

February 12, 2014

The Hemlock cabin was warm and toasty even though the fireplace was out of service, must have been the baked beans and the way both restrooms open into the dinning room. Anyhow we had a good crowd of over 20 members and a top notch speaker, Ron Haddad, the Dearborn Police Chief. Thanks go out to all that helped set things up, Skip and Leon for standing out in the cold cooking the burgers while the rest of us stayed warm and of course Jerry, who brought the movable bar, an essential part of any successful cook-out. Thanks also to Ray who stayed late and closed the place up.

Chief Haddad seems to be much more than just a police chief. He retired after 34 years as a Detroit precinct commander before becoming the Dearborn Police Chief. He is part of the nations Homeland Security Advisory Committee, one of the “Public Officials of the year” for 2011 and an advocate for partnering with citizens and the community as the first line of defense in both homeland and hometown security. Chief Haddad is also an advocate of President Osama’s approach to gun control. Guaranteeing the Constitutions right to bear arms but at the same time closing loopholes to help keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people, banning military-style assault weapons and high-capacity magazines and taking other steps to reduce gun violence. It was a low key program with a lot of hand-outs and many questions.

Up-Coming Events:

February 19th – Our own Skip Armstrong will tell us about his childhood growing up on the banks of the St. Clair River, his career as a deck hand on a Chinese merchant mariner and everything he knows about steelmaking. Committee meetings to follow.

February 26th – Tom Buchanan from the A.I.D.B. (Alien Invaders Detection Bureau) Tells us how to protect ourselves during the upcoming increased sunspot activity period (sunspots sometimes render earth based defense systems inoperative). Tips on cranial protection will be stressed (bring your own tin foil). Board of Directors meeting to follow.

March 5th – The League of Women Voters will explain why men are not allowed in their organization. (There once was a League of Men Voters but they never showed up to vote, too busy watching sports and drinking)

March 12th – Mayor Jack O’Reilly will be our guest speaker tonight. Find out what’s happening in the city and what’s planned for the near future. Let’s have a good turn out for the Mayor. This is a great meeting to bring a guest.

March 19th – State Senator Morris Hood will tell us what’s happening in Lansing and why Michigan is one of the few states in the country that needs a full time legislature. Bring your friends and your questions. Committee meetings to follow.

March 26th – Detroit Institute for Children will tell us what they do to improve life for the thousands of “at risk” children in the Detroit area. Board of Directors meeting to follow.

If you can’t convince ‘em, confuse ‘em.

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