



# Ramblings

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*Sheriff Hutchens said she here to investigate a report of a commotion at KiwanisLand...*

## Kiwanians Hear From O.C.'s First Female Sheriff

At tonight's Garden Grove Kiwanis meeting, we not only had our Club members in attendance, but also the special guests that they chose to bring with them to have dinner with us, visit the Park and to hear our special guest speaker O.C. Sheriff Sandra Hutchens talk to us about her first year as head of the Orange County Sheriff's Department. Joining us this evening were: Bob & Lenny Main; Marilyn & RC Gall; Marge & Jack Wallin and guest Marvin Davis; Jerry & Becky Kelly; Tom & Pat Elliott; Dick & Sarah Lobin; Gary & Sharon Sunda; Scott & Susan McIlvain; John & Jenn Leeb; Craig & Monnie Howard; Walt & Dianne Donovan; Brent & Saimi Hayes; Fred & Mary Waggoner and guest Carol Barber; Efrain & Sophia Davalos; Tom Petrosine & Angela; Amy & John Koshinski; Jerry Margolin; Bruce Broadwater; Don Shlensker; Will Swanstrom; Don Nielsen; Robin Marcario; and Gerry Newkirk.



*There's a new sheriff in town! And she was visiting our club.*

### Announcements

A memorial service for Dr. Shelly Singer will be held at KiwanisLand on Sat., June 27 at 2 PM. The family has expressed that in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to KiwanisLand or the Garden Grove Boys & Girls Club.

Eleanor Mastroianni has been in the hospital for back surgery and Jay has been attending to her, so that is why we have not seen much of Jay at the Club lately. Kiwanis Club members wish Eleanor a speedy recovery and hope to see Jay again soon. Last week member Amy Koshinski announced that she was pregnant and that she and husband John were expecting their first child in January. This is the first time in the Club's history that it has had a pregnant member! There were many Happy \$ last week that unfortunately were unable to make it into the final version of the newsletter due to the news about Shelly Singer. Congratulations to Amy and John!

### Program

Tonight's special guest and Program was O.C. Sheriff Sandra Hutchens. She was appointed by the O.C. Board of Supervisors as Orange County's 14th (and first female) Sheriff on June 10th, 2008. Sheriff Hutchens was chosen out of a field of 48 candidates and her term will last until 2010, at which time she will have to run for re-election. She retired from the Los Angeles Sheriff Department (LASD) after a 30 year career as a officer where she worked and supervised in the L.A. County jails, worked street patrol in places like South Central Los Angeles, was promoted to Sergeant in 1986, Lieutenant in 1994, Commander of Field Operations in 2001 and Division Chief of Homeland Security in 2003. She was hired in 1976 as a secretary for the LASD shortly after graduating from High School, but decided to join the department as an officer. She applied and passed the entrance testing and graduated from the L.A. Sheriff's Academy in 1978. She is a graduate of the University of La Verne and the FBI Academy. She also served as LASD's Legislative Liaison in Sacramento and in Washington, D.C.

As the head of the Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSA), Sheriff Hutchens oversees a department of ~4,000 staff members (including over 2,000 sworn deputies) with another 800 reserve personnel. The department is divided into twenty divisions covering five organizational functions: Public Protection; Jail Operations; Technical Services (such as investigations, coroner services, air support, and emergency management); and Administrative and Support Services. It is the 3rd largest Sheriff's Department in the State and has a budget of ~\$700M. The OCSA patrols the unincorporated areas of Orange County and also contracts with 12 cities in the County to serve as those cities' police departments. The Department provides security services for many agencies in Orange County including the Orange County Superior Court, John Wayne Airport, Orange County Transportation Authority, Social Services Agency, and Health Care Agency. They also run Orange County's Harbor Patrol, which provides law enforcement, marine fire fighting, search and rescue, and underwater search and recovery services along the County's 42 miles of coastline and in the County's three harbors (Dana Point, Newport and Huntington). She also oversees the County jail system, which is the 2nd largest in the state and the 8th largest in the country. They have 5 jail facilities with an avg. daily population of 6,500 inmates (~ 20% of which are illegal immigrant status) and they operate at a 34:1 inmate to staff ratio. Sheriff Hutchens said that her biggest challenge has been dealing with the Department's budget shortfall.

### Happy/Sad

The majority of the Happy/Sad's for this evening fell into two items. Happy \$ for Sheriff Hutchens being with us tonight and the Program that she gave and Sad \$ for the loss of Shelly Singer last week. Donating for these two items were: Jerry K.; Efrain D.; Bob M.; Bruce B.; Walt D.; RC G.; Tom E. Craig H.; Brent H.; Dick L.; Jerry M.; Jack W.; Marge; Don S.; Amy K.; Scott M.; Gary S.; Robin M.; Fred W.; Will S.; Tom P.; Don N.; and Gerry N. Other Happy/Sad's tonight were: Bruce B. - Happy \$ to be going on vacation. Craig H. - Happy \$ for Amy & John K. for the good news. Jerry M. - Happy \$ that Shelly got to ride in the Strawberry Festival Parade with his brother Mel and enjoyed himself. Dick L.; Tom E.; Gary S.; Efrain D.; and Fred W. - Happy \$ that their wives were here with them tonight.

### Upcoming Events

- June 18 Speaker from Davis Carnival Company
- June 27 Memorial Service for Shelly Singer at KiwanisLand (2 pm)

### Thought For The Week

*"We don't seem to be able to stop crime, so why not legalize it and then tax it out of existence? ~ Will Rogers"*

Gerry Newkirk