



# Ramblings

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*Owl imitations at the meeting tonight !*

## Garden Grove Kiwanians Sing for Walt!

As **President Nielsen** began the meeting this evening, he announced that one of our own would be having a birthday before our next meeting. As the **Club** members in attendance turned into owls by shouting "who, who", there was one member that was noticeably silent and beaming. It was (one of) our past mayor members, Mr. **Walt Donovan**. While he wouldn't admit to what number it would be, he did confirm that he would be adding another candle to his Birthday cake on March 7th. The assembled **Kiwanis** chorus serenaded **Walt** with it's own unique version of Happy Birthday. **Walt** grimaced his thanks for being acoustically assaulted by the assembled mob and tried to get the ringing in his ears to stop. **H.B. Walt!** **President Don** then reminded everyone that we will be having a **St. Patrick's Dinner Ladies Night** at **KiwanisLand** on Mar. 15th and again passed around the sign-up sheet for the event so we can get an accurate head count of those planning to attend. Remember to wear green that evening or **President Don** will have green party hats that you will be required to attach to your personage!



*Walt Donovan will be having another one on March 7th!*

### Garden Grove Kiwanians Health Report

**R.C. Gall** gave the membership an update on how several of our fellow **Kiwanians** are doing after their recent medical adventures. **Bob Main** is home from his stint in the hospital after having a series of tests performed on why he was having difficulties breathing. He found out that he is suffering from emphysema and he is now on medication and oxygen treatment. **Jack Wallin** had successful surgery to replace his artificial knee that had been damaged recently. He is out of the hospital and now in a rehabilitation clinic where he is working out daily to recover his strength and the mobility in his knee. He hopes to be able to return home and to back to meetings soon. **Jerry Kelly** was in **Prim, Nevada** to watch one of **Rick Gutierrez's** off road races (he surely wasn't there for the gambling!) when he took a tumble down an embankment and smacked his arm and face. He went to an Emergency Room there in **Nevada**, but went to the doctors again when he returned home and it turns out that he shattered his elbow and had to have surgery to repair it.

### Happy/Sad

- Gerry N.** - Sad \$ for missing last week.
- Don S.** - Sad \$ for missing the last few weeks.
- Bruce B.** - Happy \$ because he had two stints put in on last Monday. The blood is now flowing fine!
- Will S.** - Sad \$ because their good friend's grandson is the boy who has spinal meningitis at **Pacifica H.S.**
- Ed H.** - Sad \$ because he and **Shirley** went to **South Carolina** and got stuck at airports due to delayed flights.
- Rick G.** - Happy \$ that **Bruce B.** is doing well.
- Shelly S.** - Happy \$ to see **Chuck Smith** here tonight.
- Don N.** - Happy \$ that he finally heard from his daughter and she is doing well.

All of the rest of the Happy/Sad's this evening were donations for a **Happy Birthday** to **Walt Donovan** and for well wishes and a speedy recovery for **Bob Main**, **Jerry Kelly** and **Jack Wallin** and to see them back at the **Club** soon. These include: **R.C.**; **Gary S.**; **Gerry N.**; **Efrain D.**; **Ed H.**; **Bruce B.**; **Will S.**; **Walt D.**; **Don S.**; **Brent H.**; **Rick G.**; **Shelly S.**; **Jay M.**; **Tom P.**; **Don N.**

### Program

**Chuck Smith**, Former **First District Orange County Supervisor** was our speaker this evening. He was elected to two four year terms as the **First District Supervisor** in November 1996 and in 2000. **Chuck** served two, one-year terms as Board Chairman. He is a graduate of **Ohio State University** and combat veteran of the **Korean War**. **Chuck** was elected to the **Westminster City Council** in 1984 after six years as a **Planning Commissioner** and was elected **Westminster Mayor** in 1988 where he served four terms in that office. He has served on and as Chairman of the **OCTA**, a member of the **Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)** and numerous other agencies and committees during his public service career. **Chuck** talked to us about "What does an Orange County Supervisor Do?" He says most of a Supervisor's time is spent on committees and dealing with committee actions. They also watch over the \$5.5 billion county budget and keep an eye on the 18,000 county employees (although most of them are regulated by other agencies). According to a Nov. 2006 **O.C. Register** article, "it is a job where you earn about \$200,000 a year – a package that includes \$59,000 in benefits, a \$600 monthly car allowance and all the free gas you can guzzle. You get a staff of at least six people, an annual operating budget of about \$800,000, 12 paid holidays and a BlackBerry. This same job offers you two free parking spots in a covered, secure garage. You also get a semi-private elevator – used by just you and four other people – to whisk you up and drop you at the back door of your large, fifth-floor office in Santa Ana. You can take on a few other side jobs that will pay you stipends of several thousand more a year. And you don't have to pay Social Security taxes." Not a bad gig!

### Coming Soon

- Mar. 8 **Darlene Bloom** - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
- Mar. 15 **St. Patrick's Ladies Night Event, Speaker - Dan Doud, "Cancer Today"**
- Mar. 22 **GG Boys and Girls Club Awards Night**

### Thought For The Week

*"How come you press harder on a remote control when you know the battery is dead?"*

*Gerry Newkirk - Guest Editor -*