

December 13, 2017

I love the smell of lunchmeat in the morning. Food, food everywhere; that's what it looked like at the old Kiwanis Club on Wednesday. One crew was filling lunch bags in the dinning room while a second crew was busy slapping together sandwiches in the kitchen. Now things had changed a bit from our previous plans for this evening. The Salvation Army Brass Band cancelled because of the weather (I thought those guys were like the postal carriers, neither rain nor snow nor dead of night), Jerry cancelled his scheduled hair transplant procedure and showed up to run roughshod over the kitchen crew and Past President Linda was absent because she started her new part time gig as a Palm Reader/Fortune Teller at the new Area 51 Juice Bar on Warren Avenue.

But even with the bad weather we had 17 loyal members show up. Leon drove all the way from the Upper Peninsula with a dead moose strapped to the hood of his car and Mike Marxer braved a two hour drive from the edge of civilization, northwest Wayne County. President Adrienne presented Christmas checks to Amy and Brandi, the two women that keep the food and liquor flowing on Wednesdays and the final spots were filled for Bell Ringing on Saturday. All in all a successful evening.

Talking about bell ringing, it was a great day, sunny, somewhat warm, no snow or rain and all the volunteers showed up. Adrienne was playing Christmas music on her clarinet and brought some treats for the bell ringers, homemade breakfast burritos stuffed with an unidentifiable mixed meat/vegetable mixture that was piping hot and delicious. Unfortunately, three hours later one of those burritos was responsible for a noxious gas release at the lower Penny's door that caused an emergency evacuation of the pedestrian walkway. Hazardous waste emergency crews were brought in and the situation was contained in less than an hour.

Thanks to all that participated in this annual event, in order of appearance: Bob, Jerry, Skip, Kerry, Mike, Adrienne, Ed, Tom, Walter, Pat, Don, Richard, Ray, Larry, Patricia, Renea, Renan, Al, Sue Assenmacher, Shelby Holmes and a friend of Larry's (I forgot his name).

The whole day was going smooth as silk (that's also the motto on the bottle of Kessler's the coffee man was carrying around) when the situation at Penny's downstairs went suddenly south, way south, bottom of the barrel south. Apparently our President and Vice President, who will remain nameless for their own protection, started a ruckus in the package pickup lobby of J. C. Penny's. I wasn't present but first hand reports indicate that there were musical instruments and Christmas hats involved. Accusations of soliciting, burrito bombardment and behavior unbecoming a lady were involved. It is unknown if the hazardous waste incident earlier in the day contributed to this unfortunate situation. What we do know is that when it was over the Salvation Army authorities had removed the bucket from the premises; the two ladies involved were banned from all J. C. Penny stores for a period not to exceed five years and an unruly crowd in the package pick-up area had to be dispersed by the Dearborn Police Canine Unit.

Now to my knowledge, and I've been around over twenty years, the Dearborn Kiwanis Club has never been ejected from a major shopping center, and that involves volunteer activities with members like Ray Campbell, Mike Capatina, Tom Gillespie and the notorious Joe Stewart. I believe the ladies involved, the top two officers in our club, have been the victims of a coordinated plot by Russian hackers to smear their reputations. I believe this effort was initiated by a shady coalition of "Men's Rights" political groups reacting to the "Me Too" movement and now is the time for our membership to rally around these ladies, reject the reports of what they were doing with their hands and come together in Kiwanis fellowship. Any further information concerning this situation will be provided by the parties involved, but I do believe there is a possible fine on the horizon.

Sarcasm is the body's natural defense against stupidity.

Love & Kisses
Babydoll

Upcoming Events:

December 20th – The Salvation Army Band will be here tonight, bring a check to help support the work they do for children at Christmas. Lt. Governor Linda will also give a short primer on proper behavior during a volunteer event. Committee meetings and Board of Directors meeting immediately after the regular meeting.

December 27th – No meeting tonight, stay home and eat up all the leftover ham and sugar cookies.

January 6th – Back after the holidays with tighter pants and slow minds. Guest speaker will be from the Institute for the Preservation of European Rats. Bring any old cheese from the holidays.