August 28, 2013

Twas the dog days of August and the boys came struggling in, exhausted from the heat and drained of energy. The only one that looked fresh and alert was Linda, but she had to be on her best behavior with Pat in a Mexican jail and President Jeanette touring with the revival of "Hair".

Our guest speaker was a Canadian WW1 fighter pilot that fought countless battles over the skies of Europe, sometime against the famous Red Barren Van Hackensnacher. He was eventually grounded after drinking a little to much homemade beer and ramming his 1914 Sopwith Camel into a giant French observation balloon hovering over the trenches at Verdun. Those French have never been able to take a joke.

It was sad news about Ed Darocy, a long time club member that always put his best effort into everything he did. Even in the last couple of years when his health got worse and it was hard for him to get around Ed got out there and participated in the annual peanut drive, being one of the top sellers for many a year. May you rest in peace Ed.

I'd like to welcome our newest member to the Club, Mark Vitagliano. Mark was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors this week and will be initiated on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Mark is a professional dancer recently retired from the Metropolitan Opera where he specialized in playing Japanese Geisha's. Please help us welcome Mark on the 11<sup>th</sup> when Bob Itin performs his ritual initiation dance and Mark performs the famous "Hana no Kai" ritual fire dance.

Peanuts, peanuts, peanuts. Uncle Ray tells me we got a boat load of peanuts and we need to have every punch-drunk Kiwanian out there on the streets selling the little goobers. Wrestle people to the ground if necessary, nobody gets away without peanuts. We have the peanut distribution cook-out this Wednesday at Al Holmes house, 410 Nightingale Street (1/2 block north of Cherry Hill and 2 streets east of Gully). Burgers, beans and beer, just what you need to stoke those fires before you get out on the street on Thursday begging for money and throwing peanuts at innocent bystanders.

Wednesdays Board of Directors results:

Henry Ford Village Foundation, \$250

Penrickton Center for Blind Children, \$510

Dearborn Orchestral Society Scholarships, \$1,200

Special Days Camps for Children with Cancer, \$250

Mark Vitagliano membership, unanimous "yes"

We had a long fight about the dinner menu, some want more variety, some want healthier food and some want more meat and potatoes. I'm just looking for an occasional Hagias dinner.

## **Up-Coming Events:**

September 4<sup>th</sup> – Peanut cook-out at 410 Nightingale Street. Come pick up your peanuts then eat, drink and be merry.

September 11<sup>th</sup> – New member initiation. Don't forget to wear your waders, sunglasses and peacock feather tails. Jackal fat and live frogs will be supplied by "Big Willies Strange and Wild Shit" in Trenton.

September 18<sup>th</sup> – This is Kerry's last chance to dazzle us with a world class guest speaker and he pulled out all the stops. Jake "Chop Chop" Janneskie, the only man in Texas courtroom history to get off on a technicality after slicing up and entire Rotary Club meeting will tell us every thing he knows about "Jailhouse Lawyers" (if his medicine is working properly, otherwise it's anybodies guess what he'll do)

September 25<sup>th</sup> – It's Installation Dinner time at the Dearborn Country Club, kind of like a cook-out but the food, drink, dress code and entertainment are better. Invitations are in the mail.

Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile

Love and Kisses Babydoll

Sell Those Peanuts