



# Ramblings

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## Presidents Corner

Now is the time for a rousing call to action. We have been calling active and inactive members for a little over a month, and it seems to have helped our meeting attendance very little. So be prepared for some action once I return from vacation late in August.

I have read Kiwanis International's membership drive and another guide Sheldon Singer gave me and they amount to pretty much the same thing: make a big deal out of one special night and invite a whole bunch of people.

The guide details an eight-week program, which puts us somewhere near the end of October, or maybe early November. I know all of you have attended nights like this before and may even invite the same people this time as last. That's okay. What I would ask you to do now is to reestablish ties with a person you may wish to invite so that in October you do not have to call him up and say, "Yeah Bill, it's good to talk to you again after six years. Can you come be a body at my club Thursday night?" At this point Bill feels used and a little put out. So call Bill now, ask about his wife and kids, last medical check-up and so on, just because you happened to be thinking about him the other day. Of course he will see through that, so say your kid needs a job and you were hoping he could help out. And if he can't afford to support your offspring either, maybe he'd like a free meal in late October, early November. A little soft shoe wouldn't hurt.

As far as I am concerned, it is perfectly okay if Bill has been to our meetings and chosen not to join before. On the one hand, we just might snag him this time. On the other, just having Bill there might convince one of the other invitees that we are one happening group. I know I was impressed one night when Mayor Broadwater showed up when I was a guest. Of course, this will be a ladies' night as well, so we will have some attractive people in the crowd I am looking for someone to help coordinate this program. We will be drawing up lists, making sure people get called and receive written invitations and the like. It would mean meeting with me once a week up until the week of the event, and then we would be on the phone a lot. If you're interested let me know. I hope you all had fun at the golf tournament.

Have a great week.

**John Leeb**

*Only 52 signup, but strong effort by Hodges and Sunda on raffle could turn the tide.*

## Player list low, but profit could still be good

**Ed Hodges** and **Gary Sunda** put in a lot of time on the Golf Tournament and still were only able to entice 52 golfers to show up. Very disappointing for them and us. However with **Ed** and group coming up with some great raffle prizes, those anxious to walk off with some of them, may be willing to put a lot of ticket money on the table, and turn it in to a nice profit. Results next week. Thanks to **Don Malm**, **Tony Lombardi** also, for their efforts. Twenty-eight tee signs have been sold too. The dinner was great! How do I know, since this is written before Monday? Because **Wallin** ran it and **Swanstrom** helped cook. That's how I know!

### Gerry Andreoff doing well!

While the reports on **Gerry Andreoff** were not too good at the meeting,, **Bob Main** called and said that he and **R.C.** visited with **Gerry** on Friday, and he was looking like the **Gerry** of old. No, wise guys! That doesn't mean **Gerry** slept through their visit. It means he was cracking jokes and looking good. He hopes to be out of the hospital this week. Yea **Gerry**!

### Big Al diagnosed with Parkinson's disease

One of our favorite "absentee" members, the very popular and much missed **Al Lastuck**, has **Parkinson's Disease**. Hopefully with treatment **Al** will still be able to enjoy his retirement for a long time, while we who miss his warmth and friendship still look forward to seeing him sometime in the near future.

### In other news

**Sunda** revealed some stirring news about **Kiwanis International** requiring all clubs to pay their dues once a year, as opposed to three times per year, as is the current practice. We listened, absorbed and probably will not be able to meet with their request, and most clubs, most likely, will be in the same the boat. Stay tuned. **Leeb** announced he will be on vacation in **Wisconsin**, (He lost again) from August 4th to 25th. (Anyone want to write a column?) Since he was heading to **Wisconsin**, we voted to allow him to go. The Progressive dinner has progressed to a series of postponements. We are searching for a Saturday without a conflicting event. Not an easy find. **Shelly** is looking for a few good men to volunteer to work the polling booth on election day. You can receive up to \$100.00 for your efforts. He is looking for a few good women too, but our roster is not exactly a place to search for them.

### Happy/Sad Dollars

Lots of sad dollars for **Gerry A** being ill, and those look like their thoughts and prayers have been answered. Those who paid up for **Al**, **Gerry**, and for the efforts of **Ed Hodges** and group for the Golf tournament, included **Hodges**, **Shumate**, **Carter**, **Schlensker** \$5.00 **Lombardi**, \$2.00 each) **Glasby** \$5.00 (including friend got job) **Nielsen**, **Newkirk**, **Malm**, **Howard**, and **Shelly**. In addition, we had **Hodges**, golf done **Monday**, **T. Elliott** golf, **Main**, **Shelly's** programs, **myself**, happy that my son and his wife also still have a healthy baby due. **Petrosine** \$10.00 for his car, **Fred** for **Leeb's** column, **Schlensker**, happy for **John's** article **Shelly's** columns, and my son, **Glasby** 2000 mile motorcycle vacation, **Swanstrom**, **Laughlin** trip, **Howard Temecula** visit, **Leeb**, "Sleeping Beauty wants a Diamond" **Emily** story, held over from last week, **Nielsen** for **Glasby's** trip, **Shelly** for **Marge**, **Jon E.** \$5.00 for **Golf**. As **Tiny Tim** once said, "Thank you one and all!"

### Speaking about aging

**Mike McGuire** Chief Attorney at the Elder Center, spoke to us about the pitfalls of aging. (As if we didn't know.) It is important to get supplemental drug insurance; Medicare doesn't cover Drugs very well, and has many restrictions. Seniors don't know too much about what they can or can't do in health issues. You do not have to sell your house to pay your bills, you can keep one car. For every dollar that is spent on people under 21, eight are spent on Seniors. You might want to contact the Elder Center and protect your assets. They can tell you how.

### Coming Attractions

**July 29** **David Suudstrom** Auditor Controller  
**Aug 5** **Laurie Howard** Our Miss GG Contestant  
Thought for the week

Don't worry if you're a kleptomaniac, you can always take something for it.



*Maybe it was the out fits that kept the entrees down to the low fifties!*