

December 21, 2016

It was the last official meeting of 2016 and what happens? We get bumped from our cozy little meeting room to the big wedding hall next door. Seems the K of C had leased out our regular spot to a small local start-up company making an infomercial for a new low cost skin care lotion called "No Itch, No scratch!" Richard wandered over to the filming before our meeting started and picked up a free sample to try on his nose goiter. He reported that the product name was defiantly false advertising and the cream tasted suspiciously like Preparation H. I wonder if that cream Norm gave me for my cheek wart would help him? The wart hasn't got any smaller but the scent keeps frogs away from my face while I'm sleeping. Anyhow, enough idle chit chat, let's get on to the meeting report.

President Linda brought in a professional singer for the last meeting of the year. When he was finished singing "God Bless America" the membership stood in stunned silence, admiration and envy. I tell you, there's nothing quite like a trained voice.

Our guest speaker was none other than our own Frank Purrington, with a program on old time Christmas's in Dearborn and Detroit, back when people still went to downtown Detroit for Christmas shopping. Frank had pictures and film clips that brought back many good memories about Christmas for many of our members. I loved the pictures of Christmas parades down Michigan Avenue and the free Kids Movie Day at all the Dearborn area Theaters. Mayor Hubbard sponsored this event every year and made sure each kid got a big apple and the world's biggest Baby Ruth candy bar. The pictures of the Ford Rotunda reminded me that the Rotunda was like Disneyland, before Disneyland even existed.

But my favorite memory was of the Muirheads Department Store "Santa" in the North Pole Igloo. You rode a magic sleigh into a long igloo where you met Santa, told him what you wanted for Christmas and were then delivered back to your parents flushed with excitement and rosy cheeks. "Santa" and his faithful elf "Scabby" were the ones that taught me all about "Pocket Puppets" and "Secret Kisses" that "you can't tell your parents about", what a fun time that was.

This week, December 28th we will not be having a regular meeting, just a "Roundtable". Now for those of you that don't know what a roundtable is, we cut out all the singing, pledging, announcements, guest speakers, fines and dinner. What we keep is "Little League" with no sponsor. Come, talk, drink, laugh and if you get hungry, order a burger.

Come the first of next year, January 4th, we will resume our regular meeting schedule with a guest speaker, committee meetings and a Board of Directors meeting.

"Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe." — Albert Einstein

*Love & Kisses
Babydoll*