

June 4, 2014

It was a cold and rainy afternoon and the outlook for baseball was pretty dismal. About thirty of us were huddled in Frank Purrington's garage drinking beer and eating hot dogs and pizza. Most of us were thinking we'd be home watching reruns of Gilligan's Island in an hour; Comerica Park can be cold and lonely in the rain. But Tom Gillespie, the eternal optimist, kept telling us the rain would stop at six o'clock, he guaranteed it. Most weren't paying attention, real estate agents aren't noted for their weather prediction accuracy and Tom was on the far side of a couple beers by that time. Then all of a sudden at 6 o'clock, the sky cleared, the rain stopped, the sun came out and the world was a beautiful place again (I'll never doubt Tom again). Apparently the Greek god of rain, "Zeus" wasn't as strong as the American god of baseball, "Dub-bull-day". So we all gathered on the front lawn for a group picture (half of us had mustard on our shirts) and off to the game we went in a caravan of buses and cars.

Frank does a great job of holding a ball game cook-out but there is one thing missing, peanuts in the shell. As soon as we got out of the cars next to the stadium our friends from the Central Methodist Church supplied the missing component, lots and lots of peanuts (at 1/3 the price they charge inside the park). By the time the game was over the floor under our seats looked like an elephant feeding ground, shells and beer cups were ankle deep.

It was good to see Jack Demmer at the game; we need to get him to a regular meeting once in a while. I missed Mike Suiter, who had a ticket, and found out the next day he had spent the night in the hospital after getting his big toe stuck in a Dr. Pepper bottle.

This week Vic Martin, Bob Itin's replacement for installations, will be swearing in three new members, Janel Itin, Larry Jackson and Renan Ludscher. This is the first time in years we have had three members join at the same time and also the first time Vic will be performing the honors so let's get a good turnout for the meeting. Janel is Bob Itin's daughter and a big supporter of volunteer work, Larry is a local civil war expert and claims to be a reincarnated rebel gunnery sergeant, Renan is just out of collage and will become our youngest member, bumping Adrienne out of that spot and into the "Old Farts Club".

Our guest speaker this coming week will be Jack O'Reilly, the Mayor of Dearborn. Jack has spoken to us many times in the past and always makes an interesting speaker so bring a friend or relative and enjoy the show.

Upcoming Events:

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Mayor O'Reilly and the installation of three new members.

June 18<sup>th</sup> – Annual fathers Day Gift Exchange meeting. Bring those ugly ties and ill fitting shirts and see if anyone else got something you really wanted. Committee Meetings to follow.

June 25<sup>th</sup> – First meeting of official summer. We will have the "Blatz Beer Girls" from Henry Ford Village doing cheers and signing autographs. Board of Directors meeting to follow.

Those who can laugh without cause have either found the true meaning of happiness or have gone stark raving mad.

Love & Kisses

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