

CLUB NEWS December 1, 2016

President **Mike Hummel** led the meeting today

Invocation: **John Murphy**

The club sang God Bless America with **Pat** as accompanist

**Yvesan's** report: He enjoyed all the food that he had on Thanksgiving but didn't go Black Friday Shopping.

Club Announcements: **Teri** needs us to sign up for the party whether we're saying yes or no (it is on December 14<sup>th</sup>). **Richard** is still selling the Christmas greetings for the newspaper. There will be 11 exchange students involved in Dickens Weekend festivities. We wrapped up the rifle raffle the weekend of Dickens. The sales weren't as good at the Moose as they were at the Bear Check.

SAA:**Tim**

For the sake of time we skipped fines and went right to happy bucks.

**Tim** shared a dollar because he saw **Jim T.** and his brother (Jerry- one of our guests today) at the Gaslight.

**Matt D.** gave a dollar for seeing **Tim** the other day.

**Carl** was happy to share a couple dollars for PSU winning and his kids being home for Thanksgiving.

**John** was happy to be back at a meeting and happy that he was the only one to show up for the meeting last Thursday.

**Craig W.** will soon be on his way to Indianapolis.

**Natalie** was happy that Tim's Santa forward didn't make it to her Facebook.

**Craig D.** was happy to find out that local restaurants, like KFC and Timeless Destination, provide meals to the homeless shelters once a week.

**Jim T.** was happy to take his grandson to a concert that he seemed to enjoy and he's happy to have his brother with him.

**Yvesan** won the 50/50 for the week; benefitting Wellsboro Chamber of Commerce.

Upcoming programs include Kerry Miller, the chorus at the Arcadia theater, and our general assembly meeting.

Today's program featured General Francis L. Hendricks; the current President of Mansfield University. He fell in love with Mansfield University when he was exploring his options as a student focusing on a Criminal Justice major, and was invited to take a closer look from President Kelchner. He graduated from Mansfield University in 1979 and returned there as president after 33 years serving in the Military. This is his second visit to our Rotary meeting, as he attended last year to award **Matt Baker** with the very first Mansfield University Presidential Medal for Excellence.

He discussed the financial status of MU (as well as other universities in the state) and pointed out that he had recently found a 1976 copy of the MU newsletter *The Flashlight*, in which; the state of the school's financial status was being questioned. It isn't a new issue, but it hasn't brought them down yet. Especially being first to implement programs such as Frozen Tuition and keeping a "frozen" cost for campus housing as well.

He told an interesting story about recently having visited with a 100 year old alumnus who informed

Fran that when he was a student, MU was the 4<sup>th</sup> largest school in Pennsylvania (it is now the 2<sup>nd</sup> smallest). He had also clued us in to the fact that this is a year of celebrating anniversaries. This is MU's 160<sup>th</sup> year, the 125<sup>th</sup> year of MU football, the 150<sup>th</sup> year of MU baseball, the 100<sup>th</sup> year of MU field hockey, and the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the gold medalist MU choir.

Fran is convinced that with innovative approaches to both enrollment and studies, Mansfield University will continue to strive, despite the occasional financial scare.

Sorry for the delay in this week's edition, everyone. I was waiting to see if there would be pictures emailed out in time to submit. See you all tomorrow!

~Apyl