It was Committee meeting night on Wednesday and you all know what that means, Dearborn Kiwanis version of "This is Your Life" with Mike Marxer standing in for Ralph Edwards. Mike had Ted Daykin stroll down memory lane during the first half of the show. Apparently Ted was instrumental in the development of the electric windshield wiper at Ford Motor (before that motorists had to have their wives lean out the passenger window and wipe the windshield with a live raccoon). Wives and raccoons the world over thank you Ted.

After the commercial break (Pepsodent tooth paste) the show moved on to the life and times of our Big Goober, Ray Scoboria. Ray told us about his parents, his collage, and his time on the Alabama chain gang. Apparently Ray spent most of his early career looking for a good woman that could balance his checkbook and keep him on the straight and narrow.

Talking about Ray, he was also our "Volunteer of the Year" at the Inter-Club Luncheon on Wednesday at Park Place. Eleven of our members came out to support Ray and were as proud as peacocks when he was introduced to the crowd. Congratulations Ray, the honor was richly deserved.

After the show was over President Kerry closed the meeting with the Pledge and told us to start the Committee Meetings (that way when each committee was done with its individual meeting its members could race to the lounge and start drinking).

Peanut money was also coming in on Wednesday, over a thousand, but we are still about two thousand short of where we need to be. We got lots of peanuts and there are about eight members out there that haven't stepped to the plate this year. So if your one of the eight it's time to take your turn in the batting box (we're looking for base hits or home runs).

Invitations for the Christmas party have been mailed so either call Kerry or sign up at the treasurers table this week.

Up Coming Events:

November 20th – Our guest speaker this week is Mary Shaft from the State of Michigan Internal Revenue Service. Mary will be discussing the new improved penalties for tax evasion. Fingernail flipping, water boarding and testicular removal will be highlighted. Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday next week and the Christmas party the following week we will be having a very early Board of Directors meeting this week.

November 27th – No meeting tonight, its Thanksgiving tomorrow and Tom Turkey needs to be beheaded.

November 29th – "Festival of Trees" at the Dearborn Civic Center "Dome Room" 4 pm to 8 pm. We have about 12 volunteers already for this service project but could use a couple more so put your name on the sign up sheet at the Treasurers desk.

December 4th – Annual Christmas Party at "The Henry" (the old Ritz Carleton)

Call Kerry at 313 212-5137 with reservations or see the sign up sheet at the Treasurers desk.

December 11th – The Salvation Army Band will be cranking up with those old time favorites so bring your ear plugs and checkbook, they stop playing if we pay them enough.

December 14th – Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army at Fairlane Shopping Center, we still need about 4 volunteers for this annual event, sign up sheet at the Treasurers desk.

December 18th – We make bag lunches and sandwiches for the NOAH Project tonight and hand them out at the Central Methodist Church next to Comerica Park on Thursday morning. We need lots of members to help make the lunches and about 8 or 10 members to volunteer to hand them out on Thursday. Jerry Assenmacher is the coordinator for this event so let him know if you can volunteer on Thursday. If you have any slightly used or new clothing and socks you would like to donate this is the time to bring it.

December 25th – No Meeting. Celebrate the Season by fighting the crowds at Wallmart, K-Mart or Target.

January 1st – No meeting again this week. Return all the useless stuff you bought before that credit card bill comes in.

He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has.

Love & Kisses Babydoll