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

Esteemed Kids Honored by GG Kiwanians !

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 the **Youth of the Year** award winners and their families from 16 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 over 60 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 partnered with **Boys and Girls Clubs of America** to foster, nurture, and establish a legacy of serving children, a cornerstone mission for both organizations and our **Club** has been holding this annual event for over 30 years. When we started the tradition, we were honoring only a single child.



Tonight's event recognized kids in our community who have excelled over the last year and made a difference!

The **Clubhouse** and surrounding area was set up for the celebration and for barbequing and tonight's special event was sure to be a night that would be remembered by the honorees and their families. Providing assistance, encouragement, praise and fellowship to those in attendance for the celebratory event tonight were **Jack Wallin; RC Gall; Will Swanstrom; Don Schlensker; John Leeb; Gary Sunda; Don Nielsen; Jerry Kelly; Gerry Newkirk; Bruce Broadwater; Efrain Davalos and Tom Petrosine.** Vice President **Will Swanstrom** was front and center as our official **Club** representative and he thanked the award recipients and their gathered family and friends for coming, He also congratulated each honoree as they received their award plaques. **Jennifer Cisceros, Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove Senior Director of School Age Programs** was our Master of Ceremonies for the Award Ceremony. **Pat Halberstadt, Chief Professional Officer** of the **Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove** was also present to welcome the assembled guests and thank our **Club** for again hosting the event.

Garden Grove Kiwanis Club & Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove 2010 Youth of the Year

Martin Cabrera - Alamos Intermediate
 Paulina Nieto - Fitz Intermediate
Randy Fernando Osorio - Jordan Intermediate
 Roberto Sanchez - McGarvin Intermediate
 Alique Chercherion - Ralston Intermediate
Eli Jr. Gonzalez - Santiago High School
 Abraham Negrete - Clinton
 Keri Tate - Edgar Branch

Yehire Mar - Doig Intermediate
 Diego Flores - Irvine Intermediate
 Marlene Rubio - Lake Intermediate
Stae Ashley - Main Branch
Angie Gonzalez - Walton Intermediate
 Pedro Granda - Hare High School
 Daven Standaert - Patton Branch
 Danny Nguyen - Stanford Unit

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. 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. If successful there, they 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. The four finalists going to the **Orange County Youth of the Year** event will also be recognized by the **Garden Grove City Council** at Tuesday's **City Council Meeting.**

Upcoming Events

Feb 25th **Scott Malone from Poseidon Resources to speak on their water desalinization project**
 Mar 4th **Speaker from Merrill Lynch to talk about tax law changes**
 Apr 18th **GG Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast to benefit KiwanisLand**

Thought For The Week

"I know not what the future holds, but I know who holds the future. Our Children."

Gerry Newkirk