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Our President leaves office thanking so many, that he inadvertently includes two Rotarians, and a guy waiting for a bus.

President Newkirk leaves office with a smile!

Our meeting started off with former **Mayor** and current member, **Walt Donovan**, leading the **Pledge of Allegiance** to our great flag. This was followed by **R.C.** and a stirring rendition of "My Country 'Tis of Thee," followed by a brief, but solid multi-denominational prayer by our own **Jerry Kelly**. Then for the last official time as our President, **Gerry Newkirk** reached for his gavel, to begin the process of turning the responsibilities of Office into the hands of **Don Nielsen**. So if this is such a solemn occasion, why was he laughing so hard? **Newkirk** thanked all those who had contributed to his successful year and a half, and pre apologized to all that might accidentally be ignored, (I will too, since I could miss some notes, perish the thought.) In his final official act, he thanked **Wallin** for his superb bartending, room setting up, and the care of the park. (Which is truly gorgeous.) **Jon Elliott**, **Will Swanstrom**, **John Leeb**, **Sean Lindsey**, **Miss Garden Grove Lauren Howard**, **Newkirk's "team," J. Elliott** again, for his work with our **Boy Scout Troop**, **Craig Howard**, the esteemed **Corn Booth Chair**, **Kelly** for his efforts with the **Ray Beaudoin Memorial Fund Raiser**, **Jack and Marge** for the **Angel Tree Program**, **Tom Elliott** for the **Christmas food drive**, **Main**, for the "Turkey Shoot," **Broadwater**, not only for doing P.R., but actually getting the stories published, **Hodges**, **Club Trophy Getter**, **Come-dian**, and the **Bulletin Editor** whoever that is. He then decided to get creative, by giving gifts to his **Executive Committee**, presenting each with symbolic candy bars for their efforts during the past year, **Howard** received "Snickers" for some of his humor while running our meetings as **VP**, and "Duds" for other humor attempts. **Treasurer McIlvain**, a "Payday" bar, and a **100 Grand Bar**, (Don't blame me, I just report these things,) **Secretary Carter** "Community Activist," and well known fund raiser, a **Mr. Goodbar**, and since **Peter's** name is **Carter**, he got some "Goobers" too. (Goobers, Carter, Peanut Farmer, stay awake folks.)



Everyone
was named
Number 1.

If outgoing Newkirk is out, incoming Nielsen must be in!

While some might remark that it is rather difficult to listen to an incoming **President's** speech while he is wearing a hat that looks like it was stolen from a **Boy Scout Rummage Sale**, along with a plastic **Carp** around his neck, our options were limited. In fact, **Don** gave us good insight to his plans for the coming year; **Raise more money!** Recent happenings have made it more difficult to raise money. Membership in volunteer organizations are down, the economy is just starting to turn around, but even the experts aren't sure whether it will stay that way. Discretionary income is monitored more carefully, and more and more organizations are fighting for their piece of the pie. We will have to work harder if we intend to provide support to our major projects. **Nielsen** then moved on to provide **Kiwanisland** team shirts to **Lindsey**, **J. Elliott**, **Hodges**, **McIlvain**, **Wallin**, **Carter**, **Leeb**, and **Newkirk**, his "team" to raise money for **Kiwanisland** this year. **Newkirk** was so moved by **Nielsen's** words, he then ate the absent **Carter's Goobers**. **Nielsen** also asked that we all think of **Fund Raising** ideas, and give our suggestions to **Don** or anyone on the "team." The first suggestion was to do a "Shrimp on the **Barbie**." party. I have my suspicions about what that will be about, but I've been wrong before, so I will wait for an explanation. **Craig Howard**, **Vice President**, presented **Nielsen** with his gavel, but since it's on back order, he had to borrow one until it gets here. **Past Lt. Governor Terry Tortline**, handled the outgoing ceremony, and **Kirk Seeden**, our new **Lt. Governor** was our installing officer. Makes sense to me. It was great to see so many old faces, (no pun intended) the noise level was high, The food selection was outstanding, **Josh** won a shirt, and the \$100.00 gift certificate to the **Red Lobster**, or the **Olive Garden**, and everyone had a good time, unless you wanted to win the gift certificate, and your name isn't **Josh Lindsey**.

Fund Raiser sneaking up on us.

Jerry Kelly reports that there are only 17 tickets left for our "opportunity drawing" which will be held **October 28**. As in the recent past, there will be snacks, and conversation beginning around 6:00 PM, and the drawing at 8:00 PM. I can't wait till it happens, so I can go home and complain about whoever wins. Get your tickets from **Jerry**, you don't want to be shut out.

Coming Soon

October 12, **Lon Nguyen** and **Bob Hardin**, who are running for reelection to the **Garden Grove Unified School Board**.

Thought For The Week

If all the world's a stage, I want to operate the trap door.