

March 26, 2014

Things were a little unusual on Wednesday. Mike had a guest speaker lined up from The Detroit Institute for Children, but sometime between Monday when he confirmed the speaking date with them and Wednesday evening when they were supposed to speak, the place went out of business. Things are tough in Detroit when even the non-profits are going under.

Anyhow, Leon stepped in to give us the short version of his life. Raised in the UP by wolverines, disciplined in junior high for looking up girl's skirts and down their blouses (sometimes it's good to be tall). Collage degrees in chemical engineering, animal husbandry and urban warfare. Learned to hunt in his forties because there wasn't enough killing at Ford Motor Company and still yearns for the wooded forests of the Upper Peninsula where you can shoot something and no one can hear the gunshot, or even cares if they do hear it.

Hats off to Adrienne who managed to change her entire appearance with a new hair color and style. Women can do that and look good, men can't. The only thing men can do is grow an afro or shave off all their hair. The afro always makes them look like Phil Spector and shaving it all off makes them look like Humpty Dumpty.

We had two prospective members at Wednesday's meeting, well one that definitely wants to join the Club and one prospective. Janel Itin wants to join to carry on the work her father Bob did for over 40 years. She even gave me a dues check to seal the deal. Now if we can get all the long time members to pay that promptly we would be in good shape. The other prospective member was the Government Affairs Liaison from Severstal Steel. He seemed like a nice guy but the way things have been going lately between America and Russia he might have his work cut out for him.

We have a new member round up dinner on May 7th, about 5 weeks from now. It's going to take a lot of work from everyone to make this thing work (new members are the goal). So start to think about a few friends or acquaintances you can invite. Local business owners would be good candidates so start to think about the places you do business and who you might want to invite, we will have letters available in a couple of weeks.

We have 16 members going to the Dearborn Firefighters Burn Drive Dinner on April 29th, if you're not on the list and want to be on it let me know. Tickets are \$50 (donation) but they include chances to win a car, big screen TV's, a trip to Sin City and a sloppy kiss from the fireman of your choice.

On June 4th we travel to Comerica Park to watch the Detroit Tigers beat the tar out of the Toronto Bluejays. There's a cook out at Frank Purrington's house before the game then we travel down as a group to see the game. If you haven't signed up yet the sheet is on the treasurers table each week.

Results of the March Board of Directors Meeting:

Team Alessandro Walk MS – Detroit, \$700 from the Youth Services Committee

Boy Scout Troup 1147, \$1,000 from the Youth Services Committee

O'Kelly's K of C Tootsie Roll Sale, \$100 from the Young Children Priority 1 Committee

Kiwanis International Project Eliminate, \$500 from the Young Children Priority 1 Committee

The Board also voted to give Amy, our regular waitress a monetary gift as she goes on maternity leave for her fourth baby. This will come out of club funds (dues money) not peanut donation money.

Upcoming Events:

April 2nd – Frank Collins from the Detroit Tigers organization explains why it's a good idea to pay one player 300 million dollars and how it has no connection to the ticket and beer price raises.

April 9th – Sandy Butler from the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra talks to us about making music and brings along a couple of brass players to give us a show.

April 16th – Kelly Fields from the IRS tells us all about the new penalties (whipping, stretching and eyeball popping) the agency has set up for those of us that forgot to file our taxes yesterday.

April 23rd – The women of the League of Women Voters give us a mud wrestling demonstration. You'll want to wear old cloths if you're going to sit up front. Committee meetings to follow the regular meeting.

April 30th – Roundtable discussion about the Michigan State Legislatures latest proposal on ID requirements for voting. Accepted forms of ID would be dividend statements, stock trade transition statements, proof of Country Club membership or Republican National Committee Membership ID. Board of Directors meeting to follow regular meeting.

May 7th – Membership roundup dinner, dress nice and be on your best behavior.

May 14th – Second cook-out of the year (remember Hemlock Cabin), location to be announced.

It is the ability to take a joke, not make one, that proves you have a sense of humor.

Love & Kisses

Babydoll