

December 6, 2017

There were turtle doves and geese a laying, ladies dancing and lords a leaping, French horns, pipers piping and drummers drumming. The only things missing were maids a milking and a partridge in a pear tree. It was the Dearborn Kiwanis annual Christmas party and this year as a salute to the "Motor City" we celebrated the holiday in Detroit instead of Dearborn. Now I'll admit we weren't that deep into Detroit, probably about 300 feet, but it was farthest across the city border some of our members have been in years. The Double Tree Hotel at Ford Road and Southfield was the place to be with Christmas music, the White Elephant gift rodeo and a 12 member choir from Edsel Ford High School serenading us with Christmas carol's while we ate. Four members got peanut awards, Ray for Top Sales, Bob Curran for Top Corporate Sales, Don for Winning Peanut Team and Renan for Most Over Target, congratulations to all. Thanks to Adrienne who was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening with laughter and tears and Renea who made sure everything went smooth while running the White Elephant event like a rodeo announcer.

This week we have a full schedule. Wednesday we make bag lunches and sandwiches for the NOAH project and have the Salvation Army Brass Band at the same meeting. That's a full schedule with lunch meat and lettuce flying in all directions while the "Band Plays On". Don't forget your checkbook for the Salvation Army donation, if we give them enough money they'll stop playing.

Thursday those of us that are going downtown to hand out lunches meet at the K of C at 9 a.m. Going downtown, handing out lunches to the homeless and coming back to the K of C takes about 3 to 4 hours so we should be done about 1 pm, unless we stop for burgers and beer. Jerry needs all the volunteers he can get for this so try to make it on Thursday morning. Don't forget to bring all the old or new cloths you can spare. We have purchased new socks and gloves for the project but its winter time and these unfortunate people can use all the clothing they can get.

Then Saturday the 16th we will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Fairlane Shopping Center. We man (and women) the Red Kettles from 10 am till 6 pm at three locations for two hour shifts. We still have about four open spots and will have the sign up sheet at Wednesday's meeting so if you're not on the list now's the time to do it. Remember to dress real warm and on the advice of Mike Marxer, "bring a piece of cardboard to stand on" (keeps the cold from seeping up into your feet from the pavement). A "coffee boy" will be visiting all three locations throughout the day but he's old and lame with a bad attitude so don't expect too much.

December 20th we will be having a guest speaker from the National Vegan Association that will explain why the tradition of eating ham at Christmas is a communist plot. Committee meetings and Board of Directors Meeting to follow.

December 27th – No regular meeting, Roundtable in the K of C Club Bar for those that have had enough Christmas.

When you stop believing in Santa you get underwear under the tree.

Love & Kisses
Babydoll