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# High Twelve International Monthly Update

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**Congratulations** to our members and ladies celebrating their Birthday, Anniversary or other Special Event in November. Don't forget to make a contribution to the Wolcott Foundation, celebrating your happy event or occasion!

**Invocation Prayer submitted by Gordon Berry, Secretary, Morningside Lodge #615, A.F.&A.M.**, P.O. Box 2718, Sioux City, IA 51106-0718, (home) 3115 Seger Ave, S.C. IA 51106-3239, (home, preferred) [712-276-6834](tel:712-276-6834) (cell) [712-251-3891](tel:712-251-3891).

**Invocation:** Lord, we thank you for the many blessings we receive each day, remembering that both rain and sunshine represent the balance of nature so well provided by you as the Great Architect of the Universe. The river that flows, the forest that grows, all are part of the grand scheme that guides our lives. We thank you for the many people who help us each day, from those who prepare our food to those who make it possible for us to travel, to come together in fellowship. Forgive us our trespasses, and help us to be forgiving of the manners and slights at which we too often take offense. Help us make it through our time going forward in your path. Amen.

**Benediction Prayer provided by R.W. Reverend Mark Megee, PDDGM & Past President of the Union County High Twelve Club (NJ).**

**Benediction:** Supreme Architect of the Universe, accept our humble thanks for the many mercies and blessings which thy bounty has conferred on us, and especially for this friendly and social intercourse. Pardon, we beseech thee, whatever thou has seen amiss in us since we have been together; and continue to us thy presence, protection and blessing. Make us sensible of the renewed obligations we are under to love thee, and as we are about to separate, and return to our respected places of abode, wilt thou be pleased so to influence our hearts and minds, that we may each one of us practice, out of the Lodge, those great moral duties which are inculcated in it, and with reverence study and obey the laws which thou hast given us in thy Holy Word. Amen.

**International President Winton Hewitt, PSP (PA):** I attended the Ohio's annual Convention in Springfield, Ohio. The convention was well attended by both the Ohio and Illinois High Twelve Clubs. It is great to see the visitation between the two State Associations.

I will be going to the Annual Convention in Bakersfield, California next week and will be Installing the incoming Officers for California. This will be my first visit to a club in California.

I will then be venturing to Florida for their Annual Convention on Tuesday, December 9, 2014. I am looking forward to attendance at their Convention a well.

Brethren, we have no doubt that the numbers are down from what the membership has been in the past. With the record keeping that is now in place there is no over lapping of membership or those that are in our Masonic Villages.

What the numbers are telling us, is that we are not doing a good job in getting the word out about High Twelve to Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery. We know that there are good men in these bodies that have never heard about High Twelve. We have to use the resources that we have and promote our group. As I have said in the past WE have to do a better job of recruiting new members. This

sounds like every other Organization wanting to increase their membership but things are getting to a low point and we have to act NOW.

Paul Fulton, PSP of Pennsylvania, had an Info board as well as the Ernest Borgnine CD running during the Pennsylvania Autumn days at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania in October. These are offered on the Webpage for all to put together and use as recruiting tools.

We will be returning to the Plaza Casino, in Las Vegas, Nevada, for the Mid-Year-Meeting. We have the dates starting Sunday, January 11-13, 2015 set aside those dates for the Convention. We will be looking for a good turnout at the meeting and we have important business to take care of. As you know that each State Association President is expected to be there or at least a proxy if he is unable to attend. Each of you is a member of the Executive Board of High Twelve International. If the President or his representative is not in attendance this means that your State has no say in those matters that are acted upon at the International Mid-Year-Meeting. So make plans to be at the International Mid-Year to represent your State.

The room rate is \$32.00 plus tax for our time frame. Once again I am looking for a good turnout for the Convention.

Brethren, It is very disappointing to see the latest report from the International Secretary for the LACK of response from so many of the clubs about the Adoption of the UNIFORM CLUB BYLAWS. This has dragged on long enough. There are still 45 Clubs who have not taken the time adopted the Original Uniform Club Bylaws which were first sent out June 20, 2013. We now have an Amendment #1 to the Bylaws which was adopted June 28, 2014 Annual Convention. The adoption of the Amendment #1 is required by all the Clubs to be in compliance with the Uniform Club Bylaws. This lack of urgency on this matter is unacceptable. This requires immediate action on the part of the International Zone Offices, State Association Presidents and State Secretaries to get this problem corrected.

If there is any Club that needs help please contact me or any of the International Officers for assistance, we are there to serve the Membership. Fraternally, Winton!

**International First Vice President Jerry Saville (CA):** Greetings to All, Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your First VP these past 4 months. Its fun, and rewarding, to visit other Hi-12 clubs and break bread with the members and their guests. The Ladies are always present and their attendance makes us better men and Masons. AND please do not forget our Widows. Invite them to Lunch &€ it's not only part of our obligation but it's the right thing to do!

I want to send a big thanks to our International Secretary for the outstanding job he does on a daily basis. Kevin is a volunteer working almost 24/7 for the good of Hi-12 and Masonry. Please check out the Hi-12 web site that Kevin developed at [www.High12.org](http://www.High12.org). It's also the best in the history of H12 and I submit it's second to none! As I have stated many times before Hi-12 is a great Masonic organization - an organization that we can be proud to be members - a big THANKS to all Hi-12 members as we continue moving forward with the goal of growth, retention, and survival.

We are still working hard to open Hi-12 Clubs in Washington State. There is a lot of interest in the Seattle, Spokane and Vancouver area but our contacts, like so many Masons, are extremely busy in their Lodge and other concordant bodies. We will not give up in our efforts to open and reopen Hi-12 clubs across the Land. Please join us with the goal of opening new Hi-12 Clubs in your state, and adding new members, as you continue your Masonic travels. Remember there are a lot of good men in your community that would make great Masons but will not ask. Invite them and their better half to lunch!

The Mid-Year H12 Conference is scheduled for 12 Jan 2014 at the Plaza in Vegas. Join us and share your ideas and comments regarding Hi-12. Without you we, the Officers, have to assume we are doing the right thing and making the right decisions. Besides, Vegas needs your donation?

In closing keep Fun and Fellowship in your club. Sure we have to take care of business but we cannot go wrong spending time with members, guest and friends - future Hi-12 members. Did I mention "no ritual". See ya!

Sincerely and Fraternally, Jerry Saville!

**International 2nd Vice President Richard Kessler (AZ):** Our 2nd Vice President didn't come up with an article this month but he wanted to provide some humor to your day, so he sent us something from the great State of Arizona.

Honest to goodness...our golden years can either make us sane or insane! Look to find out where you put or placed your CELLPHONE...might be in the FRIDGE...

**CAR KEYS:** Several days ago as I left a meeting at a hotel, I desperately gave myself a personal TSA pat-down. I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. His theory is that the car will be stolen. As I burst through the door, I came to a terrifying conclusion. His theory was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all, "*Honey,*" I stammered; (*I always call him "honey" in times like these.*) "*I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen.*" There was a period of silence. I thought the call had been dropped, but then I heard his voice.

"*Are you kiddin' me,*" he barked, "*I dropped you off!!!*" Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "*Well, come and get me.*" He retorted, "*I will, as soon as I convince this cop I didn't steal your car.*" *Yep, it's the golden ears.....*

**International High Twelve 3rd Vice President William Haynes (PA):** In my experience, the most successful method of recruiting members is a personal invitation. I have found that while talks given in the Lodge or elsewhere are great for information purposes, they usually do not produce members like a personal invitation does.

Getting someone to help you is a great way to secure members. The Pennsylvania State President, George Hixon, wrote to all the Scottish Rite Valley Secretaries in Pennsylvania and asked them for help in organizing clubs where there were none. As a result of his appeal, clubs are forming in Bloomsburg and the Scranton/Wilkes Barre areas. I believe this was great way to spread the word and to get some assistance in membership drives.

In my local club, we always invite the spouses and widows and have found that they are frequently the driving force behind the brethren attending the meetings. I believe we are somewhat unique as most Masonic groups do not ask widows to attend functions. If you have successful approaches to membership, please share them with the State and International officers. Fraternally, Bill!

**International Secretary Kevin Hokerk (AZ):** The online Monthly reporting has been received well so far. Your comments have been heard and minor adjustments have been made - Thank you! The Online Form can be found on the International Website, EVERYONE tab, Online Monthly Reporting. Try it you just might like it!

Pocket Planner Fund Raiser â€“ thank you to those that have made a donation. If you have not done so please consider making one today.

Dues Cards are available from the International Office and are customized with the club name and number, member name, member ID and type of membership. All you have to do is ask and provide the period they are good for.

The 2015 Mid-Year-Meeting will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada on January 11-13, 2015 and the meeting will be held on the 12th. The location is the same as last year, The Plaza Hotel and Casino in Old Town. Rates will be \$32.00 plus tax and Resort Fee. Details and Registration Information will be posted to the Website soon.

With many clubs having their Elections and Installations in the fall make sure you have a Past President Certificate and Past President Lapel Pin. Do your officers have Lapel Pins? If not, check the Website, MERCHANDISE Tab, and you can order them and other items easily.

Lastly, donâ€™t forget to do your civic duty and VOTE! Fraternally, Kevin Hokerk, Secretary High Twelve International, [623.239.6170](tel:623.239.6170), [www.high12.org](http://www.high12.org)

**California High Twelve Association State Secretary Spencer Sargent, PSP (CA):** California had our Convention and the following persons were elected to the State Offices: President - Ercil Eschbach, PSP; 1st VP - George Roberts; 2nd VP - Ron Preston; 3rd VP - Jonathan Dille; Treasurer - Bob Moss; Secretary - Spencer Sargent; and Chaplain - George Barber.

The Max King Award (State High Twelvian of the Year) was presented to Jerry Saville, PSP, who is currently the International High Twelve 1st Vice President.

Fresno High Twelve Club #10: Meetings are held the First Tuesday at Noon at Denny's Restaurant at 1110 E. Shaw Avenue. All Master Masons are invited to attend. Board Meetings are held at 11:00 a.m.

Brethren, We had a very nice Installation of Officers at the October meeting. Brother Malcolm White and his lovely wife, Carol, drove up from Bakersfield to conduct the installation. Malcolm is also a member of Fresno High Twelve Club No. 10; and is the Chairman of the Wolcott Fund. He explained what the Wolcott Fund is and how the funds are used to help Master Masons.

Please attend the next meeting and enjoy a lunch and listen to what Ms. Lisa Owens from JCPenney Company has to say about the Company and what we can expect from JCPenney during the holidays. Ike said that he had talked to Kohl's for another speaker but had not confirmed that speaker at the time this issue of the Chime was published.

#### **Florida High Twelve Association, Lake Worth High Twelve Club #316:**

Wolcott Story from Lake Worth High Twelve Club, Lake Worth, Florida: About three years ago, the then President of the Club, Bernhard Kainer, requested a list of Wolcott Fellows from Florida. I sent him three names, which he contacted. One of the Fellows was living in Coast Rica, said that when she could make it to the club, she would be happy to make a presentation. Fast forward three years and on October 14th, she was in town and agreed to speak to the club. My wife and I were invited to the meeting and witnessed a great evening of entertainment from one of our Senior Fellows. A brief outline follows:



**Susan Wesley-Vega**  
**Strategy & Knowledge Management Specialist & Global Champion for Savings**  
**Groups Project Model & MIS Global Office for Economic Development World**  
**Vision International**

Ms. Wesley-Vega works second to the global Director for Economic Development in World Vision, and currently leads to facilitate the sharing of knowledge around economic development initiatives both between 100 country offices as well as between the different departments (sectors) within World Vision for the alleviation of poverty around children.

Ms. Wesley-Vega provides high level leadership around the strategic direction of economic development programs in WVI. In particular, she has made significant contributions in leading two high profile programs in WVI: the launch and growth of the Economic Development Community of Practice worldwide and the global implementation and adoption of the Savings Groups Project Model and its corresponding Management Information System (MIS). She leads a global Training Team for the Savings Groups Project Model and MIS adding essential guidance to strengthen office systems for program quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation, and grant acquisition.

Ms. Wesley-Vega comes to World Vision with over 27 years of personal and professional work experience in the private and development sectors. While concluding studies as a Wolcott Fellow of the George Washington University, she worked briefly for the Organization of American States and, after graduation with USAID, gaining valued experience in international policy making and development projects. Subsequently, she was recruited as the COO for a private sector social enterprise venture in Washington, D.C. to produce state-of-the-art medical education videos through a network of front-line U.S. medical centers. She launched and guided the initiative to achieving over \$1M in sales to international markets and eventually retired for the enterprise in 2000.

Ms. Wesley-Vega holds a BA from the University of Texas at Austin in Latin American Studies, A Masters of Arts from George Washington University in International Affairs & Economic Development, and a certification in early childhood development and Montessori teaching. She and her husband, Luis, of thirty years, live in Costa Rica, with their two children Cristian and Vivianne.

**Tri County High Twelve Club is honored to have as their Guest Speaker at the October Meeting:** Our club is attempting to work together with the Shrine Club, Yellow Jackets Scooter Club (Shrine), Lady Shriners and the two Masonic Lodges in our area, along with our members by having monthly dine out function. We hope to increase the rapport between the groups.

In October we had a Lobster Dinner with 40 members from the combined groups. In November the group will visit the Ocala Shrine Club in Ocala, Florida and a total of 41 people have signed up for a Prime Rib Dinner. We are planning a luncheon meal in December at a new Italian Restaurant and hope to have more than 40 people in attendance as it is "peak season" for "Snow Birds" in our area.

Many of our members belong to Shrine Clubs and Lodges "Up North" and we hope that we can interest them in our various groups. One out-of-State has called in for reservations at our High Twelve club and we hope to add more to the rolls.

As soon as we have an event, some of the people in attendance sign up for the next event. We think we have hit on a great idea for gaining interest in our club and the other Masonic organizations and the Shrine organizations are really supporting our functions by sending the announcements out to all their members.

You may want to try something like this in your club and see if you can build interest and gain new members. It doesn't cost anything and it something different than trying to get them to your meetings. Good Luck to you, whom try something new! Fraternally, Merv Harris, PIP!

**Florida High Twelve Association, Cortez High Twelve Club #538**, Robert L. "Bob" Rodd, PSP, [roddbobkat@aol.com](mailto:roddbobkat@aol.com) - 941-776-0937.

Another month is now behind us and another Cortez Masonic Hi-12 year is ready to begin. Monday, November 3rd will be our fall start up get-together and it will be nice to see and greet those that we have not seen these past few months and catch up on all the things each of us has been up to as well as those we have stayed in touch with over the Summer.

Duff's Original Buffet at 6010 14th St. (Route 41) at the corner of Route 41 and 60th Ave. W. in Bradenton is still the destination and remember we arrive between 10:30 AM and 11:00 AM to socialize. We eat at 11:00 AM and start the rest of the day's program around 11:45-Noon. We usually finish between 12:30 and 1:30 PM depending on what we are doing for the day. Remember we meet almost every Monday from November through April.

We will be getting ready to elect our 2014-2015 Club Officers and preparing for the upcoming Florida State Masonic Hi-12 Convention which will be on December 9th at the Lake County Country Club in Tavares. You all should have received the information regarding the Convention. However, if you need additional information or have questions go to [FLHI12.ORG](http://FLHI12.ORG), and you should find it there. It will be appreciated if you would do your best to attend.

We want to invite all interested Master Masons and their ladies to come and check us out. I believe you will find we are a fun group with lots of good times ahead just waiting for us. Please come and join in the fun.

Also on the Website you will find information regarding a cruise which will be taking off from Tampa for a five night cruise (Feb. 9 to Feb. 14, 2015). They will be going on the Royal Caribbean, Brilliance of the Seas out of Tampa. They will be going from Tampa - Grand Cayman - Cozumel in Mexico and then back to Tampa. For additional information go on the Website above or to see about reservations contact Teresa Rund at Ocala Travel Cruise and Tours at 351-753-9969 or 352-732-7511 or Fred Neilson, PSP at 352-365-1483. Fraternally, Bob!

**Wolcott Foundation Vice Chairman and Zone 6 Trustee Donald Garrido (TX):** The geographical location for the Wolcott Foundation Zone 6, are the States of ALABAMA, ARKANSAS, INDIANA, KENTUCKY, LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, TENNESSEE and TEXAS. Only INDIANA, KENTUCKY, LOUISIANA, and TEXAS have active High Twelve Clubs today. Deputy Trustees have been assigned to these States.

INDIANA has seven active clubs with a total membership of 244 members. KENTUCKY has one club with 38 members. LOUISIANA has seven clubs with a total of 236 members. TEXAS has six clubs with a total of 153 members.

INDIANA, LOUISIANA, and TEXAS have a State Masonic High Twelve Association.

Many attempts were made to start High Twelve International Clubs in ALABAMA, ARKANSAS, MISSISSIPPI and TENNESSEE, but with no luck. However, we continue to pursue High Twelve Clubs in these States. Until the Grand Lodges in these States give their approval, it will be an uphill battle.

Letters were written to various organizations concerning our Wolcott Fellowship Educational Program, requesting contributions and support for our program. To date we have received no replies. We believe this could be a substantial and regular financial help to our Educational Programs.

Visited various High Twelve Clubs and was the Installing Officer at our Clubs and Associations' Installations of Officers. See photos of presentation of Letters of Appreciation to guest speaker at San Antonio High Twelve Club #656 and photo of the presentation of a "Little Red Schoolhouse", to our new High Twelve Club, "Republic of The Rio Grande #766" in LAREDO, TEXAS. Fraternally, Donald P. Garrido Trustee Zone 6.

**Illinois High Twelve Association (IL):** Greetings fellow High Twelvians. It is the start of a new year in the Association, with the election and installation of new officers at the Convention in Belleville in August.

I would like to take this time to thank our Immediate Past President, Brother Ron Thoma on, on a great year. With his Leadership we formed a new Club and increased member-ship in others. I have a big pair of shoes to fill in the coming year.

I would like to welcome brother David Liesen, a member of the Quincy Club #40 as our new 3rd Vice President, along with Brothers Joe Santisteban and Charlie Coffey as our 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents. With their help, this Association will only improve and grow.

I hope that everyone had a good time and enjoyed them-selves at the State Convention in Belleville. The committee did an excellent job planning and executing the festivities.

At this writing, Most of the State Officers are on their way to the state of Ohio for their State Convention.

We should support them as they do us.

In October, I will be attending the 175th Grand Lodge Communication where I will be presenting the Grand Master a check from the proceeds of our fund raiser this past year. At this writing the total funds collected stand at \$950.00, quite a feat!! But rumors have it that the total still might grow.

If any club still wants to add to the total, let Brother Roger Carson , our State Treasurer know. My plans for the coming year include at least one visit to all clubs, since I am still working, it might take a while, but please bear with me.

We will have another fund raiser this year, it is in the planning stages and we will strive to beat Brother Ron's total. Of course, all funds will be donated to the Masonic Charities Fund handled by the Grand Lodge. These funds are available to any needy Master Masons, their widows or orphans. All they need to do is contact the Grand Lodge.

The all-important scope of things is to keep High Twelve alive in Illinois. Without new members and the advanced age of most of our current members, we will slip into history as the organization that did so much for Masonry and their members and the general public in whole. The services we do for our community, senior citizens, college grants, even shoveling snow and cutting grass, will never be forgotten.

Let's get out there and find the new Master Masons in the lodges and show them how to do it, let them join us in the fun and work of High Twelve and reap the benefits of the Brotherhood. Fraternally, James R. Morris!

SOME REALITIES HIGH TWELVE NEEDS TO BEGIN TO FACE by Edward A. Rund, PSP

1. It's an organization with a midday gathering that almost by fiat draws only retired Masons.
2. Masonry in the U.S. is facing growing attractiveness but primarily to younger men, thus not directly benefiting High Twelve.
3. Retired Masons are older and closer to death; therefore, a quicker reduction in membership is built in.
4. Other than eating out (often with the spouse) and socializing, there is little draw for encouraging Masons to join. Added potential benefits are: learning helpful things, as well as support for widows to get out of the house and be socially active.
5. As societal costs inflate, High Twelve's operating expenses at the State and International levels will continue to rise. As will costs of meals, transportation and activities at the Club level. We must question, what are the cost/benefit considerations to the individual member and how much of an increase can be tolerated on a fixed income.
6. Continuity and an increased number of new clubs within a state is brought about by the state level organization. The latter offers a "higher order" sense of purpose and security to existing clubs through managing inter-club communications, relations, ideas for marketing and promoting High Twelve, plus improvements in club administration.
7. The two annual statewide meetings add much to this continuity and integrity, but are the overall benefits exceeding the rising costs of conducting these meetings/ conventions.
8. Similar considerations arise at the International level organization - do the benefits outweigh the increasing costs (travel, lodging,

meals). Controlling costs while minimizing waste and misappropriation would seem imperative.

9. Would video-conferencing be an acceptable and effective alternative? We must examine the benefits of meeting face-to-face versus video-conferencing, thus there is a need to clarify these cost/benefit issues.

We also need to address the issue of what induces a Mason to want to be a State-level or International officer. As mentioned above as the travel, lodging, meal costs continue to rise, will we be able to continue finding men to serve in these positions as well as attending International Mid-Year and Annual Conventions, especially when more and more money has to come out of their pockets? With little or no financial support from the State Association, what is a reasonable annual cost they should be willing to bear?

What inducements can we use to attract new members? What role in terms of pride does the endeavors of the Wolcott Foundation play in the minds of our members? Could that level of pride "opportunity" be strengthened? And has there been a projection made regarding how long the Foundation, through the use of only asset earnings, can provide fellowships given the shrinking level of donations from clubs and individuals? Will we reach a point where we can offer only one or two fellowships a year?

We are going to experience in the next few years a precipitous drop in membership. As club membership dwindles due to death, NPD, and declining interest, these remaining aged members no longer have the lodge contacts to reach out to newly retiring Masons. Nor do they have the energy to continuing to serve as officers, locate decent speakers, and bring in new members. In my experience, there are times when it seems easier to start a new club than to keep an older club operating.

While we can add piecemeal to the headcount in existing clubs, the key seems to be in taking on a comprehensive initiative to start new clubs. This won't be easy. For example, when employed Masons who attend lunch groups hear about the requirements of bylaw controlled officer structure and club operations, dues payments, and expected donations of money and services to the community, they quickly determine it's not worth it and thus just stick with their lunch groups.

Would one answer to the problem of obtaining new and younger members be to have all or some meetings during the month take place in the evening? By permitting employed Masons to become members and attend meetings, it would open up a very large pool of potential members. Fraternaly, Ed Rund!

**MOLINE AREA MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB #88:** Have you asked a fellow Master Mason to visit our High Twelve Club? This method is the best way to keep your club going.

Weâ€™ll have 3 meetings in NOVEMBER. Meeting dates are 7th, 14th and the 21st. There will not be a meeting on the 28th. Thanksgiving is on 27th and most of our members will be away on the 28th. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

All meetings are at DENNY'S RESTAURANT, 2601 52nd Avenue, Moline. Try to come about 11:00 am and have time to eat and enjoy the fellowship before the program starts at noon (High Twelve). Ladies and guests are always welcome.

Program chair for NOVEMBER is Claudine Patton. Thanks to Claudine for putting together this month's programs.

NOVEMBER 7: Speaker is Alison McCray who will tell us about Disaster Response in our neck of the woods.

NOVEMBER 14: Dale Hendricks who will enlighten us on the History of Aviation Bombers.

NOVEMBER 21: Pat Welsh will tell us what she has learned teaching English across the globe from Russia to D.C. and of course in the local community.

**Pennsylvania High Twelve Association, North Penn High Twelve Club No 473:** REMINDER - Please make your November reservations NOW !!! Please Note: *RESERVATIONS* are "Confirmed" Monday 17-NOV at 4PM

Now for November's "Speaker" - Ms. Lindsay Blanton, Water Quality Outreach Coordinator, Wissahickon Valley Watershed Association. Here is a short synopsis of her presentation: We will discuss the history and development of the Wissahickon Creek, and how this has impacted the health of the water. The Wissahickon Creek is enormously important to our community, but is not in the best condition presently. The focus of the presentation will center around what we can do individually and as a community to improve the quality of the Wissahickon and protect its health moving forward.

OUR MENU: House Salad with Balsamic dressing - Roast Pork Loin Chasseur - Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans Almandine - Rolls, Butter, Coffee and Tea and for dessert - Pumpkin Pie. Sounds great to me! Same deal - call for your reservations.

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, as regular as clockwork. This month it will be on Thursday, at 12 noon, November 20th, 2014 at "The William Penn Inn", Route 202 & Sumneytown Pike, Gwynedd, PA.

Bring a guest or a friend. We will pay for the first time guest. Let's put forth a conscientious effort into joining us for lunch this month. Make your reservations while you are thinking about it - Now would be good.

Please call Bob Morton or email him to reserve your space at the lunch table. He can be reached at [rjmorton4@comcast.net](mailto:rjmorton4@comcast.net), or 215-285-7266.

In December, we will again be entertained by the talented North Penn High School Chorale group. They will continue to present an amazing performance at the December 19th luncheon!! Please mark this event on your "Calendar"!!! Fraternal regards, Brother Bob Morton!

**Humor:****This little humor was submitted by Don Graupner, Tri County High Twelve Club Past President:**

Charley, a new retiree-greeter at Wal-Mart, just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day he was 5, 10, 15 minutes late. But he was a good worker, really tidy, clean-shaven, sharp-minded and a real credit to the company and obviously demonstrating their "Older Person Friendly" policies.

One day the boss called him into the office for a talk. "Charley, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a bang-up job when you finally get here; but you're being late so often is quite bothersome."

"Yes, I know boss, and I am sorry and am working on it." "Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear." "Yes sir, I understand your concern and I will try harder."

Seeming puzzled, the manager went on to comment, "I know you're retired from the Armed Forces. What did they say to you there if you showed up in the morning late so often?"

The old man looked down at the floor, then smiled. He chuckled quietly, then said with a grin, "They usually saluted and said, Good morning, Admiral, can I get your coffee, sir?"

Bubba and Johnny Ray, two good ole boys from North Carolina, were sitting on the front porch drinking beer when a large truck hauling rolls and rolls of sod went by. "I'm gonna do that when I win the lottery," said Bubba. "Do what?" asked Johnny Ray. "Send my grass out to be mowed,"

There once was a "smart guy," a "not that smart guy," and an all-round "not smart at all guy." They were going to cross the Sahara Desert. The "smart guy" says, "meet here in an hour with something useful to cross the desert with!" Later on an hour passes. The "smart guy" says I brought some ice packs to keep our heads cool, the "not so smart guy" says I brought a pail of water to keep us hydrated. The "not smart at all guy" says, "I brought a car door so I can roll the window down when it gets hot!"

A three-year-old had been told several times to get ready for bed. The last time his mom told him, she was every insistent. His response was, "Yes, Sir! Since he was talking to his mother (and she is a woman), it was not expected of him to call her "Sir".

"You would say, 'yes sir,' to a man, I am a lady, and you would say 'Yes Ma'am,' to a lady," Mom said. To quiz him on his lesson; she then asked him, "What would you say to Daddy?"

"Yes Sir!" was the reply. "Then what would you say to Mama?" "Yes, Ma'am! he proudly answered.

"Good boy! Now what would you say to Grandma?" He lit up and said, "Can I have a cookie?"

Two judges from a small county happen to be stopped for speeding on the same day. They agree that there's no point in calling the state Supreme Court for a visiting judge; they'll just go ahead and hear each others case. The next morning, one judge takes the bench, the other sits at counsel table. The first judge admits he's guilty, and the second judge suspends the fine and court costs for him. They then switch places, the second judge pleads guilty as well, but the other judge fines him \$200 plus all court costs. The second judge is exceedingly upset: "I suspended your fine and costs and you go and give me the maximum!" The first judge responds: "Well, look at the increase we've just had for this crime. SOMEBODY has to do something about it!"

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