

Butler A.M. Rotary Club
Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Cletus Scalo at 7:26 am.
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mike Ogin
The Invocation was given by Captain Henry Thibault

Guest Speaker: Captains Henry and Irene Thibault
Guests: no other guests

Happy Bucks:

Cindy Harbison: \$1 ticket sales for the Gala are going great. We have sold almost all the tickets.

Henry Thibault: \$1 Thanks to everyone for coming to tour the Salvation Army this morning.

Clint Champagne: \$1 he is happy to be at the Salvation Army this morning

Scott: \$1 happy his sister in law's cancer tests came back good. Sad because his cousin lost the battle with the transplant last night

Peggy: \$1 because Henry was able to get back in his van this morning, and \$1 for Irene for putting up with him!

Ron Jones: \$1 because he was wearing his black Buick Golf Hat which reminded him that it's time to start planning the Golf Outing

Birthdays and Anniversaries: None

Announcements:

Cindy Harbison gave a Gala update. Tickets are selling well – so well we may have oversold the event!. She asked all members who have not sold their tickets to turn them in to her so she can sell them. She asked all members who are donating prizes to please drop them off at Betty Fitzgerald's office in the Clearview Federal Credit Union behind Applebees on New Castle Road as soon as possible. All ticket sale money should be turned in to Treasurer Peggy Weckerly as soon as possible.

President Scalo passed around a sign up sheet for all members who will be attending the P.M. Club's anniversary party. He needs all reservations by today.

At the Board meeting next month we will be deciding on what we can do for the Haiti relief. Three members have suggested purchasing shelter boxes, which include shelter, food and supplies. Email your ideas to Clete asap.

Captain Irene was our guest speaker today. She talked about the work of the Salvation Army both globally and locally.

She was happy to report we collected 3,400 pounds of food with our Best Christmas Ever food drive. It totally replenished their food cupboard.

She gave an overview of what activities go on in the building throughout the week. There are Sunday church services and many programs for children, teens and adults on weekdays. Monday through Friday they feed about 80 to 120 for lunch in the soup kitchen.

Each weeknight there is homework help for kids after school from 3:30 to 5:30. There is game time, computer lab and game room activities on weekdays as well. There is a program similar to girl scouts for the girls and cub and boy scouts for the boys as well as 4-H. They also teach kids hygiene, cooking and crafts, music lessons in guitar, drums and keyboard. Their activities are geared toward getting the kids off the streets and into positive activities.

For adults there is ceramics and adult ministry. There are volleyball games on Friday nights for young adults 15 and up.

The Christmas distribution this past year services 300 families with 1500 kids. They gave 3,000 gifts and clothing to the children. The kettles netted \$15,000 over their goal this year.

The Salvation Army has been in Haiti since 1950 with schools, orphanages and churches. There were 700 offices throughout Haiti which were able to quickly respond when the earthquake struck. They are currently caring for 20,000 people.

On the local level, there are prisoners coming in right now to paint the building. They are trying to establish a link between SA and the prisoners and parolees so they will have somewhere to go after their release for positive activities.

Peggy Weckerly said she chairs the Salvation Army Advisory Board. The Board is very active and is currently looking for new members. They meet the third Wednesday of the month at noon. She asked anyone who is interested to see her.

Following the presentation, members were invited to join Captain Henry for a tour of the building.

There was no 50/50 drawing
There being no other business, President Scalo adjourned the meeting at 7:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Harbison, Secretary