



# Ramblings

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*Here's to hoping you were at this week's meeting and if not, that you will be at the next one...*

## Kiwanians Hear About HOPE!

Tonight's **Garden Grove Kiwanis** meeting was all about hope. **Ed Beaudin** and **Jack Wallin** were off on a fishing adventure, and I am sure everyone was hoping that they would land some big ones. We had master mixologist **Don Schlensker** behind the bar and all of those thirsty **Kiwanians** were hoping he could solve their dry throat issues. We had a band of hungry **Kiwanians** hoping for another fine meal from **Jay's Catering**. And **President Brent Hayes** was still hoping that someone would step up and volunteer to lead this pack of merry brigands for the next **Kiwanian** year (we also need the other officers as well). And to top it all off, **Jerry Margolin** brought **Gayle Knight** from **H.O.P.E. Family Support Center** for our speaker tonight. Her tech support person **Juan Espinoza** was visiting with us as well.



*Jack Wallin and Ed Beaudin were off on a deep sea fishing adventure down Mexico way!*

### Program

Tonight's Program was **Gayle Knight** who talked to us about the **H.O.P.E. Family Support Center**, a non-profit organization that she founded in 1997 and still runs today. The mission of **H.O.P.E.** is to provide a myriad of services to abandoned or abused women and children from disadvantaged families. Their facility is on **Main Street in Garden Grove** where they serve 300 families a month and over 3000 people per year. In 1991 Gayle began helping families in **Buena Clinton**, a neighborhood in **Garden Grove** in which 4,000 families are housed within a four city block area. At that time, she had a mobile operation going from the trunk of her car where she served women with food, clothing and rental assistance. She also organized outings and activities for the women and children. Today, **H.O.P.E.** continues to provide support for women and children and also provides a youth mentoring program, a scholarship program, career readiness workshops, children's music and dance programs a Homework Club, and family counseling. **Gayle** showed the assembled crowd a video that explained about the services that her organization offers and showed some of the kids that attend the programs.

### Happy/Sad

- Peter C.** - Happy \$ to be here tonight.
- RC** - Happy \$ that he hopes **Jack W.** and **Ed B.** are catching lots of fish. Happy \$ for the Program.
- Gary S.** - Happy \$ thanking **Gayle** for the Program. Sad \$ that **RC's** friend **Bruce Reinhart** passed away.
- Tom E.** - Happy \$ that he is here with all of us tonight.
- Walt D.** - Happy \$ for the Program tonight. Happy \$ because he is happy to be here tonight.
- Ed H.** - Sad \$ because he had no money tonight to give for the Program.
- Bob M.** - Happy \$ for the Program and for the fine meal tonight.
- Fred W.** - Happy \$ for the Program. Sad \$ that his aunt passed away this week.
- Craig H.** - Happy \$ for the Program tonight. Happy \$ that he is here.
- Don S.** - Happy \$ for the Program. Sad \$ for all of the (or lack there of) tips that he got at the Bar tonight.
- Will S.** - Happy \$ because he is glad to be here.
- Don N.** - Happy \$ for the Program tonight. Happy \$ that he is here tonight.
- Tom P.** - Happy \$ for the Program and to be here tonight.
- Jerry M.** - Sad \$ that he owes because he did not have a dollar in his wallet to give for **Gayle**.
- Brent H.** - Happy \$ for **Gayle's** Program tonight.
- Gerry N.** - Happy \$ for **Gayle** coming to talk to us. Sad \$ will probably miss next week while in **Seattle**.
- Gayle Knight** - Happy \$ that she was able to come speak to us tonight about **H.O.P.E.**

### Upcoming Events

- July 15th Miss Garden Grove will be speaking to our Club
- July 22nd CHOC Representative
- Some time in Aug. - Field Trip to Garden Grove Reservoir

### Thought For The Week

*"When the world says -Give up, Hope whispers - Try it one more time."*