



Ramblings

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He's back again...

Howard Still at the Reins

President Tom Petrosine and V.P. Will Swanstrom were both missing in action again this week. So Immediate Past President Craig Howard stepped up to the challenge once more to fill in and lead the meeting of the Garden Grove Kiwanis Club.



Craig H. stepped up to the challenge again.

Announcements

The "Ray Beaudoin Memorial Drawing" was held at the KiwanisLand Clubhouse on Saturday (Oct. 18), and a small but jovial crowd was in attendance to witness the official pulling of the ticket. There were both liquid and solid refreshments on hand, but the gathered crowd was mostly on hand in hopes that their lucky entry would be selected "for bragging rights". Notably absent was Jerry Kelly, who apparently was in Hoag Hospital for observation due to bouts of severe indigestion. But Ed Hodges was serving as stand-in Master of Ceremonies, and when it came time for the drawing, he dialed up Jerry on a cell speakerphone and all of those in attendance wished him well and thanked him for all of his hard work on making this fundraising event a success. Jerry said if we really wanted to thank him, we would pull his ticket! With that, Ed got Robin M. to draw the lucky ticket, and the bragging rights winner was... Don Schlensker, who was in Laughlin for the weekend. Ed quickly dialed up Don and broke the good news to him and told him not to lose it all before he got home. **Congratulations Don!**

On a sadder note, it was announced during tonight's meeting, that during the week, Jerry Kelly apparently took a turn for the worse and suffered two heart attacks and had to have angioplasty performed and stints put in. He was in Hoag's Cardiac ICU unit as of Thursday's Club meeting, but was expected to be moved to a regular room soon. (*Editors Note: Jerry is back home now and taking calls from well wishers. He hopes to be back meeting with us soon.*)

Stand-in President Craig reminded everyone that next week (10/30/08) we will be hosting the Bolsa Grande High School Key Club with their Inauguration Dinner here in the Clubhouse. This will be a regular meeting and the Club members will be cooking and serving a hamburger barbeque for the Key Club'ers as they officially induct their new officers for this school year. This is also a thank you to the Bolsa Grande High School Key Club for their support at our Strawberry Festival Corn Booth as well as the recent Corn Booth we set up earlier this month at the Placentia Heritage Days. Without their support, we would have been hard pressed to staff our Corn Booths. So please attend Thursday's meeting and show your support and appreciation to these high school students who help us out with our Club activities.

Program

Our program this evening was Chriss Street, the Treasurer & Tax Collector for the County of Orange. Chriss was accompanied by his Director of Program Services, Anna Bryson. Chriss took office on Dec. 5, 2006 and got some bad press due his efforts to re-model and streamline the County Tax offices at a cost of ~\$730K. He did this to increase efficiency and it has turned out to be a good investment. His office has reduced headcount in his department and reduced the County's deficit spending by 73%. They also returned \$905K of unspent budget from their department to the County this year. Chriss and his staff manages a \$7B investment pool and a \$9B employee pension fund as well as collects \$4.3B in taxes each year. Even with all the turbulence in the markets lately, the County is up \$287M on it's investments this year.

Happy/Sads

- Peter C. - Happy \$ to be here tonight. Sad \$ to hear news about Jerry Kelly and hopes that he is doing better.
- Gary S. - Happy \$25 from sales of The Varatones CD's tonight.
- R.C. - Happy \$ for the good program that we had tonight.
- Charles K. - Happy \$ for the excellent program tonight.
- Tom E. - Happy \$ to be here this evening. Sad \$ that he will miss the next week while attending a play.
- Efrain D. - Happy \$ to be hear and for the program tonight.
- Don N. - Happy \$ for the program this evening.
- Ed H. - Happy \$ unknown reason (Bob M. made presentation for Ed because he had to step out for a moment).
- Bob M. - Happy \$ to see a good program tonight. Happy \$ for Jerry K. to get well.
- Bruce B. - Happy \$ for Mr. Street and that he is doing a good job.
- Don M. - Happy \$ for the interesting program.
- Jack W. - Happy \$ for the good program and for Jerry K. to get home and feeling better.
- Tony L. - Happy \$ for Chriss Street to be here and the good program that he gave.
- Walt D. - Happy \$ to be here after missing a few weeks while on a cruise. Happy \$ for the good program tonight.
- Jay M. - Sad \$ for news on Jerry Kelly and hopes he feels better. Happy \$ for the program this evening.
- Shelly S. - Happy \$ that Chriss Street and Anna Bryson made it here to be with us tonight.
- Gerry N. - Sad \$ for missing last two weeks due to work. Happy \$ for Jerry Kelly to recover soon and for the program.
- Craig H. - Happy \$ for Jerry Kelly to do better. Happy \$ for the program tonight.

Upcoming Events

- Oct 30th Bolsa Grande High School Key Club Inauguration Dinner at KiwanisLand
- Nov 6th Guest Speaker - Webster Guillory, O.C. Tax Assessor

Thought For The Week

"Why does a slight tax increase cost you hundreds of dollars and a substantial tax cut save you a few bucks?"