



# Ramblings

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## Presidents Corner

When Emily was born three years ago, I bought a discipline book and dutifully read the first five chapters. I knew I would need some help because my whole theory at the time was, "If I see her do something I don't like, then I'll correct her." And Jenn and I agreed that by refusing to reward bad behavior, we would not be creating a monster. So when Emily cried or whined, we would not give in, but made her wait until she was done. Even before Claire came along my very straightforward theory of discipline was showing signs of wearing thin. What I did not understand is, that Emily does not spend eight hours a day enjoying educational activities, partaking of clean and wholesome fun and then, during one small lapse, trying to poke out the dog's eyes with a screwdriver. Oh no. She gets out the play-doh, then while depositing Claire's favorite baby doll in the toilet she wipes hot pink play-doh chunks on the wall, spilling her apple juice on the one unstained section of carpet simultaneously. Then she and Claire have a competition as to who can cause more destruction in the shortest period of time. Emily's specialty is covering the entire floor space of our house with eight to ten inches of toys. I am only glad that stuffed animals do not mulch or we would have topsoil by the cubic yard. Claire gets better returns, in terms of parental attention, by swallowing various items. I feel like FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and Hurricanes Claire and Emily are continually slamming my eastern seaboard. So my wife and I have made some adjustments to our discipline policy. Fun and wholesome activities are defined as those that will occupy the child's attention for longer than it takes to clean up. So painting on the backyard easel is good, because Emily will do that for about twenty minutes and even if the brush somehow strays to the house, the new paver bricks, and various body parts, it is not worth getting worked up over. After all, a hose will clean that up in, say, ten minutes tops. Net gain. Likewise Claire pulling all the soup cans out of the pantry and rolling them around the kitchen seems like a questionable thing, but she will do it for ten minutes and only takes us about eight to remedy. No action required. But when Emily dumped the entire canister of flakes into the aquarium, necessitating the removal of the fish, rocks, plants, filter, heater and thermometer, this called for swift action. After all, ten seconds of her attention was four hours of cleanup for us. So I am afraid to say that our daughters' discipline has been sacrificed on the altar of time management. I hear it gets easier. Have a good week. Don't forget to bring in golfers and the raffle items.

**John Leeb**

*Do you have your 4some? 3some? 2some? Tee time?*

## Golf Tournament Approaching Quickly

Another small crowd in attendance. (14 + speaker) But announcements know no boundaries, no size restrictions, only time constraints, So here we go; **Thursday July 22**, will be "**Bag the golf prizes day**" for the Tournament on the 26th. It will be held from 5:00 PM to meeting time. Volunteers are encouraged and will not be turned back at the gate.

### Marge recovering nicely from hip surgery

Under the watchful eye of **Jack**, things are so far so good. It would be wonderful for **Marge** to be pain free for a change and **Jack** to have something positive happening. Son **Steve** has recovered well from his aneurysm which is positive, but while recovering from painful and/or life threatening surgery is great, it's not as nice as not needing it to begin with. **Jack** it's time to get the family on a positive roll.

### Kiwanisland looking beautiful, progressive dinner in jeopardy!

**President Leeb** asked that **Jack** be especially complimented on the look of our deck and lawn at **Kiwanisland**. Both look spectacular. With everything negative going on around him **Jack** was able to throw his energy into the park, and do great things. Thank you **Mr. Wallin**. **Kiwanis** turns it's grateful eyes to you. It was also learned that there is a conflict on August 14th between our **Progressive Dinner** and **Soroptomists** fund raiser at the **Crean Mansion**. Many of our wives belong to that organization and will be unable to attend ours. Usually husbands go where the wives are, especially on Saturdays. There were some comments that we have had the date for three months, and should therefore go for it, which is fine also. The problem is that to get the Crean Mansion for a Fund-raiser, the **Soroptomists** had to book a year in advance to lock in a date, The culprit is the fact that there is no community calendar, and all attempts by many organizations over the years, to introduce one have failed. So it's really nobody's fault, but it should be discussed at the next meeting.

### Gas Company visits Kiwanisland for donation opportunities

The **gas Company**, often a resource for charitable contributions, visited the park this week and was very impressed. There was optimism from **Jack, Ed Hodges, President Leeb**, among others, that this could be very positive for our coffers. It gets confusing, they were supposed to meet at 10:30 AM, and moved it up an hour with little notice. Some who were supposed to be there, were able to get there, some weren't and I have no idea who did and didn't go. Thank you all who went, tried to go, or stayed home and had good thoughts.

### Installation of new officers set for October 7th!

The installation of officers for 2004-2005 will be held on October 7. That's a regular meeting night. Put it down and welcome J. Elliott in, and thank J. Leeb

### Chamber Mixer introduces Pageant Contestants July 21

**John Leeb** also announced that he will attend the mixer on July 21st, where our contestant for the Miss GG Pageant will be introduced. For the correct address call the Chamber and they will give it to you. Join the festivities.

### Happy/Sad dollars

**Leeb** thinking of **Big Al** and **Andreoff, Margolin** one of two babies, daughter-in-law is carrying passed away, **Tom E. Will, Petrosine, Kelly, for Rayf's** child. **Kelly, Jon E, ( five) Nielsen, for speaker Monica, Scott Shelly's** programs, **Mike Mc** missed a month (5), happy for Marge, along with **Tom E. Gerry N.** for **Marge (5) Sunda**, lest we forget him. (How could that happen?)

### Monica Escobar on Scouting

**Monica** was happy to join us, obviously doesn't get out often. Great young lady, talked about Scouting. One of four paid professionals in our District. Thanked us for sponsoring **Troop 1776** (That's the Spirit!) Gave us many opportunities for volunteer scouting work. No one raced to the sign up sheet, but who of us can?

### Coming Soon

**July 22 Michael McGuire Elder Law Center**  
**July 29 David Suudstrom Auditor Controller**  
**Aug 5 Laurie Howard Our Miss GG Contestant**

### Thought for the week

**IF you pay .99 for a can of Alpo, that's almost \$7.00 in dog money!**



*Formal golf attire is not required!*