

July 25, 2018

It was the 1,712th anniversary of the proclaiming of Constantine as the Roman Emperor by his troops and the Kiwanis crowd was ripe with anticipation of the upcoming festivities. Normally Kiwanian's don't go all out for dead Roman Emperors, but Constantine was a fun guy who liked to party and the originator of the game show genre. Back in 309 AD Constantine invented a little known game much like today's "Price is Right". A toga clad host with questions and three mystery doors would moderate and local villagers would compete for the prizes. Behind one door would be a pride of hungry lions, another door had a couple of nasty gladiators with really bad attitudes and very painful groin rashes. The third door was the one all the contestants were hoping for and had an all expense paid trip to the Libyan Salt Mines (exercise and a dry climate great for the sinuses). The show had a run of 17 years and probably would have gone on longer if Constantine hadn't been nailed to a cross by his disgruntled troops in 326 AD.

Our meeting was much less exciting. No lions, gladiators, salt mines or emperors nailed to huge wooden crosses. I understand Leon has been battling with an unidentified rash, but it didn't make him any more irritable than normal.

The peanut drive is right around the corner and last week the captains' picked peanut teams. Patricia will have team sheets this week and you can find out who your leader is for the team competition. It's also not too early to start lining up your corporate sales. Peanuts will be available at the peanut cook-out on September 5th at Al Holmes house.

NOAH is this week and Jerry let us know all about the schedule. We start making bag lunches early, about 5 pm will probably work. After the meeting starts and we've had dinner and insulted each other we retire to the kitchen for the sandwich making marathon. Ham, cheese, turkey and lettuce will be flying like rockets all over the kitchen and if we're lucky there'll be 300 plus sandwiches when we're all done. Everything goes in the walk-in cooler till 9 am Thursday when volunteers gather to take the bag lunch's downtown for the NOAH homeless project. We need about 8 to 10 volunteers to make this thing work smooth on Thursday and all of us will be paid handsomely with free coffee & donuts. We should be back at the K of C parking lot by 1 pm and "feel good" the rest of the day.

After we make sandwiches on Wednesday we will be having a Board of Directors meeting. All officers and board members are asked to attend.

August 8th we will be having one of our own, Larry Jackson, reenact the 1864 Civil War Battle of Trevilian Station. This was the largest all-cavalry battle of the civil war and will require 20 to 30 war horses in the dining room for the reenactment. Please wear old cloths, steel toes shoes and spurs if you have them. Large horse manure shovels would also be a good idea.

August 15th - We meet at Mark & Carol's house, 4218 Vassar, for our mid-august cook-out. Leon is supplying steaks and Mark is cooking his traditional Bar-B-Q Haggis so there will be plenty of beef and sheep belly for everyone's taste. After dinner there will be a bubble blowing contest in the pool for everyone that ate baked beans.

For every complex problem, there is a solution that is simple, neat, and wrong.

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