



# Ramblings

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*President Jon Elliott takes leave of absent for personal reasons*

## Gerry Newkirk to assume Presidential Duties Early!

Needing some time off for personal business, and not knowing when he would return, **Jon Elliott** was forced to take a leave of absence, and also step down from the Presidency. **Jon** has done a nice job, and was on the way to having a successful year. He expressed regret for not completing the job. Vice President **Gerry Newkirk** President Elect, accepted the challenge and has agreed to take over the reigns without fanfare, and to continue as President till the end of his actual Presidential year September 2006. Already becoming well known in **Kiwanis** circles, this hard working dedicated **Kiwanian**, I am sure will do a wonderful job. Once it was explained to **Sunda**, that the reason he took over when **Blakesley** stepped down in mid-term some years ago was because **Sunda**, at that time, was **President Elect** also, and he did not actually own a title called "**Official Permanent Lifetime Temporary President**" **Sunda** was able to wipe his tears away and promised to be "A team player." He was also promised that if **Gerry** has to step down for any reason at any time, **Gary** will be considered.



*Gerry Newkirk is now the Master of the Ship. May he ever sail in peaceful waters.*

### Announcements By Peter

**Peter Carter** served as Acting President in **Newkirk's** absence and was able to get through it without stumbling too badly. He almost forgot to do announcements and was chastised by the small crowd, but as career managers always do, Peter regained his composure, and made it look like someone else messed up. His announcements included the following; which I will place in headline form, since there was no crowds, no speaker, and headlines take up space!

### Ladies Night Scheduled for Valentine's Day + 3

Because we don't meet on Monday afternoon's we have scheduled our Valentine's Day party on Thursday night. There will be a great meal, and **Judge John Wooley**, former member and now retired Judge, will most likely be our guest speaker. Judge Wooley was scheduled for the 10th, and was unable to make it, he was asked to join us this week. Gifts will be provided by the club and Jay has generously provided \$100.00 extra, to add to what we intended to spend., so that gift connoisseur **Ed Hodges**, will find something appropriate to give the Ladies. Unless the money overwhelms him and he skips town. We hold our breath.

### Kiwanis to tour Coast Guard Facility March 19th

**Peter** has arranged a tour of the Coast Guard Facility located in **San Pedro**, on March 19th. It will be during the afternoon. We don't know what it will entail at this time, but it will include a tour of the facility and some of the vessels, possibly a short ride around the area. It's not all fleshed out yet but Peter and your friendly club newsletter will keep interested parties informed.

### It May be too late for Disneyland Brunch

**Shelly** advises that he has only 16 tickets left for the Club 33 Brunch and both parks Sunday March 6. He has now invited the Morning **Kiwanis** and last year they took 31 tickets, so you may get shut out if you don't act now. Or you may be shutout already. Call **Shelly** if you are interested. This is the last time **Shelly** is going to offer this event due to the time spent putting it together. So act now, as you will most likely not be able to have this opportunity again.

### Palm Springs Follies March 12th!

In a flurry of **Kiwanis** togetherness, **Shelly** has also announced the availability of an excursion to **Palm Springs** to see **Palm Springs Follies**, the long running musical smash hit. Bus transportation leaves at 8:30 AM, arrives at 11:45 AM. **Jay** will provide box lunches at a nominal fee, then the show, and returning from whence you began around 7:00 PM. Call **Shelly** for more information.

### Happy/Sad Dollars

There couldn't be a whole slew of dollars because there weren't a whole slew of members. **Sunda** happy, hasn't smoked for two weeks. Two down and the rest of your life to go and **Nielsen**, a good **Treasurer**, or something like that. **Hodges**, two for **Jay's** donation, **Main**, one for the same, **Will** sad, picked up his brother-in-law's ashes, **Schlensker** happy to shake hands with **Jay** again, and something about an empty wallet which couldn't possibly be his. **Jack** happy, escorting **Marge** to **Utah** to celebrate her **Dad's 102nd birthday!** **Hodges** happy, **Jack** leaving town. **Bruce** had two. His brother's left lung had to be removed. **Jay** ten dollars, five for all the events that **Shelly** does, and five for escorting **Jay's** beloved dog **Bocelli**, to visit **Jay** while he was in the hospital. **Shelly** happy, 50 tickets sold for Club 33, the rest should go to **Morning Kiwanis**, unless it goes to some of us first. **Leeb** sad, daughter won "only" 100 dollars in our Super Bowl pool, (Sometimes I'd like to throw John in the pool), and a dollar for having to stay up late three nights in a row grading papers. Our heart goes out to him. **Scott** happy for **Sunda's** newly cut **CD**, Peter happy five, not here next week, and **Gary** \$5.00, contrite for being rude. I was so shocked that **Gary** could ever be thought of as being rude, I forgot to ask why.

### Coming Soon

February 17, Valentine Day's Ladies Night Judge John Wooley Speaker

February 18, Evening Kiwanis Competes in "Texas Hold Em Tournament Still time to enter. Elks Lodge 6:00PM

February 24, Girls and Boys Club Award Night.

March 06 Club 33 Breakfast and Both Parks

March 12 Palm Springs Follies

### Thought For The Week

The only reason some people get lost in thought is because it's unfamiliar territory.