

February 18, 2015

It was Ash Wednesday, and a group of hardy Kiwanians showed up for their weekly meeting.

With the weather being so cold, everyone decided to keep their coats on for the night's festivities, because there was no heat flowing thru the HVAC pipes. It was the coolest Kiwanis meeting this writer has ever attended, and that includes the Hemlock Cabin & DeSales Camp dock removal.

El Presidente Marxer had to go into the storage locker to get the gavel & bell to start the meeting.

He then confused the audience by having Norm Record giving Thanks, before we sang "God Bless America", but before we sang, Al Holmes tried to sneak in the evening's first fine. Mark V. was the evening's sheriff, a job he said he really enjoyed, and Ray Scorbora was the evening's "Mystery Man." The Prez also issued a "cuddle alert."

President Mike then invited everyone to the fish dinner. As we were looking for the salt and pepper shakers, which weren't on the tables, our fearless leader took it upon himself to deliver to each table, a set of shakers for the hungry diners.

With this attention to detail and responsibility for making sure every Kiwanians had salt & pepper, there were murmurings at my table for "one more year" of Mike's Presidency. Now, I am looking forward to Don Killion and Linda Michalak to holding the top job (and would really be excited if Skip Armstrong got in that line) but Mike has shown over and over through his actions, that he loves the job. So maybe with enough support, we can extend his term.

Renan had a February birthday, so he had the entire club sing him "Happy Birthday". There was no scheduled speaker, so Rick Baker was asked to present an episode of "This is Your Life".

Rick grew up on the East side of Detroit, attended Cass Tech, U of M (Ann Arbor), and U of D Law School. I enjoy these talks as I find extremely interesting facts about my fellow Kiwanians. Spring is coming (maybe) and if you plan to play golf @ Gull Lake, contact Pat Abbott. Frank Purrington has the Tiger Game planned for Wednesday, June 3rd (vs Oakland A's), he will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

We ended the meeting by singing "WE OF KIWANIS" and the Pledge.

Al Holmes sprung for Little League, and the bonus of the evening was the appearance of Damon Marxer at the Little League table, all the way from Colorado.

"How do you like the cold, Batman?"

Mr. Freeze