

St. Luke Men's Club
General Membership Meeting
October 17, 2005

1. Meeting called to order by Don Obrien @ 7:30PM.
Pictures for the Club directory continue to be taken through out the month of November.
2. Opening Prayer: By Deacon Gene
3. New Members and Visitors: Phil Meyers (Joe Pina Invitee), ^{Freeman} ~~Raymond~~ Satlemeyer (Reno Puente's Invite). Special Guest was noted by Don Obrien that Father Mike had graced us with his presence.
4. Monthly Birthdays: October (Libras), 10 present, Mr. Patchecke eldest with 85 years.
5. Minutes of the previous Meeting: RC read the previous month minutes for Matt Mora. They were approved as read.
6. Treasurer's Report: Greg Shean – see attached, however discussed the September Financial Report which was approved as presented.
7. September Meal: Beef Stew prepared by Don Jungman, John Donnellan, Homer Fetzer, Ben Olenick, Bill Groff, Benny de los Santos and Bill Cummings.
8. **General Comments under Old Business from the President:** Don thanked all those that helped Matt Mora with the recent Parish family picnic. Those that worked were acknowledged by Don with their presence tonight and with a round of applause. Secondly Duffy gave us a report on the recent Dove Hunt in which 23 participated. Approx. 80 doves were harvested at the Rick Salinas Ranch in Millette, Texas. Good time by all with plenty to eat and drink. RC announced that Rick Salinas had just extended an open invitation for all members who are interested in hunting Saturday 22OCT2005. Don gave the club and update as to recent Feasibility Study been conducted by the parish in preparation for future planning of the entire campus which includes a new activity center that could possibly house our wild game dinner. Duffy Bowen sits in the building committee and will be the Men's Club liaison.
9. Joe Pina introduced the guest speaker; Judge Tim Johnson a 20 year veteran, spoke on the most recent legislation regarding County Judges raise which amounted to a 2.5% raise. He announced that this will be his last term in office after serving Bexar County for 20 years. Regarding DWI blow test, suggested not to take it if you are within the limits of .15 if not you are subjected to 90-180 license automatic suspension. Sur charges are being charged to those convicted of of DWI offenses depending on the term of probation etc. These surcharges will be effecting our insurance rates simply because those that cannot afford it will simply just not have insurance. More convictions have created jail overcrowding since the minimum sentence is 3 days and at the rate of \$250.00 per day per detainee, it is costing the tax payer plenty of money. A big push by legislators is to create a smaller facility to deal with this problem. Even with all the new laws

and efforts by the law enforcement community, Bexar County still ranks very high in the state of Texas regarding DWI incidents.. Not a good record to be proud of though. He did thank the Club for all its efforts throughout all the years he has known us for helping San Antonio. He is always amazed as to the good work of all the men of the club and that is refreshing to him since he does deal with all the bad in the community.

Appointed Officers Reports:

- A. Budget and Finance: Larry Ridder: No report
- B. Chaplain: Guillermo Wolff: Not present but Don reminded all members about the Thanksgiving Mass to be held @ 6:30 right before the start our next general meeting. There are plans being developed to help the homeless early next year. More details to follow.
As a follow up to this, Ben Olenick reported that the Seminarian we had sponsored for 7 years from India, will be ordained a priest on 21DEC05. Ben asked us to think about that, that a person across the world, is being represented by our men's club.
- C. Family Center: John Mc Cauley: No report.
- D. Inventory Control: Steve Kelly: Asked if some organizations is in need of 2004 or something like party favors. We evidently have plenty in storage.
- E. Membership: Reno Puente: 98 paid to date but 130 present. He reminded all that the dues are only \$5.00 a year and for the benefit that a member receives it should not be a problem for many to pay up. The photo directory is being worked on and those that have a better side tonight, retakes are free. He is spear heading an effort to also help the Homeless around Christmas time. More details to follow but the most need of course is socks, shampoo and bar soap.
- F. Parliamentarian : Steve Chumbley: No Report

Standing Committees Reports:

- A. Audit: David Keller volunteered his services to help the new committee analyze and evaluate the findings of his committee which included Ben Olenick and Alex Flores.
- B. Christian Services: Alfredo Avila: reminded the Club that these people need our prayers including Richard Hartman, John Kotsur; brain surgery, and Belinda Mora as she recovers. Mr. Patcheck doing well as he was present to night. As a side note, new shirts orders are being taken tonight.
- C. Entertainment: Mike Perez not present but Ralph Menses gave us an update at to the Holiday Dance, December 10, 2005. Members are free but all others need tickets which are now priced at \$25.00 per person. Dinner, Dance, mixers provided. Life time Awards will be announced at the dance.
- D. Scholarship: Alex Flores No report.
- E. Life Time: Terry Sparrow announced at that his committee had already selected or nominated 5 members. Those names were given to the President for review.

F. Public Relations: Don announced that Jerry de la Pena had resigned and there is a need for a new PR person. Volunteers were asked and anyone interested should contact Don.

G. Telephone Calling: No report

H. Wild Game Dinner: Rico Silvas: No report

10. Comments or items for the Good of the Club:

- a. Don announced that St. Paul's was having a BBQ cook off on 06NOV05.
- b. Larry Ridder-Announced he has tickets to Fandango Under the Stars benefiting Guadalupe Home.
- c. Homer Fetzer announced that the Habitat Home would be completed in a week and there will another hard hat collection for a future home. He thanked all those that help in the most recent build.

11. Adjournment: 8:35 PM

12. Closing Prayer: Deacon Gene

Raffle: Seven Prizes given out tonight. Collected \$240.00

Meals: \$340.00 plus one free meal ticket.

Attachments: Treasurer's Report for September 2005
Holiday Dance Flyer