

August 27, 2014

Our guest speaker this week was from Vista Maria in Dearborn Heights. Normally we hear about their program for at-risk girls and what they do to normalize the lives of children taken from their parents by Child Protective Services and sent to live at the center. This week we learned about their foster parent program, taking children removed from their parents by protective services and putting them in foster homes until they can be returned home, or adopted by new parents. This was a charity supported by the Youth Services Committee and at the end of the presentation a check for \$500 was given to the guest speaker.

Only one week till we hit the streets for our annual peanut sale. Our Big Goober, Linda Michalek, gave us a rousing pep talk and promised a sloppy kiss for anyone selling more than \$1,000. The street sale is about 25% of our peanut sale, but it's about 95% of our public face in the community. This is the one opportunity each year for us to meet and greet the average area resident. This is also our opportunity to tell people what we are all about and ask people to join us for dinner and see what we are all about. We need to be on the street as much as possible and get as much recognition as we can. If you have not signed up, or think you can do a little bit more, see Linda at this weeks meeting at Jerry Assenmacher's House, 1 Parkside Court. Jerry's house is right across from the Ford Field parking lot at the top of the hill at Ford Field and that is where we will be distributing peanuts. Park your car, load your peanuts, and then walk across the street for burgers, beans and beer.

We all need to try a little harder this year because we have lost two of our best fundraisers to the Grim Reaper. Bob Itin, who was always in the top five for peanut sales passed away earlier in the year and will be greatly missed during this sale.

Mike Suiter, our Irish Leprechaun, died unexpectedly from a heart attack Friday morning while driving his car. Mike was a tireless fundraiser who never stopped looking for ways to help out his hometown of Melvindale. Serving on the city council, the school board, the drain commission and just about anything else where he saw a need. Mike was a member of the Dearborn and the Melvindale Kiwanis Clubs, a Past Lt. Governor of Kiwanis District Four and attended almost all the state and international Kiwanis conventions. He was also very active in his Church, the Melvindale Pregnancy Center and the UAW. He will be missed by all of us, may his soul rest in peace.

Viewing arrangements for Mike Suiter at Metcalf Funeral Home:

Monday, September 1, 2014	5 to 9 pm
Tuesday, September 2, 2014	1 to 9 pm
Scripture Service	7:00 pm

Funeral at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
19624 Wood St., Melvindale, MI 48122 (313) 381-8566
In-State on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 9:00 am
Funeral Mass 10:00 am

As a well-spent day brings happy sleep, so a life well used brings happy death.
~Leonardo da Vinci

Sleep Well My Friend

Babydoll