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In Partnership with the Garden Grove Boys & Girls Club ,

GG Kiwanis Honors Youths of the Year

Tonight's event was to honor the youth in our community as our **Club** teamed with the **Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove** to host and honor their **Youth of the Year** award winners and their families from 17 of the **Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove's** 42 sites. The **Boys and Girls Club's** "Youth of the Year" program has been going on for 61 years and honors the recipients for their service, pride, enthusiasm, participation, attendance and attitude throughout the year as they interact with members of their family, school; club and communities. Our **Club** has been holding this annual event for many years and tonight's event was well attended by **Club** members. **Jack W.** had the **Park** looking beautiful (as always) and the **Clubhouse** and surrounding area set up for the celebration and for barbecuing. **Ed H.** and **Don N.** set up and stocked the bar with kid friendly refreshments and tended the bar along with **Don S.** and **Tom E.** **R.C.** helped with the condiment and side dish setup and replenishments along with cookie serving duty. **Will S.** and **Gerry N.** barbecued and served the cheeseburgers while **President Craig** served as master of ceremonies and head awarder. **Shelly S.; Jerry K.; Jay M.; Gary S.; Tom P.; Walt D.; Bruce B.; Tony L.; Jerry M; Efrain D.; Brent H.; and Josh L.** provided assistance, encouragement, praise and fellowship to those in attendance for the event.



Kiwanis Club of Garden Grove and Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove 2008 Youth of the Year

Joshua Perez (13) from Alamitos Intermediate
 Ruben Contreras (11) from Bryant Elementary
Vision Borgonia (9) from Clinton Kids Club
 Haydee Guzman (12) from Doig Intermediate
 Jaylah Mendoza (9) from Edgar Kids Club
Angel Alvarez (13) from Fitz Intermediate
 Viviana Magana (11) from Heritage Elementary
 Irma Gutierrez (15) from Irvine Intermediate
 Malia Laguisan (13) from Jordan Intermediate

Thuy Tran (13) from Main Branch
 Rochelle Draper (11) from Patton Kids Club
 Daniela Lopez (11) from Rosita Elementary
 Michelle Gonzalez (11) from Russell Elementary
Miguel Duran (17) from Santiago High School
 Jenna Huynh (11) from Skylark Elementary
 Gabriella Balandran (10) from Stanford Kids Club
 Yvonne Valencia (12) from Zeyen Elementary

Four of the youth (in bold above) were selected as finalists to attend the **Boys and Girls Clubs of Orange County Youth of the Year** event. They also received a cash award from **Jay's Catering** and from **Roland Chi** as a congratulations for being selected and to honor their accomplishment. The four finalists were also honored and recognized at the televised March 11th **Community Spotlight** event that occurs at the beginning of the **Garden Grove City Council** meeting. **Angel Alvarez** was selected as the overall **Youth of the Year** for the **Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove**. He will compete against other **Boys & Girls Club** members for the **California Youth of the Year** title this spring and a \$1,000 scholarship from **Reader's Digest**. If he wins at the state level, then he will compete for the title of **Pacific Region Youth of the Year** and an additional \$10,000 scholarship. The five regional winners will then travel to **Washington, D.C.**, in September to compete for the title of **BGCA's National Youth of the Year**. The **National Youth of the Year** receives an additional \$15,000 college scholarship and is installed by the **President** in an **Oval Office** ceremony.

Miscellaneous News

Club Member Ed Beaudin and **Rob Main** were golfing recently at **Indian Palms Golf Course**. On the 188 yard, par 3 hole number 8, **Rob** teed it up and swung and the ball ended up in the cup for a hole in one. Way to go **Rob!**

Upcoming Events

Mar 13th **St. Patrick's Dinner Event (Ladies Night) at KiwanisLand**
 Mar 16th **Garden Grove Lions Club Pancake Breakfast at KiwanisLand**
 Apr 6th **Garden Grove Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast at KiwanisLand**

Thought For The Week

"While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about."

Gerry Newlark