Wednesday was a pretty good meeting with twenty four members attending and two guest speakers, three if you count the spastic dog. We had a K Club official (looked to be about 16) talking to us about new K Clubs and a police officer from Dearborn with his service dog. The dog was fast as hell, hipper active, and he kept staring at Walt Mueller's pocket. Walt had just returned from spending the winter in South Carolina among the tobacco farms and claimed the dog was trained to look for cigarets with no tax stamp, but I don't think that dog was looking for tobacco. I think he was looking for wacky tobaccy, illegal aliens or deep cover Russian spies, I always thought Walt looked shifty.

Anyhow, it was a good meeting with lots of people and lots to talk about. Even Steve Kohler showed up on a short break from his activities as a volunteer with the Hillary for President campaign in Washington DC. Steve works as the liaison between Hillary and the ACLU, Greenpeace and Amnesty International.

Seventeen of our members attended the Dearborn Firefighters Burn Drive fundraiser on Tuesday evening and even though we had a great time my ears still hurt. Maybe the table right in front of the DJ's speakers wasn't such a great idea after all. Nobody in our group won any of the prizes but Skip and Ray each went home with neat caricatures of themselves.

Next week is our membership open house meeting and we are asking all members to please be at O'Kelly's by 6 pm. We will be in the big hall next to the one we normally meet in and the meeting will be run a little differently than normal (no spitting, cussing or peeing in the sink). We have invited guests by mail, e-mail and in person and hope to have a good turn out. If you have a friend, neighbor, acquaintance or relative that might be interested this is the time to invite them, the more the merrier. We are also stressing that ALL our members should show up for this meeting. Business casual attire is the dress code of the evening and mingling is the activity. Cocktail time is till about 7:15 when we will start the formal meeting, then just a few words by president Kerry before dinner, desert and a quest speaker from the Secretary of States office in Lansing talking about identity theft. After the guest speaker Kerry will have a few short comments then we will close the meeting and have another cocktail hour (little league). We will not be having a 50/50 drawing or fines from the floor. We will not be collecting for dinner, members can pay for their dinner the following week and guests eat for free. A great big thanks to Dr. Paul Goerke who has volunteered to pick up the bar tab for the entire evening, I know all my drinks are going to come in pineapples with little umbrellas. We can not stress how important it is to the survival of this organization to attend this meeting and bring at least one guest.

Results of the April Board of Directors meeting:

Dearborn High School WDHV Video Scholarship, \$500 from the Youth Services Committee

Dearborn Baseball Association, \$500 to sponsor 2 teams from the Youth Services Committee

Gleaners Food Bank, \$250 from the Young Children Committee

Pregnancy Alliance, \$300 from the Young Children Committee

Lincoln Park K of C Tootsie Roll Sale, \$100 from the Young Children Committee

Prince of Peace K of C Tootsie Roll Sale, \$50 from the Young Children Committee

Dearborn Heights Salvation Army, \$200 for bus maintenance from the Earmarked Committee

Up Coming Events:

May 7th – Membership Open House, be there and bring a friend.

May 14th – Cookout at Al & Nancy Holmes house, 410 Nightingale, a half block north of Cherry Hill. Burgers, beans and beer, also be there and bring a friend (guests eat free).

May 21st – A speaker from the Kiwanis Eliminate Project and then a short life history of Dr. Paul Goerke. Committee meetings to follow.

May 28th – Kurt Doelle from the Dearborn High School student video program will tell us how to produce TV programs. Board of Directors meeting to follow.

June 4th – Annual Tigers baseball game. We start off with a cookout at Frank Purrington's house, 7309 Highview one block north of Warren. Then it's off to the ball game to watch the tigers beat the tar out of the Toronto Bluejays (those Canadians aren't shit when you get them off the ice).

June 11th – Mayor Jack O'Reilly Jr. tells us whats happened, is happening and will happen in Dearborn, have your questions ready.

June 18th – Severstal Steel tells us all about making steel the Russian way, forced labor and sub zero temperatures.

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