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This week we will be hearing from Marilyn Story of the Lodi District Chamber of Commerce who oversees the "Lodi Leadership" program. This worthwhile endeavor cultivates leadership by familiarizing young business community members with the local economy, government, education system, etc. She will be joined by Elizabeth Giannini, a member of the current class, who will describe the "Blankets of Love" project that is being undertaken by the group. Another current class member, David Diskin of Applied Office (a recent guest at our club) will

provide his perspective on the experience.

One of the big complaints of young business people in nearly every calling is the fact the tools for carrying on the work are part of the schooling, but being able to bring those tools to the public in such a way as to earn a good living is not adequately presented. Lodi Leadership addresses that nicely.

LAST WEEK

Thank you, Joe Cotta, for making the Strippings a helluva lot more elegant looking than anything it has ever had to say. I have been muttering to myself about what a great job you did with my humble little paper and how nice it would have been if Microsoft would have had that program a long time ago. You have done this club a great service.

(Your very welcome, Bob.)

THE SCHOOL ANSWERING MACHINE

This is the message that the Pacific Palisades High School (California) Staff voted unanimously to record on their school telephone answering machine. This came about because they implemented a policy requiring students and parents to be responsible for their children's absences and missing homework. The school and teachers are being sued by parents who want their children's failing grades changed to passing grades even though those children were absent 15-30 times during the semester and did not complete enough school work to pass their classes. This is the actual answering machine message for the school: (or so the email says.)

Hello! You have reached the automated answering service of your school In order to assist you in connecting the right staff member, please listen to all your options before making a selection;

To lie about why your child is absent - Press 1

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To make excuses for why your child did not do his work- Press 2;

To complain about what we do - Press 3

To swear at staff members - Press 4;

To ask why you didn't get information that was already enclosed in your newsletter and several flyers mailed to you - Press 5

If you want us to raise your child - Press 6

If you want to reach out and touch, slap or hit someone - Press 7

To request another teacher for the third time this year- Press 8;

To complain about bus transportation - Press 9

To complain about school lunches - Press 0

If you realize this is the real world and your child must be accountable; and responsible for his/her own behavior, class work, homework, and that it's not the teachers' fault for your child's lack of effort: Hang up and have a nice day; If you can understand this thank a teacher. If you can understand this in English, thank a soldier.

If you want to reach out and touch, slap or hit someone—press 7

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

The Lodi Rotary 2004-2005 Scrapbook was on the entrance table last week and hopefully it will be there again. The Scrapbook is a Cotta Presentation and is beautifully done. I just want to say once more how much work was done by this club under the aegis of our fearless leader, St. Joe Cotta. Joe is as much a doer as he is a drill sergeant. You will be astounded by all the chores this club did this year, and so many of the things the club did were done sort off the cuff. Mike Smith did his usual three things at once with the Salvation Army, the Camp Royal job and the other stuff. Mark Chandler was right there every week with the programs; Virgil handled the Greeter Chore, Paul Mertz chipped in with the golf tourney, Phil Katakian printed the Strippings, Sally Snyder walked the Cancer walk, the Rott Twins poured the Wine Welcome, Paul, Steve, Ray and Dale gave thanks for our meals. (I would have given anything if Paul, Steve or Ray had the nick-name "Chip".) (If you don't get it, talk to Jerry Fry, he knows hundreds of jokes.) Bill Huyett and Elliott Grauman squeezed the dough right out of us, Jerry Fry was Mr. Foundation again, Neil Anderson managed the Bowling Alley, Eric Daegling is still raking in the dough for the club. Jerry Evans built the podium, Nick and Charlie do the greeting, Walt Friesen took an ordinary bunch of slobes and created the Vienna's Big Boys Choir out of them, Dan Ingram will make history with the Science Fair Project. Our Giant, Brian Kanegawa did the SF trip again with 100% satisfaction. Jo Rantz was Into Everything again. Terry Hicky directed the speech contest. You know who you are doing great things even if your name is not here...I'm like Don Phillips, our host at the Farm...I can't remember everything.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION—JUNE 18-22

BOARD MEETING— JUNE 21

KICK OUT—JUNE 30