a great comedic mind.. Don't miss her.

Happy/Sad Dollars

Tom Petrosine started with twenty for his last minute July 4, weekend trip to London. **Tom** has a lovely girl friend who is geographically challenged, and wanted to know what country **England** was in. She also mentioned that she heard it was on a River, so how could it be an Island too? And hopes to visit **Mexico** some day so that she can see **Costa Rica**. If I'm not totally accurate on reporting what **Tom** said, trust me I'm close. **RC** for **Tom's** fascinating report, **Sunda** sad, because he was expecting to run into **Tom** at least once while he was **England** too, and he missed us, Gas is almost \$5.00 per gallon in **England**, and he rode on a train going 180 miles per hour. The scenery must have been great to watch going by. **Elliott** happy to be here, and sad he will miss us while traveling next week. Life is tough isn't it. **Walt** for **Tom P.'s** report and for great fireworks show by his neighbor. **Bruce**; only 31 days left till son's wedding. **Bruce** is not losing a son, he's gaining a bedroom. Jack sad three, two friends passed away as did his Surgeon **Doctor Coletti**, whose great skills have been invaluable to **Jack** over the years. He will miss his care and kindness for a long, long, time. **Charles Kim**, sorry for **Jack's** loss, **Glasby** sad, his co-workers son, died in a one car accident and wasn't identified for three days. Did you know that if you put "Ice" in front of the names of whom you want notified in an emergency, on your Cell phone, Paramedics look for that, and will contact you. Also all your important numbers would be in a row. Thanks **Rick**. **Main** two for the program, **Ed Hodges**, two for Seattle story. (I can't read why) **Jon E.** sad about **Jacks'** Doctor, happy, and electrical problem resolved. **Nick Lecong**, two for the meeting and twenty for his daughter graduating **Magna Cum Laude** from **NYU**, the home of brilliant students. **Schlenker** five to be here, **Will** sad for **Jack**, **Leeb** Got his daughters Playhouse built The sprinklers were replaced thanks to **Tom E.** and **Jack**, myself for the wonderful opportunity to write the bulletin again, and **Newkirk** five, only six weeks till start of school.

How to pass away, problem free!

While death in itself, may create problems for the average person, guest speaker **Ron Adkin**, Past President of **Whittier Kiwanis**, and Sales Director of **Westminster Memorial Park**, (Cemetery) told us how we can make it a lot easier on those around us who are stuck with the preparations. Record keeping is the key to not burdening loved ones in times of crisis. Maintaining documents that will provide the information needed for burial, and designating it's location, is the key to getting through this difficult time. It is a good way to protect against emotional decisions that could cost you thousands of dollars. It's not an easy time, maintaining and updating is really a kindness, to those who remain.

Coming Soon

July 13, Surely something terrific.
August 1, The month of August!

Thought For The Week

The suburbs are a place where a developer bulldozes out the trees, and then names the streets after them.