



# Ramblings

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*If so that means nobody has looked at it since October. Why am I not surprised?*

## Would you like to make a change on our roster? We are here to serve!

I have been advised that there are some mistakes on the roster, anniversaries, birthdays, spelling, phone numbers, addresses, Board of Directors list, and other Kiwanis Club meeting places locations. Nothing else really. So please. If you have some time in your hectic day to day life, please read the back of the newsletter, even if it precludes your reading the front, and let me know what they are, and I will happily, even gratefully, correct it. (Attn **Bob Main**, you can skip the next sentence if you'd like) my email address is [jmargolin@socal.rr.com](mailto:jmargolin@socal.rr.com)) so please send it to me, and I promise to correct it.



*It's not good to be sad, but being happy can bring in lots of money too!*

### Bolsa Grande Key Club makes monthly report

As most of you know, we have a very active Key Club and they provide us with monthly reports. This week two of their lovely leaders reported in with December's update. They provided over **100 hours** of volunteer time, including packaging senior meals for the homeless sending postcards to our service men and women in Iraq, visiting lonely seniors, (Did any of them drop by your place?) cheered on the runners at the Irvine Marathon, and worked with some of the volunteers, worked on the Rose Parade Floats, were involved with their major project; Sport Competition to stamp out obesity, (no comment) and tutored at Cook Elementary. All in all a pretty active group who make us proud!

### Kiwanis puts team in Texas Hold me' Competition Saturday January 13!

The Miss Garden Grove Pageant wishes to thank the club for entering a team in the Texas Holdem Fund Raiser. The team will be fighting to win the trophy as the best team, and/or the winning player. The event takes place at our neighboring Lions Club. Beginning with a Pizza dinner graciously provided by the Lions, at 6:00 PM, followed by the Tournament at 7:00. There are eight people on each team, and entry fee is \$35.00 per person. Those who committed are **Howard, Nielsen, Kelly, Lecong**, and myself. We are still a little short, but **Hodges**, and **Lindsay**, said that they will try. **Nick** will also try to get some of his friends to come in, and we are hoping to have a few more late entries. With the Holidays, it wasn't promoted very well so we hope that anyone else interested in playing and having some fun will call my daughter **Stacy**, at 714-741-5168 and let her know that you would like to participate.

### Happy/Sads and Fines provide the dollars for the extras!

**President Nielsen** reminded all of the faithful, that it is the fines and Happy/Sads that allow us the luxury to provide special donations, gifts on Ladies /day night, and other "special" items when needed, to make this club more loving and generous. Another subtle hint to **spend**. So in keeping with that theory, here we go! Please note that due to raucous noise, mumbling, and other distractions, this may not be exactly as it appears. You can cut my pay, but please don't fire me. We start with a downer. Ten for **Charles Kim's** sister who is in the hospital with bleeding in the brain. They are very close, and he expects to return to Korea shortly for the funeral. Our prayers go with him. **Leeb** for a glorious vacation, **Josh** for missing last week, happy to be here, happy he no longer works for **Hodges** and one hoping to hear a **Craig Howard** joke which is really sad! **Brent** twenty for our speaker **Zack. R.C.** survived another year, **Will** had a good week, **Gerry N.** for a good holiday, **Gary** five for a happy New Year, **Schlenker** happy, Bruce happy resolving \$300.00 bill, (I think) **Hodges** five, **Josh** doesn't work for him, and to be back, **Walt** finally got the last of the Christmas decorations put away, **Jack's** sister has passed away, and we extend our deepest sympathy to him also. He is happy about spending the holidays, **Craig** found a dollar, **Nielsen** happy that **Craig** has one, and had a good week.

### Zack Barrett speaks about water in Haiti

**Zack Barrett**, who works for our city's water division, was our guest speaker. **Zack** has gotten involved in drilling water wells for the poor in **Haiti**. It is one of the poorest countries in the world. **Zack** and other volunteers have built three or four of them already, and have provided thousands of people in **Port Au Prince** with clean fresh water, whereas they have been drinking yellow unclean water in the past. He will be going back there again soon to drill another well. Ninety percent of the country is unemployed so this is an extremely critical cause due to the impact to the effect on the quality of life. He showed a video of the poverty and the sick children living there, plus told us how he was almost kidnapped while out and about. It's a sad and frightening story, but he vows to keep returning and helping where it's really needed. To **Zack** and his group it is more of a mission than a project, and we salute him.

### Singer takes over as Program Chair!

Feeling rested, refreshed. and again ready to provide **Kiwanis** with speakers each Thursday, **Shelly** is back at it, and already booked halfway through **March!** Why is that not a surprise? So look at this lineup for starters. Subject to change of course.

- Jan. 11 Mayor Pro Tem Mark Rosen
- Jan. 18 Phillip Anthony President Orange County Water District
- Jan 25 Dr. Margie Lewis President Cypress College
- Feb 1 Jan Debay President I. S. D. O. C.
- Feb 8 John Moorlach Supervisor 1st. District
- Feb 15 Judge Jon Cannon Former Garden Grove Mayor
- Feb 22 Webster Guillory Assessor Orange County
- March 1 Chuck Smith Former Supervisor 1st District
- March 8 Darlene Bloom Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
- March 15 Open (but obviously not for long.)

### Thought For The Week

Everything is relative; Take Ham and eggs as an example. While it may only be a day's work for a chicken, it's a lifetime commitment for a pig.