



Ramblings

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GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEEKLY

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In Partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Garden Grove,

Garden Grove Kiwanians Honor Special Kids!

Our event this evening was all about honoring several of 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 15 of the **Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove's** sites. The **Boys and Girls Clubs' "Youth of the Year"** program has been going on for 62 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. **Kiwanis International** has teamed up with **Boys and Girls Clubs of America** this year, but our Club has been holding this annual event for over 30 years and started out with honoring only a single child. The **Clubhouse** and surrounding area was set up for the celebration and for barbequing and tonight's event was well attended by **Club** members. Providing assistance, encouragement, praise and fellowship to those in attendance for the celebratory event tonight were **Jack Wallin; R.C. Gall; Don Schlensker; Rick Glasby; John Leeb; Gary Sunda; Don Nielsen; Jerry Kelly; Brent Hayes; Tom Elliot; Gerry Newkirk; Craig Howard; Walt Donovan; Jay Mastrianni; Shelly Singer; Peter Carter; Bruce Broadwater; Efrain Davalos; and Amy Kolshinski. President Tom Petrosine** was front and center as he thanked the award recipients and their gathered family and friends for coming and also handed out the award plaques as **Pat Halberstadt, Chief Professional Officer** of the **Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove** was our Master of Ceremonies for the Award Ceremony.



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OF GARDEN GROVE

Tonight's event recognized kids in our community who have shined and made a difference!

Garden Grove Kiwanis Club & Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove 2009 Youth of the Year

Vincent Reyes (10) - Clinton Branch
 Cindy Barrera (13) - Lake Intermediate
 Samantha Wilkey (11) - Stanford Unit
Anthony Castaneda (13) - Doig Intermediate
Rena Lace (13) - Irvine Intermediate
 Andy Nguyen (13) - McGarvin Intermediate
 Amy Gonzalez (14) - Ralston Intermediate
 Tasi Tuvalu (13) - Walton Intermediate

Jordan Needles (12) - Edgar Branch
 Amanda Forrester (14) - Main Branch
 Annalyn Mai (13) - Alamitos Intermediate
 Claudia Guterrez (13) - Fitz Intermediate
 Shawn Pham (13) - Jordan Intermediate
Spencer Varalyai (11) - Patton Branch
Alma Salazar (17) - Santiago High School

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** as a congratulations for being selected and to honor their accomplishment. The winner of the **Orange County Youth of the Year** event will become eligible to compete for the **Youth of the Year** title at the state and regional levels. And could go on to compete for the title of **BGCA's National Youth of the Year**. The **National Youth of the Year** receives a \$15,000 college scholarship and is installed by the **President** in an **Oval Office** ceremony.

Upcoming Events

Feb 26 Clay Bock from Integrity Jewelers in Garden Grove
Mar 5 Speaker from the City of Garden Grove
Mar 12 Allen Johncox on the First Production Thunderbird
Mar 19 Maggie Wells from Garden Grove Costco
Apr 26 GG Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast to benefit KiwanisLand

Thought For The Week

"Children are a great comfort in your old age -- and they help you reach it faster, too."

Gerry Newkirk