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You could almost smell the gunpowder in the air. The Union was on one side and the South was on the other, then everyone seemed to move at the same time and I didn't know which side was which. Larry, our narrator seemed to know exactly where everyone was and what they were doing. He's spent many years leaning everything about the Civil War but most of us just think of it as a PBS documentary. I'm still confused about who won that battle although I do know who eventually won the whole thing.

There were a few things I learned that weren't in Ken Burns "Civil War". First, apparently a lot of soldiers got shot in the beard, why I have no idea. Second, Larry definitely didn't think much of General William Tecumseh Sherman, but someone must have liked him, I mean they named a tank after him 75 years later. Third, General George Custer was a crazy son of a bitch, very brave in battle and very lucky in love. Unfortunately he wasn't worth a damn when it came to estimating Indian manpower or fighting skills. And lastly, the one lesson every school kid learns at an early age, don't offer chicken to a pissed off confederate soldier, again I have no idea why. Thanks to Larry for the presentation, his knowledge and passion on the Civil War are great to watch and the program was enjoyed by all.

Peanuts, Peanuts, Peanuts. Yes I said it three times, it's that important. Peanut are the life blood of our club, the Peanut Sale gives us the cash necessary to help children, seniors, the impaired and the disadvantaged for the entire year. It's every member's obligation to participate in the peanut drive. EVERYONE'S obligation to help raise the money we need to do the things we do for the community. We know everyone has different abilities when it comes to selling peanuts, but we all need to participate. Not all of us can dodge traffic in the street, but we do have store front locations for the old, the lame and the faint of heart. Our Big Goober this year is Patricia Richardson who has done this same job twice before. She plans on a banner year and has stated that she's going to ride us like General Patton at the Battle of the Bulge, nothing but sneers, whips and shouted obscenities. See her for your team assignment and 2018 goal; as in the past we encourage everyone to surpass their goal and shoot for one of the trophies. Let's have 100% participation this year, no slackers, laggards or lazybones. Last year we had a couple members that did not participate in the peanut sale; they are now enshrined in the "Hall of Shame".

This coming week, August 15th, we have a cookout at Carol & Mark Slater's house. For those of us that have never been to their house, the address is 4218 Vassar, Dearborn Heights, 48125. They live on the northwest corner of Vassar and Lehigh. Vassar is five streets west of Monroe and Lehigh is two streets south of Dartmouth. The cook-out starts at 6 pm but if you're early we do have some corn to husk and adult beverages to sample.

Upcoming Events:

August 15th – Cook at the Slater's, 4218 Vassar, Dearborn Heights. Steak, beans, tator salad and corn washed down with ice cream and beer, what more could you ask for.

August 22nd – We have Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump look a-likes that will be giving a mud wrestling exhibition while the O.L. Smith Jazz Band plays the Star Spangled Banner. Wear old clothes and come root, root, root for your favorite muddy politician. Please no cheese hats or foam fingers, we're trying to keep this a classy act. Short committee meetings to follow the regular meeting.

August 29th – It's the last Wednesday of the summer and we're going to have a Mussel Beach party to "Kiss the Summer Goodbye". Wear your bathing suits, flip flops and sunglasses. Please, no European bathing suits or string thons till after we are done eating. A Board of Directors meeting will be held after the regular meeting.

September 5th – Peanut Cook-out at Al Holmes house, 410 Nightingale, Dearborn. Come get your peanuts for the big sale. Burgers beans and booze.

September 6th, 7th, 8th & 9th – SELL THOSE NUT'S

Most people don't know it but axel grease, wallpaper sizing and nitroglycerine are all by-products from peanuts.

Love & Kisses
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