

May 4, 2016

It was time for politics at the old Kiwanis meeting and by the end of the evening we were all scraping mud off the walls and looking for our hip boots. Now I'm not talking about the normal politics we have each week where the liberals do a Hip, Hip Horary for Hillary and the Republicans shout out that women are too dumb to be president. That's kind of our regular thing and we're all used to it (although now that Trump has sewed up the Republican nomination some of those conservatives are giving Hillary a second look). This was local politics, people we deal with on a daily basis, and the mud was flying.

Reagan Ford (a Republican Presidential name if I ever heard one) was our guest speaker and a candidate for the Dearborn City Council. Funny thing was, none of us at Little League were clear on the date of the election, 2016 or 2017? Anyhow, Reagan seemed to think the City Council's not doing a very good job and he wasn't shy about telling us that (I also got the idea he didn't think to highly of the mayor's office). Reagan didn't have a lot of solutions and admitted you have to be in the office before you realize all the aspects of the job, but he was damn sure he could do a better job than the one's doing it now (kind of reminded me of Trump, only with less Testosterone and no Imperial Storm Troopers.). I didn't catch what Reagan does for a living but to hear him talk I would guess he's an attorney or he sells used cars.

Congratulations to Linda Michalek who recently took 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Ladies Senior Division, in the International Tobacco Spitting Olympics held in Canton Ohio. Linda won a years' supply of Big Chief Chaw and a dozen dark brown blouses by "Chainsaw Shirt Company" of Salty Fork West Virginia, where the "Stains Never Show". Nice going Linda, you keep practicing on that neighbors wall, he still hasn't figured out where it's coming from.

It's May and the Memorial Day Parade is right around the corner. This year the parade happens on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> and will travel the opposite way down Michigan Avenue from what it has done for the last 100 years. The parade will start at the Old City Hall at Schaefer & Michigan and end up at the New Veterans Plaza in front of the Henry Ford Centennial Library. We have two peanut wagons in the parade, one on each side of the parade handing out peanuts. We also have four cars with a banner in the parade. We need at least 14 volunteers for this event and there is a signup sheet at the Treasurers desk.

June 8<sup>th</sup> we will be making sandwiches and bag lunches for the NOAH project. Then on Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup> volunteers meet at the K of C at 9 am to take the lunch's downtown to the Central Methodist Church on Woodward Avenue (next to Comerica Park). Handing out the lunches to the homeless takes till about 12:15 and is a very rewarding experience. Jerry Assenmacher has organized this event twice a year for as long as anyone can remember (in our group, that's about 15 minutes) and puts a whole lot of effort into buying the lunch supplies and making sure everyone stays on target. If you get a chance, let Jerry know what a good job he's doing.

May 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting – We're in for a big treat this week. Our own Kerry Manseau will be telling us the story of "Joshua's Flight from the Mennonites" using his historically accurate hand puppets. As you probably remember Kerry has performed this puppet show for us in the past and each time has been arrested. He assures me this time will be different, no matter how much wine he has before the meeting the "One Eyed Snake Monster" puppet will stay in his cave and not frighten the women.

May 18<sup>th</sup> – William Baumgartner from the Spencer Animal Institute will present the results of his multi-million dollar government funded study of dog butt scents and why each one is just a little bit different when you get right down to it. Committee Meetings to follow regular meeting.

May 25<sup>th</sup> – Alan Watson DDS, a local dentist, will demonstrate his collection of antique dentist equipment dating back to the late 17<sup>th</sup> century. We will need two volunteers from the crowd for his "Clawhammer Extraction" and "Foot Pedal Drill" demonstrations. (each volunteer gets a Tootsie Roll Pop as a reward). Board of Directors meeting after the regular meeting for those still standing.

The closest a person ever comes to perfection is when he fills out a job application form.

Love & Kisses  
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