It was the first official membership open house our club has had in many years and things went off without a hitch. We had nine potential members show up for dinner, less than I had hoped for, but more than the pessimists in the club had expected. I guess that's the way it usually goes with this kind of thing. At least three of the guests expressed interest in joining our club and we have three or four invitee's that could not attend the open house because of prior commitments but plan on attending the cookout this week.

Norm did a great job of introducing and thanking the membership committee during the meeting (except John Curran who he missed, looks like a fine to me) but the driving force behind this whole thing was not the committee but the chairperson, Norm and our three top officers, Kerry, Mike and Don. They are the ones that deserve a "thank you" from all of us for the "above and beyond" efforts they put in over the last two months. Nearly everyone else in the club pitched in to make this dinner a success and I would personally like to thank each and every one of you that "worked the crowd' on Wednesday.

Thanks also to Dr. Paul who picked up the bar bill for the evening. As a thank you, an anonymous member of the club has volunteered to pay for Paul's dinner at the Open House and his cook-out dinner next week. Either he's sweet on Paul or has a really bad rash in a private place he wants Doc to look at (Paul, wear rubber gloves and don't drop the soap).

This coming week we have a follow up cook-out at Nancy & Al Holmes house, 410 Nightingale Street (2 streets east of gully and ½ block north of Cherry Hill). The festivities start at 5:30 or 6 and the meal will be burgers, beans and beer (actually we have a lot more than beer but none of it starts with "B"). We have invited all the guests from last Wednesday and are asking all members to bring a friend with them, all guests eat free.

Nominations by the Past Presidents for the upcoming Club Elections to be held on May 28, 2014: