

May 16, 2018

I've heard the old saying "The Tax Man Cometh", and on Wednesday that seemed to come true. Our guest speaker was a retired IRS agent who looked like a sweet little old man that wouldn't hurt a fly. We all knew that was just a cover. This man spent years terrorizing taxpayers, or should we say tax not payers and seemed like he enjoyed it. He told us what the IRS can do (thumb screws, Iron Lady, bamboo splinters), and what it can't do (very little).

Then he gave us advice on how to avoid getting called for an audit. His advice was very simple, never cheat Uncle Sam unless you are a billionaire, keep very accurate records for many, many years, never claim a "Home Office", and when you do get caught fibbing a little, throw yourself on their mercy and beg, beg, beg.

Also attending Wednesdays meeting were three members of the Dearborn Heights Kiwanis Club that will very shortly be members of the Dearborn Kiwanis Club. Dearborn Heights Kiwanis has voted to merge with Dearborn Kiwanis as soon as the paperwork can be processed with Kiwanis International. We have been told to expect 8 or 9 of the 14 Dearborn Heights members to join our club. The others will either drop out of Kiwanis or join another club. The Dearborn Heights Club has a few great service projects that we all plan on continuing. The annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner and the annual Easter Egg Hunt are two. There is also a Key Club at Annapolis High School that our club will be sponsoring and their annual peanut sale will be merged with ours. Dearborn Heights also has extensive experience holding Texas Hold-um fundraisers that should prove very valuable for our fundraising activities.

Two Dearborn Heights members, Mark and Carol Slater, have been nominated from the floor to run for election to our Board of Directors. Adding some of their leadership with ours should make the merger a lot smoother and will also provide valuable advice when it comes time for their service projects.

We only have one more meeting before The Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28th. We need to get everything coordinated for this event and Norm will be doing that at this weeks meeting. We meet Memorial Day at 9 am in the K of C parking lot with the cars, banner, wagons and the peanuts. By 9:15 we leave for the Michigan and Schaefer staging area. The parade should be over by noon and we will gather our cars and go somewhere, probably Uncle Rays bar on Warren just west of Telegraph, to relax with burgers and adult beverages.

On June 6th we will be meeting at Frank Purrington's house for our second cook-out of the year (yes the second one, forgot about the Hemlock Cabin didn't you). This is a cook-out billed as the "Tigers Game No Game".

The Tigers are out of town and in place of the game Frank will be showing old 8 mm black and white smokers from the old Cherry Hill Barber Shop archives. There's no sound and the films are a little grainy, but don't you just love men in black knee socks and women wearing Lone Ranger masks.

This week we have a representative from the State Highway Commission that will explain to us why new highway construction only lasts 6 years instead of 20 and tell us for the 100th time that trucks weighing 164,000 lbs don't actually hurt the highways because they all have secret anti-gravity machines attached to their trailers.

May 30th we will be holding our annual elections for incoming officers and Board of Directors and will be drawing the winning ticket for the \$101 worth of Scratch off Lotto tickets (chances are \$5 each at the Treasures desk).

The more things a man is ashamed of, the more respectable he is.

Love & Kisses

Babydoll