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# Ramblings

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## Presidents Corner

I have been thinking about what it means to be a good neighbor lately. We have four neighbors over seventy in the five houses nearest to us. I regularly help roll trash cans out, lift grocery bags out of cars and listen to stories of great grandchildren—none of which I mind. But there is one issue which inflames the widows of Harcourt Avenue: I trap cats.

My mind was made up one warm night when I was showing Emily the moon, Venus and Sirius in our front yard and my bare foot found fresh cat scat. I trap cats and take them to the animal adoption center. If you go to retrieve them, they make you pay \$29 for the sterilization. Since March, my wife and I have removed twenty-three cats from our neighborhood, and there is a new litter of wild kittens being fed by one of my neighbor ladies out there. And I will heartlessly trap them, too, and take them to the pound. Before, I hope, they can squeeze out a litter of their own.

The widow in the house next door came over and talked to me on our porch two weeks ago. She had been at war with us for six months because we had removed her favorite kitten back in March. She was over it now, and most of the cats are not hers and she wholeheartedly supports removing all those other cats, but could we show her any cats we trapped in the future before we take them in? I said that was impractical because we trap them overnight and drop them off in the morning, but she does not rise until noon. Maybe she could put collars or ribbons on the cats she feels are pets? I would gladly release any cat with a collar.

She hasn't spoken to us since. So I'm torn over my role on this issue. I feel that the abundance of cat feces, fleas, late night caterwauling and fighting is an annoyance that our neighborhood would be better without, and I am doing a service by reducing it. And all of my neighbor ladies would agree about most of the cats I take in. Except for the ones she feeds. On the other hand, is it worth generating so much anger and to what effect? For six months we have been trapping, but three new litters were born and now we have just as many cats as ever. I am going to keep up the work. And if you're missing a little black cat, try the county pound. Have a good week.

John Leeb

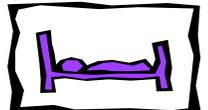
J. Elliott beginning to believe he could be the cause. But actually everything is "Fine"

## Attendance slim again.

**Vice-Prez Jon Elliott** ran meeting. **President John Leeb** had a school event that he had to attend with his daughter. Attendance for the meeting was thin after picking up last week.

### Information on Progressive Dinner

The Progressive dinner will be on **Saturday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>**. The dress code for the evening will be "Tropical Attire". Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be at **Bob Main's** house starting approx. 5:00 pm. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided by **Jay's Catering**, so don't bring any. After that, the party will move across the street to the **McIlvain** residence for dinner. Then it will be around the corner (or over the fence for those who are athletically or alcoholically inclined) to the **Singer** residence for dessert. If you are bringing a dessert, please bring it to the **Singer** residence before the festivities begin.



*As I understand it, only one thing was missing from John Leeb's program*

Everyone missed new Lt. Governor's Dinner but Jon E.

The new **Lt. Governor's (Dianne Gentry)** Induction dinner was held on 9/10/04. **Jon Elliot** represented our club for the event.

### Happy/Sad

**Acting President Jon Elliot** decided to hold a surprise badge inspection and since no one set the badges out, everyone was fined for having no badge on.

**Gerry A.** - Happy \$ for all of the nuts in attendance.

**Don N.** - Happy \$ to see **Gerry Andreoff**, the head nut.

**Tom E.** - Sad \$ for no badge.

**R.C.** - Happy \$ for **Jay's** birthday.

**Gerry N.** - Sad \$ because he will be unable to attend **Jay's 75<sup>th</sup>** birthday party, Happy \$ to wish **Jay** a happy one.

**Gary S.** - Sad \$ because he will miss next week, while he is in Kentucky.

**Charles K.** - Sad \$ because his **Father-in-law** passed away, Happy \$ to be back in the U.S.A after being in Korea for the funeral.

**Ed H.** - Happy \$ for **Jack Wallin** and also to tell a joke (which turned out to actually be funny...).

**Don M.** - Happy \$ for **Jay's** birthday.

**Rick G.** - Sad \$ because he has missed a few meetings, Happy \$ because he liked **Ed Hodge's** joke.

**Don S.** - Happy \$ for **Jay's** birthday.

**Jay M.** - Happy \$ because he made it to his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Will S.** - Happy \$ for his grandchild starting school today.

**Peter C.** - Happy \$ for the generosity of all of the members in the club (especially when it comes to sponsoring him in the **CHOC Walk...**).

**Scott M.** - Happy \$ for **Jay's** birthday.

**Jon E.** - Happy \$ because he got the gopher in his back yard, Sad \$ because now he has one in his front yard.

### Program

The program tonight was a phantom one that **President John** dropped off before he left.. It was a slide show entitled "Optical Illusions (or was it Contusions????)". The audience was enthralled (I think that was what they were. That or they were taking a nap while the lights were off.). Maybe it plays better in a math classroom. After the lights came back on and everyone woke up, **Peter Carter** won the first ticket drawn in the 50-50 drawing and grabbed the quick cash. **Jack Wallin's** ticket was called and he drew a card, but not the joker.

## Coming Soon

Something I'm sure

## Thought for the week

**My parents only had one argument in forty-seven years. Unfortunately it lasted forty-five years.**