

Winter State Committee and Chapter Presidents Meeting
Organ Loft, Salt Lake City Utah
Saturday, December 03, 2011

Meeting was conducted by State Director Harold Jacklin

Attendance: Every chapter had a representative.

State Staff were all present except for Lynn and Maretta Koyle, (Maretta had surgery and was ill), and Marty and Susen Zobel (they were out of town).

Minutes for the State Meeting on Friday, September 16, 2011 at our Fall Tag were approved.

Financial Report:

Good Sams General Account; \$9,913.16 in the bank as of 11/30/11 -Lynn Koyle

Samboree Account; \$4,500.00 2012 bank balance - Glen Carroll

Merchandise Sales; total made for 2011 was \$740.73 -Cliff Stubbs

Business:

Donations made in 2011 to Charities amounted to \$3,400.00;

Nephi Ambulance- \$300.00

Dogs for the Deaf - \$1,000.00

Make a Wish - \$500.00

Christmas Box - \$500.00

The Road Home - \$500.00

PJ's Forgotten Kids - \$500.00

Delta Museum - \$100.00

Lynn and Maretta Koyle, State Treasurers were recognized for their fourteen years of dedicated service. Since they were unable to be in attendance a small gift of appreciation will be presented to them at a later date.

Chapter Presidents voted for the new State Treasurer. This will be a two year commitment. Each chapter president was given a secret ballot, the ballots were counted by Ed Greiner and Boyd Bowman, and results were given to State Director, Harold Jacklin. Our new State Treasurer will be Joan and Marv Lee. They were sworn into office by State Director, Harold Jacklin. Joan stated; "I have three thoughts to share with you." Her 1st thought is that now she will have something challenging herself. 2nd thought is that she has made many friends since she has joined Good Sams and now will make more friends, and her 3rd thought was that the State Staff gets a pair to join them, we get Marv too! State Director, Harold Jacklin congratulated Joan and Marv and expressed that he was looking forward to working with them.

The Chapter of the Year procedure was explained by State Director, Harold Jacklin. There were four judges who judged the Chapter booklets independently of each other, each of them filled out a score sheet, the score sheets were placed in an envelope and sealed, the envelopes were given to Lynn Koyle, State Treasurer to count, he then phoned State Director, Harold Jacklin with the results. State Director, Rosalie Jacklin, stated that there were thousands of hours and hundreds of dollars that has went into this year's nominations. She stated that other chapters have done just as well; the only difference is they didn't do the paper work at the end of the year. She encouraged other chapters to do the paper work and submit for Chapter of the Year. She announced that the Squaw Peak Sams were Honorable Mention Winners and the Utah Deer Sams were the Chapter of the Year for 2011. A certificate was given to each Chapter President and congratulations were given by State Director, Harold Jacklin.

Location for 2012 Fall Tag was voted on by each chapter. It was decided that the location will be Delta and the dates will be September 6th-8th, which coordinates with Old Capital Days in Fillmore.

Samboree:

Theme for the Samboree is Christmas in June and we would like also to add to this service, Small acts of kindness. Invite others to join you at a campfire, share treats, give out a plate of cookies, help each other where needed. State Director, Harold Jacklin stated; "You cannot plow a field by thinking about it! Our lives will be happier and fuller by

reaching out." Membership did not increase for this year. Our goal is to get more members. Reach out to those younger people and get them involved. We need more than 20%-50% at our Samboree. Any chapter with 100% attendance camping with us at the Samboree will receive \$100.00.

Book Exchange= we have no books for this year's exchange. Remember to save and bring books to exchange.

Tie Decoration Day will be Friday at the Samboree. Both men and women are encouraged to get busy and decorate a Christmas tie so you can proudly wear it on Friday.

Make it and Take it seminars will need to be signed up for in advance. Carol Jean Carroll presented gingerbread houses that will be decorated at the Samboree. Each member that wants to decorate these gingerbread houses needs to bring their own decorations or pay to have them brought for you. A kit with a gingerbread house made of board and frosting will be purchased by each member interested. These houses can be reused over and over after you wipe them off. More information will be forthcoming.

Chapter / State Histories= Bob Anderson, State Historian, will have a workshop on how to put your chapter histories on a CD.

Information:

Dates of coming events;

Spring State Committee Meeting, Saturday, April 14, 2012 in Heber City, Utah

Samboree, June 6th -9th, 2012 in Nephi, Utah

Fall Tag-A-Long, September 6th – 8th in Delta, Utah

Winter State Committee Meeting, Saturday, December 01, 2012, Organ Loft, Salt Lake City, Utah

A committee will get together with Lynn Koyle to conduct the State Good Sam Treasury Audit with a report to be given at the next State Committee meeting on April, 14, 2012.

State Director, Rosalie Jacklin, ended the meeting by thanking everyone for their support this past year. Reflecting back on activities, she felt like they knew more members than they thought they did. She thanked the State Staff for their support giving a poinsettia to each state staff couple.

State Director, Harold Jacklin, closed the meeting with his appreciation to everyone.

Handouts given were:

Good Sams General Account

Samboree Account

Chapter Presidents and Addresses

Chapter Rosters

Chapters & State Staff Assignments

Nominees for Utah State Good Sam Treasurer

Chapter of the Year, Judges Criteria 2011

Utah Good Sams Chapter Samboree Assignments 2012

Utah Good Sams Calendar 2012

Utah Good Sams Chapter Samboree Assignments with Staff Advisors June 6-9 2012

Oath of Office

Jean North

State Secretary

"Seek ways to help others have a better day – a small act of kindness"

Two men seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The two men talked for hours on end.

They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, the involvement in the military service, and where they had been on vacation. Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window.

The man in the other bed began to live for those one hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside. The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats, young lovers walked arm in arm amidst the flowers of every color and a fine view of the City skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scenes. One warm afternoon, the man by the window described a band and a parade passing by. Although the other man could not hear the band, he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days and weeks passed by!

One morning the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window who had died peacefully in his sleep during the night. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to come and take body away.

As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window now beside his bed.

Interestingly, the window faced a blank wall.

The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside the window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall behind the window. She said, perhaps he just wanted to encourage and support you.

There is such tremendous happiness in making others happy despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared is doubled. If you want to feel rich just count all the things you have that money cannot buy. Today is a gift and that is why it is called the present. Make the most of every moment.