



# Ramblings

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*Under the proper "direction"!*

## Nielsen's First Official Meeting!

Tonight was new **Club President Don Nielsen's** first official night leading the Club as the 2006 - 2007 President. **Don** is no stranger in this position, as he served as the **Club President** back in 2000. **Don** started out the meeting tonight as it always does with the Flag salute, patriotic song and an invocation. All seemed as normal until our Club Song Director, Mr. **R.C. Gall**, took his place at the podium to lead and direct us in our harmonious endeavor. As he raised his baton to initiate our pursuit of the proper pitch, the members in attendance all proceeded to produce their own batons and as the song began and progressed, the entire crowd mimicked **R.C's** "direction" of the song. **R.C.** was momentarily taken aback, but with barely a pause, he continued to direct the "melodious exaltations" of the **Club** members. He then received a thunderous round of applause as he beamingly walked back to his seat chuckling and shaking his head. The entire event had been set up by **Mr. Bob Main**, who had gone around before the meeting quietly passing out batons to those in attendance and explaining to them what was to transpire. The Right Reverent **Jerry Kelly** then led us in an invocation and asked for blessing for New **President Nielsen** in leading this group of scoundrels. Once the actual meeting got underway, Past President **Newkirk** took to the podium to present **President Nielsen** with his own officially engraved **Kiwanis** gavel, which had finally come in (of course after the Installation dinner!). The gavel that had been presented to **President Nielsen** during the Installation dinner had been "a stand in" gavel, but **Don** could officially take the reins of leadership now that he had his own personal gavel. **Don** then reported that he had received a letter from **Kiwanis Intl.**, signed by Intl. President **Nelson Tucker**, thanking him for his 55 years of service. **Don** said that would have meant that he joined **Kiwanis** when he was 5 years old! So somewhere, a mistake was made.....



*Don's firm hand on his new gavel will keep the Club in line and headed in the right direction.*

### Other Goings on!

- **President Nielsen** announced a **KiwanisLand** work party to be held on Saturday morning (10/14) to clean out the caretaker's house. (Editors note: Thanks to **Will S., Tom E., Don N., Gary S., Rick G., Jack W., John L., Bruce B., Jon E., Brent H.** and **Gerry N.** for showing up and working).
- **Josh Lindsey** told the members in attendance of the harrowing experience he had on the **405 Freeway** this week. Seems he was literally run over by a Hummer that was in a hurry to pass him and ended up causing him to spin out and hit another car and a Call Box. **Josh** walked away with out a scratch, but both **Josh's** car and the Call Box were totaled. The Hummer didn't even stop!
- **Jerry Kelly** announced that there are only four more "**Ray Beaudoin Memorial**" drawing tickets left for sale. He thanks everyone for their efforts at making this fundraiser successful and asks anyone who has not yet turned in their money to get it to him as soon as possible (preferably cash).
- **Brent Hayes** officially became a **Club** member by having his apron signed and naming everyone at two tables.

### Happy/Sad

**Tom E.** - Happy \$ to be here and for a successful trip to **Dallas**. Happy \$ that redecorating is almost done.  
**R.C.** - Sad \$ for missing the next 2 weeks while traveling. Happy \$ for for all of the "batons" here during the song tonight.  
**Gerry N.** - Happy \$ that he got to see the meeting from the audience this week and for the "direction" during the Song.  
**Gary S.** - Sad \$ for missing Installation dinner last week when he was in **North Carolina**.  
**Bruce B.** - Happy \$ for the fish that **Ed B.** brought tonight. Also **Bruce** proclaimed, "When **Clinton** lied, no one died" in response to some digs about the **Democratic Party** that were being bandied about!  
**Scott M.** - Happy \$ for the fine Song tonight. Sad \$ that he misses the old President already.  
**Ed H.** - Happy \$ the "direction" the Song took tonight, also misses the old Prez. Sad \$ that he will miss next week.  
**Tom P.** - Happy \$ that the remodeling job on his condo is almost finished.  
**Jerry K.** - Happy \$ that almost all of the **Ray Beaudoin Memorial** fundraiser tickets are sold. Good job by **Club**.  
**Don S.** - Happy \$ for past and new Prez's. Happy \$ that his daughter quit **BofA** and started at **WaMu** for a jump in pay.  
**Brent H.** - Happy \$ that **Josh** is okay. Happy \$ that Old Guys beat the Young Dudes at the **Public Works** Softball game.  
**Jack W.** - Happy \$ for the ex President.  
**Rick G.** - Happy \$ that his daughter's rehearsal dinner will be here in the **KiwanisLand** amphitheater next week.  
**Will S.** - Happy \$ for his good fortune at the poker table earlier in the week.  
**Josh L.** - Happy \$ to still be alive after his auto accident and for the new car he will be having to get now.  
**John L.** - Happy \$ that **Josh L.** is okay. Happy \$ that his daughter is doing good in kindergarten.  
**Don N.** - Happy \$ for **Josh** and for **Gerry N.** Happy \$ that he heard from his daughter in **New York**.

### Coming Soon

Oct. 28th **Ray Beadoin Memorial Drawing at KiwanisLand**

### Thought For The Week

*"The good thing about small cars is that you can fit twice as many into a traffic jam."*