

December 17th to January 4th

The holidays are over and it's time to recap our last meeting of the year and look at what's happening during January.

One week before Christmas we had a three way combo meeting; the NOAH bag lunch sandwich making and bag assembly, the presentation of a check for \$2,500 to Penrickton Center for Blind Children and our annual visit from the Dearborn Heights Salvation Army Brass Band.

With all the things we needed to get in Jerry asked a few of the members to come in at 4:30 for sandwich making and by the time the regular meeting started the NOAH part of the evening was all done.

Skip Armstrong introduced Kurt Sebaly from Penrickton which is only proper seeing that Skip was recently elected to the Board of Directors of that organization (congratulations Skip). , Kurt gave a short thank you speech and promised to come back when we have more time for a proper presentation. Our Club has decided to make Penrickton Center for Blind Children a major benefactor of our fundraising and this donation was part of that commitment.

The Salvation Army Band was chomping at the bit to blow those horns and insisted on playing every Christmas tune in the book until we finally raised enough money to get them to stop (only three members were treated for posttraumatic stress disorder this year). Between the money raised when our Club "Rang the Bell" at Fairlane Shopping Center (\$1,299), the money Ray Scoboria raised ringing the bell at Kroger's on a lot of cold December evenings (\$1048), the donation from the Club Foundation (\$2,500) and all the personal donations Jerry could beg, borrow or beat out of the membership ((\$3,742) we managed to come up with a total donation of \$8589 for the Salvation Army, quite a tidy sum. It turned out to be enough to get them to stop blowing those big brass horns and everybody seemed happy with the result. Richard Nettlow organized the bell ringing again this year and presented the check to the leader of the brass band, Captain Kangaroo.

The next day, Thursday, seven of our members and one Circle K member, Tia, went with Jerry to the Central Methodist church on Woodward Avenue to hand out bag lunches to the disadvantaged. Helping were President Mike, Jerry, Norm, Patricia, Ed, Ray, Richard, Al and our Circle K member, Tia. Also thank you to Jerry's wife Sue who had the children she teaches at school make candy bags to pass out to the homeless, Tom Myler who donated extra money for the candy and bus tickets for the homeless and Adrienne who donated a big cooler full of Bores Head meat and cheese for the project.

Upcoming Events:

January 7th – Committee meetings followed by a Board of Directors meeting followed by the first Little League of the New Year. Drink up ladies and gentlemen.

January 14th – Don tells me Renan is bringing one of his co-workers from the Hantz Agency to talk to us about straightening out our act before we all go to debtor's prison. Might be a good idea to bring wives, husbands or significant others to this one.

January 21st – Traditionally the coldest day of the year we will be celebrating polar bear style by skinny dipping in 55 gallon barrels located in the parking lot. Ass crack heat packets will be provided to all participants after their dip.

January 28th – Vic Martin will explain the new laws covering “Same Sex Marriage’ in Michigan and offer pointers on having it done in the privacy of your own home by a certified “Marriage Midwife”. Booklets will also be available on do-it-yourself circumcsions.

An intellectual snob is someone who can listen to the William Tell Overture and not think of The Lone Ranger.

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