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Joe Cotta, the saintly Lodi Rotary president, has reached the twilight of his year in office. This means we unpack the kick-out paraphernalia and get on with the work at hand. It might be a good idea to put a PG-13 rating on the ceremony because there is a real possibility there might be violence, language and nudity.

It actually seems a little spooky that the committee in charge of the mayhem hasn't checked in so that I could give you just a little preview of the catastrophe that will befall Poor Joe. Their secrecy bodes ill for Joe. Remember the formula: No Good Deed Will Go Unpunished and Joe was the epitome of good deed doing. Think of all the zinfandel grape vines he and Sherry brought up in a good home in order to give them away to deserving families. Do you think it simple coincidence that we now have wine with meals every Thursday? No! Joe was feathering his own little nest by instilling the need for the members to have a little wine with every meal...in Joe's house, the motto there was: "Wine, it's not just for breakfast any more."

Joe came by his wine lust naturally; in fact he was born with a silver corkscrew in his mouth. He grew up in the lap of luxury and every bit of the opulence derived from the fruit of the vine.

As he grew older, so did his unending acquisition of more and more vineyards until he came to the place he is now...drunk with power and up to his ears in grapes and the remuneration thereto appertaining

Too bad it has to end this way. The glory days are all but over, the iron fist with which he ran this club turned back to the fist of a genteel gentleman with the softness and grace one only sees in a class of men in which he is a lifetime member (in good standing). Gone are the bell-ringing days in which he would cruelly slap down anyone who had the audacity to have a cell phone with the button on the "on" position. "Be a success and have your picture in the paper, will ya? That'll be a hundred bucks!" He would roar laughing viciously.

Now the roar is a whimper, "Please, these are my good pants..."

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BACK TO MORE MUNDANE ISSUES:

The Golf Tournament will be this week. There are five foursomes expected to play, and the game will likely be a Texas Scramble. It should be a ton of fun. My money is on the foursome of Beckman, Beckman, Bader and Edwards.

The rest of you can try to avoid the stigma of winning the Sally Snyder award signifying your slide into the abyss of last place and the jeers of Paul Mertz.

UP AND COMING

Tell ya one thing; the next president of this club couldn't be more welcome. Why? You ask. For one thing, with the advancement of Markie Chandler to the Chair, that will put Mikey Smith in charge of programs... no additional comment is necessary. Did we get dancing girls with Chandler booking the programs? No. Did Chandler have Mike Tyson here for a demonstration fight? No. Did Chandler book Arnold Schwarzenegger to come here and explain the details about the special election in November? No. Mike Smith will go down in history as the Program Chairman responsible for the longest series of fascinating programs ever. I can't wait.

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Let's see. Sometime this month...this Sunday through next Wednesday... there will be a celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the week Paul Harris and his little group got together to change the course of history. As of the writing of this Strippings, 36,328 Rotarians from 150 countries have registered to attend the festivities. I am sure we will have some great reports from our attendees...Mike Smith...put 'em off as long as you can.

So, let's meet out at the golf course, have fun and wait for the 30th when we can come here, engage in some sophomoric high-jinks and bring this year to a close in style. We have earned it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

I misled you about the golf date, it's next week, not this. Pardon the stupidity. Thank you...Bob

LODI ROTARY GOLF TOURNAMENT—JUNE 23 **BOARD MEETING—CANCELED**

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION—JUNE 18-22 **KICK OUT—JUNE 30**