

December 11, 2013

It was Big Band Night at the Kiwanis meeting with the Salvation Army Brass Band belting out the tunes. Old time favorites like "Baby Sitter Blues" and "My Mother Got Run Over by a Perterbuilt 18 Wheeler". After dinner they took the stage a second time for Christmas music and a half hearted sing along (not many songsters in our crowd).

The Salvation Army church on Warren covers Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Redford and Livonia. Every year we ask our members to bring their checkbooks to this December meeting so we can raise some cash for this local branch of the Army. Jerry does the counting and this year our members opened their pocketbooks very wide. With the donation from our Club, the fine basket, the 50/50 prize (donated by winner Linda Michalek), personal checks from members and a large check from a former member we managed to raise \$8,883. That's the best we've done in years and doesn't include whatever we raise while ringing the bell at Fairlane Shopping Center. When that money is added the total should edge over \$10,000.

Our newest member, Adrienne, proposed her first two fines and both of them were on her father. Mighty bold behavior for a daughter two weeks before Christmas. I guess she doesn't believe Santa Claus is watching.

We received a couple of peanut checks this week and now find ourselves less than \$500 short of where we need to be for the year. We have three or four members that tell me they still have checks coming in and it looks like we are going to meet our goal for this year but if you have the chance to make another sale don't hesitate, we still have a few boxes of peanuts left in cold storage and going over our goal would be a very good thing.

After the Band was through playing President Kerry closed the meeting with the Pledge and told us to start the Committee Meetings (that way when each committee was done with its individual meeting its members could race to the lounge and start drinking).

#### Up Coming Events:

December 18<sup>th</sup> – We make bag lunches and sandwiches for the NOAH Project tonight and hand them out at the Central Methodist Church next to Comerica Park on Thursday morning. We need lots of members to help make the lunches and about 8 or 10 members to volunteer to hand them out on Thursday. Jerry Assenmacher is the coordinator for this event and

will need some help lifting boxes on Wednesday and Thursday after his recent back surgery so let's show up in force on Wednesday. If you have any slightly used or new clothing or socks you would like to donate this is the time to bring it.

December 19<sup>th</sup> – We need volunteers for handing out the bag lunch's downtown and a few volunteers to help at the Annual Salina School Christmas Party put on by ACCESS in East Dearborn. If you can help hand out the lunches let Jerry know and if you want to volunteer for the Salina Christmas Party let Jeanette know.

December 25<sup>th</sup> – No Meeting. Stay home by the fire, eat, drink and sweep the reindeer droppings off you roof.

January 1<sup>st</sup> – No meeting again this week. Eat, drink and watch a whole lot of disappointing football games.

January 8<sup>th</sup> – Back to the K of C for the first meeting of the year. Our guest speaker will be Bob Stevens from the Michigan Lottery Commission who will explain why its good clean fun and legal for the state to encourage you to play a game where the odds of winning are 1 in 256,000,000 but it was evil and illegal for the bookmaker to encourage you to play a game where the odds of winning were 1 in 9.

Few things are harder to put up with than a good example.

Mark Twain

Love & Kisses

Babydoll