It was only six days till Halloween and not a single piece of candy to be found, how sad. I had hopped for a few Sugar Babies, maybe a Chuckles or even a Slow Poke (come to think of it, we had a room full of "Slow Pokes"). But no, hard tack and moldy bread were all we got with a measure of rum for the deck hands.

The caterer had something on the food line that resembled a roast rat wrapped in bacon, at least that's what it tasted like. Pat Abbot didn't seem to mind, he ate three and would have had more if he hadn't got a piece of tail stuck in his teeth. Skip Armstrong has complained long and hard about our caterer and the "leftovers" we are being served. Maybe he has a point, most of us don't mind "leftovers", I mean we're men; we eat what we're given. But when no one can identify the leftovers it makes you start to wonder.

Our guest speaker for the evening was supposed to be our new Lt. Governor, a curry headed blond with an itchy trigger finger. I say supposed to be because the lady never showed up. Apparently grapes were on sale at Kroger's and a faulty cash register incident escalated to a hostage situation in the produce department. The swat team managed to free the fresh fruit supervisor without injury but by the time our Lt. Governor made bail, our meeting was over. Needless to say, she has been asked to buy all her produce at Meijer's from now on.

Congratulations to President Adrienne "Rocky" Manseau on entering the work force again. Apparently she will shortly be able to provide us all with low cost refinancing of our humble abodes. Just watch out for that nasty bubble lurking just over the horizon.

This coming Wednesday, November 1st, we will be meeting in Ray Scoboria's cozy garage for our last cook-out of 2017. This is the last day for Peanut Team competition so bring all your peanut dollars, checks, pesos, franc's, euro's and Krugerrand's. In December the winning peanut team will be dinning on fine Kobe steaks and French Champaign while the losing teams get expired hot dogs and stale beer. Right now Kerry Manseau and the "Way Over The Hill Gang" are in first place but Larry Jacksons Peanut Posse is hot on their heels. Don Killion's "Passionate Peanut Pushers" have been rumored to be considering taking on a three star general to straighten out team infighting while Tom Gillespie's "Nuts" are hanging very, very low.

We still take peanut money till the end of the year, so don't stop looking for customers, we're about 80% of our gift giving goal for the year and need all our members to SELL THOSE NUTS!!!

This last cook-out of the year will be a steak cook-out and we have Leon Bergeron to thank for that. Leon not only volunteered to do the grilling, he's also buying all the steaks for this cook-out as a tribute to his favorite sports team, the mighty Detroit Lions and their 2017 Super Bowl season. I don't follow football but I'm sure the lions must be eating up the competition. Go Honolulu Blue!!!

Upcoming Events:

November 1st – Cook-Out at Uncle Ray's heated garage; steaks, chili, beans and beer, bring your peanut money and your own portable oxygen... Ray & Jane live two blocks south of Ford Road and two houses west of Outer Drive, 22741 Heinze Street, Dearborn.

November 8th – Divisional Council Meeting at our meeting place. This will be a meeting of the new Division 2 (our new division) with representatives from all 11 clubs attending. We need a good showing for this meeting, lots of new faces and lots of new people to talk to. Remember, Past President Linda (the curry headed blond with the itchy trigger finger) is the Lt. Governor for this division and we need to support her.

November 15th – A speaker from the Michigan Attorney Generals office will talk about identity theft and why we all seem to be buying things with our credit cards in foreign countries we've never visited. Last year I bought groceries in London England and a used car in Highland Park without ever visiting either place (I also never got to eat the groceries or ride in the car).

November 19th – Sunday afternoon, 3:30 pm to 7 pm, Festival of Trees at the Ford Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. We need 10 volunteers for this annual service event. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Treasurers desk.

November 22nd – Thanksgiving eve, no meeting, stay home and stuff that bird.

Confidence is silent. Insecurities are loud.

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