



# Ramblings

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*Good Turnout, Good Program and a Donation Too!*

## GG Kiwanis Club Meeting is a Patriotic Event...

Tonight's **Garden Grove Kiwanis Club** had the potential of being a low turnout event since it was the night before a summertime, three day holiday weekend and we all know how some of our **Club** members like to party and travel! But we had a good turnout of over twenty members and with the impromptu Program that **President Craig** had tonight, it turned out to be a good precursor to a holiday weekend. And to top it all off, our **Club** presented **KiwanisLand** with a \$10K donation from the proceeds of this year's Corn Booth. **KiwanisLand President Gary Sunda** accepted the donation and thanked the **Club** and all of the members for their hard work and for helping to support **KiwanisLand**.



*Wishing all Club members a happy 4th!*

### Happy/Sad

- Don N.** - Happy \$ to be here this evening.
- Tom E.** - Happy \$ for the stories tonight. Sad \$ will miss 2 weeks.
- R.C.** - Happy \$ to see this many people here tonight.
- Jerry A.** - Happy \$ to be here this evening.
- Gary S.** - Happy \$ to thank the **Kiwanis Club** for the donation to **KiwanisLand** and for the stories tonight.
- Fred W.** - Happy \$ for being here this evening.
- Efrain D.** - Sad \$ missed last week. Happy \$ he was in **Cancun**.
- Tom P.** - Happy \$ that his two grandsons are with him tonight. Sad \$ that they will be with him for next 2 days.
- Bob M.** - Happy \$ for stories and a warning: *"Those that come to the 4th with a fifth may not come forth on the 5th!"*.
- Bruce B.** - Happy \$ to be her for the stories tonight and that he was able to dodge **Iceland** while he was in the service.
- Tony L.** - Happy \$ that on July 16th the **Garden Grove Chamber** mixer will be at his shop and all are invited.
- Don S.** - Sad \$ missed last week. Happy \$ for the stories tonight and that **Terri** and his daughter are back from their trip.
- Ed H.** - Happy \$ that **Jack W.** let him sit with him at his table tonight.
- Shelly S.** - Happy \$ to be here.
- Jack W.** - Happy \$ for the veterans and their stories and for those who are currently serving their country.
- Will S.** - Happy \$ to see all of the members here tonight.
- Walt D.** - Happy \$ to be here this evening.
- Charles K.** - Happy \$ to hear all of the stories of members who served in his home country of **Korea** and to thank them.
- Jay M.** - Sad \$20 he will miss next week's Ladies Night event because he will be in **Carson** getting honored by the CoC.
- Craig H.** - Happy \$ for the veterans and their stories and for the good turnout tonight. Happy \$ for his new garage door.
- Gerry N.** - Happy \$ for our veterans service and their stories. Happy \$ for all members to have a safe and sane July 4th.

### Program

In honor of the 4th, our program this evening was asking all of the **Club's Veterans** to share a few minutes about their time in service to our great country. **Jay M.** told us about when he was serving in the **NY National Guard** in '47 and he and some buddies went to **Ottowa**, but it was at the same time that the **Queen of England** was visiting. There were no hotel rooms available, so they ended up sleeping in the city jail! **Don S.** was in the **Air Force** and served in **Viet Nam** in '69 & '70. **Jack W.** served in the **Army** and after a few weeks of basic training at **Camp Roberts**, he found himself serving in **Korea** where he says it was bitterly cold. **Bruce B.** served in the **Army** in **Germany** in '56 through '58. He was part of the "pipeline outfit" that maintained the **NATO** gas line into **Berlin** and sometimes convoyed it in. **Bob M.** tried to join the **Navy** and **Marines** in 1943 at the age of 17, but got turned down due to bad eyesight. He was drafted once he turned 18 and served in the **Navy Construction Battalion (Sea Bees)** in the **U.S.**, **China** and the **Philippines**. He ended coming back home in 1946 from **China** on the same ship as **Shelly S.** but didn't know him at that time. **Tom P.** joined the **Army National Guard** at the age of 16 (by fibbing about his age) and soon found himself in **Korea** where he celebrated his 17th birthday and froze his butt off. **Tom E.** was inducted into the **Army** in '56 and served at **Fort Ord** and **Fort Lewis** where he was an operator at HQ. He then was sent to **Iceland** where he served for over a year and "Moscow Molly" was the "entertainment" on the radio. **R.C.** served in the **Navy** in WWII where he was on a troop carrier / medical ship in the **Pacific**. They were stationed off **Iwo Jima** during the later part of the offensive and were watching P-51's approaching and landing on the island when two **Japanese Betty's** came in on a suicide mission, but ended up bombing their own troops. Some P-51's on approach peeled off and chased them down and ended up splashing at least one of them. **Don N.** served in the **Air Force** from '66 to '71 in the **302nd Bomber Wing** of the **Strategic Air Command**. Their job was to fly B-52's equipped with nukes up and down the **Pacific** coast. One time he was filming one of these B-52's as it took off when it blew several tires which caused two engines to blow. It looked like the aircraft was headed towards a crash (with nukes aboard) when the pilot performed some emergency maneuvers and was able to recover the aircraft and come back around for an emergency landing. **Shelly S.** served in the **Navy** during WWII where he was in a unit that went into areas just before invasions and destroyed the acoustic and magnetic mines. **Jerry A.** served in the **Navy** during WWII in a sub hunting flying boat crew. One time while he was at Clark Field, he was supposed to be taxiing a **Japanese Zero** to a different spot on the airfield when he decided to take it up for a short ride. He ended up being shot at and hit by US Troops.

### Upcoming Events

- July 10th July Ladies Night with OC Supervisor Janet Nguyen
- July 24th Joke Night at KiwanisLand (Those with tender ears, consider yourself warned!)

### Thought For The Week

*"It's frustrating when you know all the answers, but nobody bothers to ask you any questions!"*

*Gerry Newlark*