Well it was the last meeting of the 2017 Kiwanis Year, and what a meeting it was. The Salvation Army Band was in the house, along with Capt. Martinez his wife, and some of their children . Everyone was in a festive mood. Prez Adrienne got the meeting started @ 6:30 and the fines & Happy Dollars started. Al Holmes got things going by talking about the Bell Ringing @ Fairlane Mall, & said that the Management there ejected a few of our members. I didn't get all the facts, but will find out "the Rest of the Story" and report back in a future column. Al gave a Happy \$ for Pat Richardson's help at the Bell ringing. We also had 15 volunteers downtown for the N.O.A.H. project. Lt. Gov. Linda said we also distributed 400 gloves & 200 socks, along with the sandwiches. Many thanks to those Peeps who went downtown, as well as for everyone who braved the snow and made sandwiches on December 13th.

Leon Bergeron gave happy dollars as did Norm Record, who ponied up \$5.00 for the table decorations & candy bars that the club officers created. Prez Adrienne fined Kerry Manseau for having a dead battery. Mike Marxer tried to come to Kerry's defense by requesting further discussion, but it didn't help. Kerry ended up paying the fine. Everyone at the head table was Santa'ed up in elf hats and Red sweaters.

V.P. Renea, who was the Sherriff, was fined by this writer (who knows you can't fine the Sherriff) for shirking her duties and deputizing "Sugar Ray" Scorboria and making him collect the fines & happy dollars. Not sure how much money we raised for the Salvation Army on Wednesday, but we did help them out. I know this, because Capt. Martinez said thank you to us, for all out help and donations.

He also said that his kids, by attending the meeting, learned a valuable lesson on the effects of alcohol on Kiwanians. In the immortal words of Ray Campbell, "Let that be a Lesson to you." The Salvation Army Band played some Christmas Tunes and we sang a few carols. PP and PLG Don got out his gift bag and gave the club officers some Christmas tidings & Business Cards. Kiwanis #1's 103rd Birthday Party is scheduled for January 20th @ GreekTown Casino, cost \$65.00, if you plan on going.

Richard Nettlow won the 50/50 and donated it to the Salvation Army. There was a Board Meeting, but as I was at Little League, and don't have any info about what was discussed. On behalf of my fellow reporters (BabyDoll & Ms. Bossy Pants), I would like to Thank all our Members for their time, money and fellowship in making the Dearborn Kiwanis Club the best Service Club on the Planet. You cats & kittens Rock.

Wishing all of us a very Healthy & Happy 2018, P. N. Quin

December 27th-NO MEETING January 3-1st Meeting of 2018-KofC