



# Ramblings

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*Not Just Satisfied With One, We Had Two Speakers On The Program Tonight...*

## President Don Back in Town!

**President Don Nielsen**, who had missed a few weeks while he was out of state visiting his father, was back at the helm of the **Garden Grove Kiwanis Club**. First up on the agenda was a report on the “**All Service Club Luncheon**” that was held on June 13th at **KiwanisLand**. There were approximately 270 people in attendance at the event that was hosted by the **Dayle McIntosh Center** and included a delicious lunch provided by **Jay’s Catering**, **Vince Feragamo** was the featured speaker and entertained those in attendance with stories of his days at the helm of the **Rams**, anecdotes from football and baseball players, coaches and stories of his family and heritage. Representing our **Garden Grove Kiwanis Club** at the event were **Jack Wallin, Shelly Singer, Peter Carter, R.C. Gall, Jay Mastroianni, Tom Petrosine, Gary Sunda, Jerry Margolin, Walt Donovan, Bruce Broadwater, Charles Kim** and **Gerry Newkirk**. The **Park** looked great and all in attendance had a good time at the event.



*In addition to being Flag Day, Bruce reminded us that it was also the U.S. Army’s 231st Birthday!*

**President Don** then announced to the **Club** that the “**Shrimp on the Barbie**” fundraising event will be held in September and not on June 22nd as shown on the **Club** calendar. More information on the event will be forthcoming.

### Program

Tonight was a special night when we had not one, but two programs. The first was **Steve Wallin**, son of **Jack** and past member of the **Garden Grove Kiwanis Club**. **Steve** left the **Club** and the area 11 years ago when he moved to **Denver, Colorado**. He is now a member of the **South West Denver Kiwanis Club**. He reports that it is a small Club of about 25 members, not as many “characters” as are in our **Club** and he holds the distinction of being the only Club member who is still working! All of the other members are retired. **Steve** talked about some of the projects that their Club does, like passing out water at the City’s marathon and reminisced about some of our **Club**’s members who were in attendance tonight and who were around when he was a member of the **Club** (**Bob M., Peter C., R.C.**).

Our second speaker was **Chris Lotts**, who is an ex-Marine, ex-U.S. Border Patrol, ex-Insurance Investigator and current Labor Commissioner. In his spare time, **Chris** is the Exec. Director of **California Bicycle Racing (CBR)**, a non-profit organization that promotes and sponsors bicycle racing in **California**. He got into this originally by helping out a co-worker with the organization when it was just a small group who put on an occasional after work bike race. That co-worker retired and **Chris** took over the organization and built it in to almost 1000 members, and an organization that puts on races all over **Southern California**. **Chris** says he is not only a race promoter, he also spends a lot of his time dealing with cities, permits, insurance, sponsors, racers, port-a-potties and all of the things that go into putting on a bike race. **Southern California** is one of the most competitive areas in the nation due to our weather and that you can race/train/ride almost year round. Some bikes can cost as much as \$9,000 with \$3,000-6,000 just for the wheels. And they are racing for a \$250 first place prize.

### Happy/Sad

- Gary S.** - Happy \$100 that he won in the **Joint Service Club** luncheon raffle and that he donated to **KiwanisLand**.
- Tom E.** - Sad \$ will miss next week’s meeting while out of town. Happy \$ that he got “tiled” in **Palm Springs**.
- Peter C.** - Sad \$ that he took **Suki** to the airport today for out of town trip. Happy \$ for partying he will be doing!
- R. C.** - Happy \$ for being so happy to be here.
- Bruce B.** - Happy \$ to be celebrating the **U.S. Army’s 231st Birthday** today. Happy \$ for the two speakers tonight.
- Bob M.** - Happy \$ for the good program we had tonight.
- Tom P.** - Sad \$ that **Gary S.** donated his raffle winnings to **KiwanisLand**. Happy \$ that he got to keep his.
- Efrain D.** - Happy \$ to be at the meeting tonight and to hear the two speakers.
- Scott M.** - Sad \$ that **Tom P.** is such a cheap\*\*\*. Happy \$ that he will be in **Laughlin** next week for a little R&R (&G).
- Jack W.** - Happy \$ for **Troop 1776**’s successful spaghetti dinner fundraiser and that his son **Steve** was here and spoke.
- Steve Wallin** - Happy \$ to be able to be here tonight, see his dad and to get to speak to our **Club**.
- Walt D.** - Happy \$ for the two speakers who talked to us tonight.
- Will S.** - Happy \$ for **Chris** and **Steve** talking to us tonight.
- Don N.** - Happy \$ for **Chris** and **Steve** visiting with us tonight and being the program.
- Gerry N.** - Sad \$ that he will miss next week’s meeting. Happy \$ that he will be in the **Sierra**’s fishing.

### Thought For The Week

*“A true friend is one who thinks you are a good egg even if you are half-cracked.” ~ Anonymous*