

Progress on readying the \$wift hotel

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Frankly, the fund-raising has stalled. We've run out of gas at \$8325. Gadfly likes even numbers. He's going to make (another) contribution right now to try to crank up the momentum. Who will follow? Can you help? Can you encourage someone else to help? Perhaps the Swifts would make a nice home for a piece of an income tax return.

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