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Installation brings in the "Elliott era"

Jon Elliott takes over as Leeb goes quietly

As **John Leeb** bowed out of office and thanked everyone for their support over the past year, the only question in the minds of his devoted (sic) following was: "Who was it that supported **John** and would they please step forward and identify themselves?" **John** also mentioned before he stepped down, that unlike many other Immediate Past Presidents, he would promise to remain a member rather than quit the club. A tear or two was noted from the audience. **John E.** promised to guide us to warm and wonderful things, especially to increase the membership of our Sponsored **Boy Scout Troop** which is growing at a speedy rate, to about 20 members. Up from 6 to 14 since they first started last year. The new **Board** was sworn in, consisting of **Newkirk VP, Carter Secretary, McIlvain Treasurer**, along with those **Board** stalwarts **Hodges, Howard, Swanstrom Wallin, Sunda**, (who looked surprised that he was on the **Board**. Of course I wasn't. How many two and a half time **Presidents** do we have still in our Club? We should treat **Gary** as a **Kiwanian Resource**.) and of course **Leeb**, as **Immediate Past President**. Of course **John** was running unopposed. **Leeb** thanked some members and presented us with porcelain dwarfs, rumored to have been stolen from daughter **Amy's** closet. **Wallin** was named the "surliest bartender" a drastic change from being called "stoic" last week. Can you be surly and stoic at the same time? **Diana Gentry**, the first female **Lieutenant Governor** in our **Division**. And **Don Beatty**, outgoing **Lt. Governor** handled the installation ceremonies, which might be an exaggeration of what it was, but more formal than a few years ago, when the incoming officers were thrown their pins. **Jays** food was outstanding! It's always top notch but the Chicken was much better than Chicken ever should be, and the **Mahi Mahi** was incredible. **Jay** I salute you!



Jon Elliott promised that by the time he was through, he wouldn't be just a faceless name.

Kelly says "And Then There Were 40"

Kelly says we only sold 5 tickets last week, so we still have 40 left. Time is flying. Sell those suckers!

Comments On Installation Dinner

Since the night was dedicated to the installation of officers, and there is a lot of room, I want to vent a little. This is not a personal criticism to anyone, because the "casual" approach to Installations started a few years ago and some of our members have never seen it done any other way. However before that those of us who were here took pride in being well known for not only helping children, but also for being members of **Kiwanis International**, what it stood for, and the **Garden Grove Evening Kiwanis Club**. Becoming President was and should always be an achievement and accomplishment to be proud of. Awards were given to the outgoing officers and committee people that could be kept in a place of honor as a thank you for that volunteer effort. Something to be hung on your wall or put in a prominent place in your office. The only thing volunteers get is recognition, and all who work should be recognized. The outgoing **President** and Incoming **President** were introduced by someone else, so that both could be thanked by someone other than themselves. They both made an actual short speech, about either what they had done, or what they planned to do. The **President** gave a "**Kiwanian of the year**" award to the individual who, in his opinion, had been the most helpful during the year, and it was coveted and received with pride. **The Division Officers** were formerly introduced and thanked for their commitment, because there was a script and their names were listed to make sure that if they were donating their time, they at least could get their names mentioned and a thank you, rather than call us to find out when they have to be there. It was the one night of the year that we took somewhat seriously, and when we left everyone felt pride in the organization and proud to have their wives and other guests with them on such a nice evening, while the officers who always hear from others about what a wild group of people we are, were stunned that we also had class and **Kiwanis** actually meant something to us in addition to being a fun evening with friends. That's been gone for some years now, and I find in speaking to members of the club, that there are others who feel the same way as I do. So I ask **Jon Elliott** to at least talk about it at a Board Meeting, and if I'm in the minority, I will shut up. Some of us would really like to see it come to a vote before the next one though.

Coming Soon

October 14,

I don't really know but Jon is really trying

Thought For The Week

You can't have a light without a dark to stick it in.