

Wow, who would have thought this would have been such a challenging month. It started with the monthly board meeting. As Lon & I were getting ready to leave for the restaurant where we have been meeting fairly regularly, the phone rang. I had the funny feeling I needed to answer it. It was John Haid. As about half of us come early to the board meetings to have dinner first, John was the first one to arrive, only to find the restaurant closed!! His frantic call to us alerted us to the situation. Lon made a quick call to our backup restaurant to find out, yes they could take us. Lon & I started to quickly call the rest of the board to try to divert them to the secondary location. On our way to the second restaurant, we stopped at the first one to hastily tape a note to their door. I was in such a hurry to get the note on the door, my first piece of tape missed most of the note, the wind also caught it and it ripped, too. It was not pretty, but it served the purpose. We did not reach two of our members in time and they showed up at the first location, read the note and continued on to where we were now meeting. It is a miracle that all the board members made it on time.

Because, some of us like to dine first, this disruption delayed us getting a meal. Lon & I, along with a couple of others, were just getting our food when it was time to start the meeting. Barb Noonan suggested that Chuck Weimer step in as VP to run the meeting as I was busy chowing down. I want to thank all the board members, especially Chuck, for their ability to adapt at the last minute.

Our November general meeting coincided with the Bills game. That, in addition to the rainy weather, I believed led to a lower than normal turnout. It was nice to relive some of the memories of the filming of "The Natural" when it was in Buffalo as we watched the film. Those who did come were treated to several types of pizza. About half way into the movie, we took a break to enjoy some ice cream dessert. Great job Karen, and Jeff too, for the goodies & decorations. Who would have guessed that we would have snowy conditions on the rescheduled date of the showing of the movie! Thankfully the weather was nowhere near as bad as when we had to cancel the showing the first time.

Hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party.