



# Ramblings

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*Packed "announcement Agenda" lessens the pain of Elliott's absence*

## Newkirk in for Elliott as Announcements fill the air!

While **Jon Elliott** was on a one night leave of absence, President to be, and award winning Kiwanian, **Gerry Newkirk** filled in admirably. **Newkirk**, who too, will be leaving on a two week Sabbatical, was pleased to have the opportunity to introduce **Lt. Governor, Diana Gentry**, the first woman to be named **Lt. Governor**, in **Kiwanis**. Probably just one of many firsts there will be in her career. Announcements included; a reminder that the **Super Bowl** party is on for February 6; there is a "Super Pool" at \$5.00 per square; **February 12** there is A **Cal Nev Ha** mini convention in **Riverside** I believe. **Jon E.** and **Gerry N.** will attend. Everyone who would like to go is already paid for. Winners of **Boys and Girls Clubs 2004 Boys and Girls** of the year for all seven facilities will be presented their awards at **Kiwanisland** during our meeting on February 24th. The **Club 33** extravaganza will be held on **March 6th** Tickets are a mere \$66.00 per person and you get both parks in the package, along with a breakfast at the fabulous **Club 33!** Tickets are available through **Shelly Singer**, and this is the last year. Speaking of **Shelly**, he has won one of three Distinguished Service Awards given yearly by our **Chamber of Commerce**. The gala event will be held on **March 12**, and we have discussed purchasing a Kiwanis table, to support **Shelly**. Stay tuned. **Kiwanis National Convention** will be held July 2nd-6th in **Oahu**. How difficult was that to come up with? Tickets for the **Palm Springs Follies** will be available for April 9th's performance. The bus will leave at approximately 9:00 AM or so, depending on your pickup location. The bus and the tickets are \$72.00 per person. You will return about 7:00 PM. For more information Call **R.C.** I seem to have heard that name somewhere before. That's enough of those for one night.



*As the Super bowl comes closer, Pres. Jon reflected on his youth.*

*"If it wasn't for being slow, with bad hands, no blocking ability and a fear of pain, I could have been a football player too."*

### Happy/Sad dollars

**Jay's** improving health once again was the recipient of most of the funding. **Gerry N., R.C. Will, Shelly, Gary, Bob Main, Petrosine, Gerry A. Scott, Nielsen** and **myself**, happy dollars to see **Jay** back this week looking almost as good as new! **How great is that!** There was sad news too. **Rosa Swanson** lost her brother suddenly. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to **Will, Rosa**, and their family. Many sad dollars were directed in their direction, with **Kelly, Scott, Petrosine, Shelly, Jack** with five, and **myself**. **Jay** added twenty, ten for **Rosa's** brother, and Ten for taking his improving health one week at a time, while the long lost (seemingly,) **Nielsen** added a total of twenty, with five more each for being happy to be back, for **Rosa's** family, and the news that daughter **Andrea** was "forced" to leave **ESPN** and accept the position of "National Advertising Director" of **Fox Sports**. It seems that about ten minutes ago, we met a **Key Clubber** looking for support on a project of some kind. We provided that support. Her Dad, some guy named **Don** was so impressed he joined us. Time flies, **Andrea** remains a great story. There were some other events drawing dollars too. **Craig** sad for wearing two different shoes to work. (None of us have ever done that, have we?) **Bruce**, the first time in ten years not making the "State of the City" speech, and not exactly crying about it. **Malm** sorry he couldn't hear him give it. **Peter** happy, **Petrosine** happy I had no access to a microphone. He has always been one of my strongest supporters. If there was anyone else; my deepest apologies.

### Lt. Governor Speaks

**Lt. Governor Diana Gentry** is following the direction that our **Kiwanis Governor** has requested this year. His catch phrase is **IDEAS**, Identify, Develop, Expand, Access and Support. **Diana's** is **HOPE**. If I could read my notes, I would tell you exactly what that means too, but I do know it means, youth programs, One new project per club if possible, Her own project, "Literacy in the Community." **Diana** asked that we support the "Bowling Day, February 18th for the Handicapped" at **Brookhurst Bowl** by sending someone to keep score, and **Total K Day** at **Choc Hospital April 2nd**, more on that later. I personally appreciated her comments that we have done a lot for our community, and are known as a very successful club and should not concern ourselves with being unable to attract women into our group. We have tried, have no barriers, and there are extenuating circumstances, such as time of meeting etc., so "if it ain't broke don't fix it." That has not been the attitude of some who have gone before her, and I think it's great.

**Special Note:** Due to a new commitment I will no longer be able to do the bulletin on a regular basis for an extended period of time. I want to thank **Gerry Newkirk, Tom Elliott** and **John Leeb**, who have volunteered to pick up the slack. I will still do it once or twice a month. Special thanks to all of the ladies, who have been kind enough to read the bulletins to their husbands So that they would be sure to know where to go on **Thursdays**..

### Coming Soon

February 3, Somebody

February 6, Superbowl Sunday, bring a dish if you can

February 10, Former Member, great speaker: Judge John Wooley Ret.

March 6, Club 33 Disneyland Breakfast and both Parks \$66.00 per person

### Thought for the Week

Why are our days numbered instead of lettered??