

December 23, 2015

It was the last official meeting of the year, two days before Christmas and attendance was pretty sparse. Thirteen members and one prospective member showed up for boasted chicken and drinks. This was the 2nd meeting for Abdul and he has stated that he wants to join the club, we hope to be voting him in at the January 6th Board meeting.

No guest speaker this week, just committee meetings and little league (which was attended by almost everyone and a couple additional members that couldn't make the regular meeting).

We had a recap of the Salvation Army Bell Ringing, \$1,209.05 in Red Kettle money (that includes what Ray Scoboria gathered on additional days he rang the bell at Kroger's). Added to the money raised on December 9th when the Salvation Army Brass Band played at our Club the total is just a few dollars under \$7,000.

We also had a recap from Jerry on the NOAH project from December 16th & 17th. We had 28 members and family help make the lunches on the 16th at our regular meeting and 14 members and family go Downtown to the Central Methodist Church to feed the homeless. Ray picked up 48 pair of socks and 48 pair of underwear for distribution, but it wasn't enough. The need for these items is greatest during the winter and the club has decided to quadruple those numbers next year. Adrienne and Wess used their connection with Boars Head Meat to get us top quality lunchmeat and cheese donated for the 400 sandwiches which made it possible for Jerry to add a few extra items to each of the lunch bags and spend money on socks and underwear. Thanks to Ray, Adrienne and Wess and to the Boars Head Company for their generous donation (remember this next time your standing at the Kroger's deli counter deciding what to buy!) Thanks mostly to Jerry, this project takes a tremendous amount of effort and organizing and Jerry has been doing it for many, many years.

If you haven't been downtown to distribute the lunches you should really try to make it next time we go. Norm always buys us fresh donuts and the church is alive with an almost party atmosphere, music, laughter, food and warmth for people that mostly have hunger, cold and loneliness. We do this twice a year and Jerry has already set the dates for next year, June 9th and December 15th.

There will be no regular meeting on December 30th but the K of C bar is open and we will be having a "Roundtable" starting at 6 pm. "Roundtable" is just a fancy name for getting together for drinks, burgers, fellowship and football. There is no official business conducted at a Roundtable.

On January 6th, our first meeting of the New Year, we will be having a presentation about the battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War. This presentation is by Larry Jackson, one of our own and an expert on the Civil

War. This might be a good meeting to bring a guest. The regular meeting will be followed by our first Board of Directors meeting of the year.

Whoever gossips to you will gossip about you.

Love & Kisses
Babydoll