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# Ramblings

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*Forty Eight members, spouses and friends feast on Jays Food, and John Moorlach's comments*

## Valentines Day Brings Gifts TO KIWANIS

So; our meeting last week was a Valentines Day Party. Lots of members with spouses, some without, some visitors that we haven't seen for quite some time, A member or two that we have not seen for a long time too, great food, from Jays Catering that we see all of the time, but some things that we see all of the time were absent. There were no announcements, there were no happy/sad dollars, there were no attempts at jokes, or groans and sighs, no fines, (whatever happened to fines?) Were they removed on demand, or as **Douglas McArthur** once said "They Just Faded Away." Well, actually Doug said "Fade Away" but that would be considered poor English, in the context of proper grammar, and knowing the sophistication of those present, poor grammar was totally unacceptable. However, the positive of the negatives is that it allows me to fill a quarter of a page with totally irrelevant blather, which prevents me from having to use a size 20 font to fill a page which was, for a lack of a better word, unacceptable.

### Good To See Old Friends

For many of us old time members it was good to see some long time friends there, along with the new. **Lora Lee Howard**, widow of former member, **Jim Howard**, **Jan Dunn Andreoff**, and **Chris White**, wife of **Jimmy White**, a former member who also joined us. When I saw **Jimmy** I was tempted to ask **President Don**, to open up **Happy/Sad Dollars**, since **Jimmy** was a contributor of large sums of those during his years of membership. He now lives in **Cabo San Lucas**. We haven't seen him for so long, that only now are we sure that he is not in the witness protection program. Of course it was also good to see so many of the spouses current members to, since they are the ones who constantly support our programs. Last, but certainly not least, **Becky Kelly's** son **Dane** looking dapper in a suit and tie, emulating the one and only **Jerry Kelly**, also joined us too. Thanks to everyone who attended. The place was full, the food was great, prizes were won, everyone had a good time, and thanks to **Shelly**, the speaker was one of the best.

### John Moorlach tells it like it is!

Over the years we have had many good speakers, compliments of **Shelly Singer**, and the amazing friends and contacts he has throughout the County. To me, however, the one I historically enjoy the most is Second District Supervisor **John Moorlach** who joined us this evening. You never have to ask him "What's your opinion John?" He never play the game that most politicians, understandably in many cases, have to play. John took office, and immediately became involved in controversy with both the Sheriff's Department, and all of those who are involved with the County pension program. Of course no one wants to see a cut in their pension after the fact, but when that number is 80% of your salary for life, plus medical benefits, and you can opt out at the age of 55, and receive the full amount, it doesn't take a genius to figure out why we lose so many employees, who then go out and find other jobs that allow them to actually make more than the amount earned while they worked for the county, and in most cases, put in much less hours. Certainly those then Supervisors, certainly weren't geniuses. Also our Sheriff's Department is the only agency in the county that does not face an audit. Both of these issues have caused a situation where he has a very slim chance of being nominated by retirees or the Sheriff's Department as "Most Popular Supervisor in Orange County. His speech was called "The First 65 Days (his time spent in office.) I like **John** because he speaks his mind, speaks it often and with humor. Thank you **Shelly** for inviting him. I noticed that **Mike Corona** joins us in April, I don't imagine you can get **John** to come along?

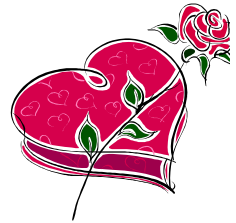
### Coming Soon

Following along with **Shelly's** latest hits we are blessed with a slew of interesting programs, starting with;

- Feb 15 Jonathan Cannon former Mayor of Garden Grove and current Federal Court Judge,**
- Feb 22 Webster Guillory, Assessor Orange County**
- Mar 1 Chuck Smith Former 1st District Supervisor**
- Mar 8 Darlene Bloom Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**
- Mar 15 Dan Doud Your Cancer Today**
- Mar 22 Girls and Boys Club Awards**
- Mar 29 Michael Fields Former President California Trial Lawyers**

### Thought For The Week

**He who dies with the most toys is still dead**



*Connie won our table prize, thought it was candy. And took a bite out of it at home. We now have a decorative candle with lipstick on the top and a chunk out of the bottom. A dentist and a law suit are being considered.*