



Ramblings

GARDEN GROVE KIWANIS RAMBLINGS, PUBLISHED WEAKLY

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'Twas the Week before Christmas...

and all through the club house,
not a Kiwanian was slurring,
lest he be arrested by the cop in the house!
(more on that later!)

Thursday's meeting was a little light. Only the **Diehard Dozen** showed up for the last official meeting of 2009. And a good time we had...wish the rest of you were there, too.

To get things started after dining on Famous Jay's dinner sandwiches and assortment of salads, **President Brent** presented the club with two Thank You notes from **Helen**. One for the support for her **grandson Danny's** fundraiser from all the candy bars he sold to everyone. And the other for the nice year-end gift from all of us. Thanks again to everyone who contributed.

On Tuesday December 22, please bring your Turkeys (cooked). Please bring them in a bag so that handling them much easier and less messy for everyone that needs to move them around. But come to the club house on Tuesday around 6:00 pm to drop off the little birdies and have a couple sips for the holidays. Then be off to do what you need to do in preparation for the coming holidays.

THEN...on Wednesday 12/23 at 7:30 AM (0730 for you military types), if you can drag yourself out of bed the next morning, come down and help transfer the Turkeys with the guys then head over to Main Street Café for breakfast. That was pretty much all for the formalities of the night

Announcements:

- We need to have a work party here shortly; probably right after the first of the year. January 9th is the first Saturday so maybe we can pencil in that day. With the last storm we had, the tarps took a beating so we need to get those put away before the next storm.
- Next two Thursday meetings are dark. Dec 24th & Dec 31st. Next meeting is Jan 7, 2009 oops... 2010

Tonight's Headline

Efrain Davalos arranged to have 15 year veteran **Sgt Carl Whitney** from our very own Garden Grove Police Department come in and talk about the recent grants the department received. They received a total of \$250K in grants that will be used to fight the problems they face enforcing DUI, Seat Belt, and Traffic Safety programs. The city spends about \$9,000 each time a sobriety check point is set up to cover the cost for personnel, supplies, and even the required advertising to announce when and where a check point is going to occur (so don't say we didn't warn you). Each check point results in an average of 7 DUI arrests, and 40-50 impounds for non-compliance issues (license, registration, etc). A sobering statistic (OK- pun intended) is there are about 10,000 unlicensed (and uninsured) drivers in Garden Grove alone. There are probably twice that in licensed uninsured drivers. But these programs are there to enforce the laws of the road and help keep these issues in check. Plus, they make a little back too, where the city gets \$190 for each impound. If you do the math 40 impounds at \$190 totals \$7,600. But they also have their rules to play by lest we be called a Police State. They can only target every 3rd car. As counter intuitive this may seem, it allows the check point to sample a larger portion of the people on the road at that time. Plus, if they detect anything out of the ordinary, they are free to act on their intuition.

SO between DUI, seat belt, cell phones, putting on make up, and even reading the paper, the police are keeping vigilance on the roads. Between now and September, there are 14 check points scheduled. So don't do anything stupid to put yourself, or especially the rest of us in danger while we are on the road.

Sgt Whitney also did a little presentation using **Gary Sunda** on the Power Balance Band and the benefits it has on muscle balance. Used by sports stars, movie stars, and every day people, it's a band you wear on your wrist to help maintain balance and muscle control enough to convince 9 Kiwanians to buy one for themselves. Even the biggest skeptic himself bought one after he was put through the paces in front of the room.

Happy / Sads

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| RC – \$2 just to be here tonight | Efrain D - \$2 for a great program (because he arranged it) |
| Don N - \$5 Great program | Peter C – he said something but I missed it |
| Gary S – \$Happy because of the officer's work and the Power Band | Don S - \$5 great program |
| Craig H – \$3 but I can't remember why | Walt D – \$2 for a great program |
| Brent H – Happy\$ to be president (OK – I made that up) | Will S – \$ Happy for program |
| Tom P – \$2 happy because he is 2 happy | Jack W – Happy \$2 he was going to see Grandkids |

This Day in History:

1903 – First airplane flew (officially) for 12 seconds & 120 ft. (Shorter than length of new Boeing 787's 170 ft wing span!)
This is Guest editor – Craig Howard, signing off