

November 19, 2014

It was the last meeting of November and attendance was pretty sparse, just sixteen members and the four dancers from the Silver Cricket up on Michigan Avenue. They were using our club us as a control group to try out new dance routines for the strip club Olympics being held in Highland Park next month. I'll tell you, I had no idea there was even such a thing as a portable pole dancing stage and I had completely forgotten how limber the human body can actually be. Also, apparently those brass poles are fireproof because the damn thing didn't burst into flames, a wooden pole would have been ashes after the first dance. It's a good thing Ted Daykin had extra nitro pills handy or there wouldn't have been anyone conscious to close the meeting with the pledge. (Also there wouldn't have been anyone with cash still in their pockets).

This week we have no meeting, its Thanksgiving Eve and most of us will be home baking pies and stuffing the turkey. We had said there was going to be a "roundtable" on Wednesday but I found out the K of C is bringing in a band that Wednesday and charging a \$5 cover charge. So if you do go to the roundtable there might be a crowd, and some music (maybe the pole dancers will show up).

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December we will be having our annual Christmas party at Cariera's Cucina Italiana on telegraph road just south of Warren Avenue. That Irish Crooner, Tom Gillespie, will be leading us in song and Linda Michalek will be handing out the peanut awards. If you haven't signed up or sent your regrets you probably will be getting a phone call this week. We need to get a firm number to the restaurant by Friday. The cost is \$40 for one or \$75 for a couple. RSVP to Linda at 313 213-8594.

The 10<sup>th</sup> of December will see us back at the K of C for a traditional Scottish Christmas feast of haggis, strong grog and mutton jerky. After dinner we will be tossing telephone poles and breaking cinder blocks on our foreheads.

The 13<sup>th</sup> of December will see us manning the Red Kettles at Fairlane Shopping Center for the Salvation Army. We have two hour shifts with two members to a kettle. Richard Nettlow is organizing this effort again this year and I think he still has a few spots open so give him a call to volunteer, 313 561-2035.

The 17<sup>th</sup> of December will be busy. We have the Salvation Army Brass Band in to play Christmas tunes for us (Top 40) and at the same time we will be making hundreds of bag lunches for the NOAH project. Please bring any new or clean used clothing you would like to donate to the homeless. Jerry Assenmacher is the top dog on this event and can use all the help he can get so bring a friend to the meeting to help make sandwiches, get a free meal and enjoy the latest hot brass boy band. Please bring your checkbook to this event; Jerry will be collecting checks to present to the Salvation Army.

On the 18<sup>th</sup>, the day after we make the lunches, we are asking for volunteers to help hand out the sandwiches and bag lunches downtown. We leave the K of C at 9 am and are finished about 1 pm. Family and friends are welcome to help.

December 24<sup>th</sup> will be another "roundtable" event for those that can sneak out of the house and on the 31<sup>st</sup>, New Years Eve, we will not be having a meeting and I have no idea if the K of C lounge is open for a roundtable.

Thanks to everyone that helped make the Festival of Trees project a success on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November. We had 23 volunteers for the opening day pre-festival event for children being treated at the hospital and their parents.

Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow ye diet.

Love & Kisses

Babydoll