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President Newkirk thanked all present for their support, and promised solemnly; never to do it again!

It's over! One of the longest reigns in Kiwanis History has passed!

When **Gerry Newkirk** took over as President approximately eighteen months ago, there were a lot of members that did not think that he would make it through his term(s) it's not easy to maintain your sanity while those around you show indications of having lost theirs, are about to, or looking forward to doing it soon. The over under was about six. **Gerry** fooled us all, and stuck it out till the not so bitter end. He did a fine job, and we know his shoes will be hard to fill. Of course **Don Nielsen**, has been there and done that, and we expect that he will once again do a superior job. In honor of **Don**, the club has promised to put a moratorium on "Happy only 51 weeks to go etc. Happy Dollars for one week. So join us on **October fourth** and thank **Gerry** for his great effort, and welcome **Don** for his second stint as president. There are certainly people who are willing to take a lot of punishment for a good cause, and **Gerry** and **Don** are two of them. It all happens this **Thursday**, I am told that there will be a raffle for a \$100.00 pass to **Red Lobster** or the **Olive Garden**. Have you thought about how much "all the shrimp you can eat" you can eat? It boggles the mind. Please tell **Mr. Newkirk** if you plan to be there, if you haven't told him already. The dress is "fisherman casual" which will probably cause **Kirk Seeden**, our newest **Lieutenant Governor**, and installing officer, to wish he had accepted the offer to be a **Rotarian**. In the meantime **Newkirk** was so overcome by emotion, he was unable to do the announcements, So **John L.** reported that our **Bolsa Grande Key Club** is out at the **International Farmers Market** every Sunday, setting up tables and helping everyone out, This is the **Key Club** that the late, wonderful, **Alta Beaudoin**, was instrumental in getting our club to form. It was one of our bigger successes. **Vector Control** donated three hundred dollars for being granted the use of **Kiwanisland** for an October 9, picnic. They are a fine **Government Agency** and will be even better as soon as they work the bugs out. (That's what happens when there is a lot of space to fill.) **Don Schlensker** reported that the 180 or so employees, and/or volunteers provided to the **Boys and Girls Club** by **Home Depot**, came in to their building and did a wonderful job of cleaning it up inside, painting a mural, also refurbishing the baseball diamond, trimming the trees, and many other things. They also cleaned and trimmed the perimeter around **Kiwanisland**. This all came about through **Home Depot** asking for applications to see which non profit would be judged most worthy of this type of donation, and the BCGG were the chosen ones. The employees also were invited to use the park for their breaks, and were very impressed. It could be advantageous to **Kiwanisland** too.



I have gone through every Book I can find, and I still have no idea what "Fisherman Casual" is.

Brent Hayes Receives Apron!

Probably not one of the more Macho headlines ever seen, but we are proud to announce that **Brent Hayes**, accepted the apron, as the first step to being inducted into our club. **Brent** is married and wife **Saimi**, who heads up the **Garden Grove Senior Citizen** program. **Brent** also works for the city, and his hobbies are playing softball and surfing. He is sponsored by **Jack Wallin**.

Kelly Reports on Ray Beaudoin Memorial Event

Jerry Kelly reports that we have already sold over 60 of our tickets to the drawing, and is expecting (or demanding) a sell out. It seems the more Jerry is involved in this event, the more he sounds like **Ray Beaudoin**. I guess it goes with the project.

We love our happy dollars!

Where would we be without happy/sads? It's not only the money, it's the space they take up. Sop here they are.

Tom E. Happy to be here.

Peter C. Three sad to see **Gerry** stepping down.

R.C. Good job done by **Gerry**.

Will S. Five for **Gerry**

J. Kelly One for **Gerry**

Bruce B. Happy, **Sharon S.** took a sign.

Jon E. Twenty for winning the big jackpot last week.

Don N. three for **Gerry** and three more for his accepting the position of Past President. (Hard to refuse.)

Ed H. twenty (really two) for **Nielsen** coming in.

Tom P. two for his daughters 56th, birthday party. (I thought Tom was 70. Could I be right anyway?)

Walt D. Happy to be here.

Charles K. Six happy for **Gerry**, and that his 98 years old dog in human equivalent, has begun second childhood and twenty for being named a Chamber Gala Honoree.

Brent H. Happy to join **Kiwanis** and that **Jack** sponsored him.

Jack W. Happy for **Gerry**

Don S. five, **Gerry**, **Brent** becoming a member, **Wallin** may have finally learned to drive the "Mowermobile," something about **Gary** doing something about something,, **Brent** being a member, and **God** knows what else.

John L. **Gerry** and school going well.

Josh Sorry for being late, Happy for **Gerry**, **Brent**, and **Nielsen**,

Gary S. Being with great guys, a great park, and won passes to see **Tiger Woods** play, and a **Fender Resonator Guitar**, at a Golf Tournament.

Rick G. For **Brent**

Jerry M. five, (yes five) for **Gerry**, and other things.

Gerry N. Whatever it was, I was so sad to see him come to the end of his reign, I forgot to "capture" his final words as President. Thank you **Gerry** for generating such a cash influx.

Coming Soon

October 5 Installation Dinner, Honor Gerry Newkirk going out, and bring Don Nielsen in.

We do have speakers scheduled prior to November 16, names to be announced.

Thought for the week

No one really listens to anyone else, and if you try it for a while you'll see why.