



Ramblings

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Our Club had a good Strawberry Festival Corn Booth and the best news is, it's over...

Club Hears About Bruce's Days of Riding the Rail!

At tonight's **Garden Grove Kiwanis** meeting, those who managed to tear themselves away from the Lakers-Boston Playoff game and make it to the meeting were treated not only to a fine **Jay's Catering** meal, but also were treated to a great Program by **Bruce Broadwater** who told us about his early career when he was working for the **Union Pacific Railroad**.



Tonight's small crowd was attributed to the fact that the opening game of the Lakers - Celtics Playoffs was on TV!

Club Treasurer Tom Petrosine reported that our 2010 Corn Booth at the **Strawberry Festival** had approx. \$13,300 in sales this past Memorial Day weekend. We also had just over \$4,100 in expenses and in procuring product and the items required to run the booth. So overall our **Club** was able to net a little over \$9,000. **Corn King Craig Howard** thanked all of the **Club** members and their families and friends who worked the booth with prep, sales, set-up and tear down. He also expressed his thanks to the **Key Club** kids who supported us in the Corn Booth at the **Garden Grove Strawberry Festival** and making this our **Club's** major fundraiser. This enables our **Club** to support important things like **KiwanisLand** and other worthwhile events and organizations! In fact, our **Club** presented a check to **KiwanisLand President Gary Sunda** in support of the **Park**. And next week **Key Club** representatives will be attending our meeting so that our **Club** can say thank you for their support and present them with a donation to their **Club**.

Program

Tonight's Program was **Bruce Broadwater** telling us about his career as an employee for the **Union Pacific (UP) Railroad Company**. **Union Pacific Railroad's** primary role is transporting freight, but they also run commuter train operations. They cover 23 states in the western two-thirds of the **United States**. **Bruce** started working for **UP** in the mid-1950's when he was 16 years old. When he got the job he was making \$1.35/hour to help bring funds into the household. Once his training was done, he got bumped up to \$3.00/hr. He said the most important part of training was learning how to walk on top of a moving train. He took a break from working for **UP** when he joined the **Army** at 17 years old and served a three year tour in **Europe**. **Bruce** re-joined **UP** when he got out and continued his career. He worked as a brakeman, a switchman, an engine foreman and even served some time as a conductor. He worked all over the central and western US and saw many technology changes at the railroad while he was there. **Bruce** left his job at the **Union Pacific Railway** in 1966 when he went started going to college at **East L.A. Junior College**. **Bruce** said he enjoyed his time working for **UP** and got to see a lot of the **United States** and meet a lot of interesting people.

Happy/Sad

- RC** - Happy \$ for **Craig H.** and hell-of-a job he did running the Corn Booth.
- Gary S.** - Happy \$ for **Craig H.** and Corn Booth, **Bruce B.'s** Program and for being in several newspapers. Sad \$ for ones that didn't print what he said about **Kiwanis Club** and **KiwanisLand**. Happy \$ for **Saimi H.** speedy recovery.
- Don N.** - Happy \$ for **Craig H.** and all of the hard work he put in on running the Corn Booth.
- Efrain D.** - Happy \$ for **Craig H.** hard work on Corn Booth. Happy \$ for **Bruce B.'s** Program.
- Walt D.** - Happy \$ to get to hear **Bruce B.'s** Program tonight. Happy \$ Corn Booth did well.
- Bruce B.** - Happy \$ for **Craig H.** and all of the hard work on Corn Booth. Happy \$ mentioned Corn Booth during **Garden Grove City Council** meeting and told people to come buy corn.
- Jack W.** - Happy \$ for **Bruce's** Program tonight. Sad \$ for those who did not help out with the Corn Booth.
- Will S.** - Happy \$ for **Bruce B.'s** Program tonight.
- Tom P.** - Happy \$ for **Craig H.'s** work with running the Corn Booth.
- Craig H.** - Happy \$ for **Bruce's** train stories. Happy \$ for all who worked in Corn Booth and Sad \$ for all who did not.
- Brent H.** - Happy \$ for **Bruce's** Program this evening. Happy \$ for **Craig H.** hard work and all of the **Key Club's** help.
- Gerry N.** - Happy \$ for all of the hard work that **Craig H.** did on the Corn Booth. Happy \$ for **Bruce's** Program tonight.

Upcoming Events

- June 10th Key Club Representatives attend our Club Meeting to thank them for Corn Booth support
- June 22nd GG Chamber Man and Women of the Year Recognition Luncheon (featuring MoY RC Gall)

Thought For The Week

"Do you ever get the feeling that the only reason we have elections is to find out if the polls were right?"