

Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis Newsletter

October 28 2016 5-4

The Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis met at Park Place on October 28, 2016 with Kim presiding with 9 members present.

Honeycutt Tournament: It was a lot of fun. Numbers to come in the next couple of weeks.

November of Giving: Don't forget to bring in items for the McDonald House donation drive. Members who bring in donations will get a raffle ticket for a chance to win a gift card at the end of the month. Thanks to everyone that has already donated!

Salvation Army = it's time to sign up for a bell ringer spot and/or to get people registered for the Angel Tree. If you're interested go to the Salvation Army website and register: <http://csarmy.org/index.asp>

Christmas at the Post and Parade = December 10th

Chris gave us info on the history of Halloween for our weekly program.

- Halloween is not, in fact, a pagan ritual holiday. It is a modern American and Christian holiday. Halloween falls on October 31 because of a pope and its observances are the result of medieval Catholic piety.
- Halloween falls on October 31 because the Feast of All Saints (All Hallows) is on November 1, the day that Pope Gregory III declared it to coincide with the dedication of All Saints Chapel in Rome. Years later, an abbot in Southern France added All Souls Day on November 2. These holidays cover souls in heaven and souls in purgatory so it became customary to bang pots and pans on October 31 (All Hallows Eve) to let the souls in hell know they weren't forgotten...in an attempt to keep them from causing trouble.
- Costumes became a tradition after the bubonic plague hit Europe and wiped out half the population. Catholics became more concerned with the afterlife, said more masses on All Souls Day, and dressed up to represent the 'dance of death.' Costumes on HALLOWEEN started in North America in the 1700s when different ethnicities began to intermarry and traditions mixed.
- 'Trick or Treat' is credited to English Catholics because of Guy Fawkes Day (Remember, remember the 5th of November...) Fawkes was caught attempting to blow up Parliament during the 'penal period' (1500-1700s) when Catholics had no legal rights. Bands of revelers would put on masks and visit local Catholics in the middle of the night demanding beer and cakes. The tradition traveled to North America with the settlers.
- The mixture of various immigrant traditions WE know as Halloween became a fixture in the US by the early 1800s. Witches and Jack O Lanterns

(originally made from turnips) were added by the greeting card industry in the late 1800s.

-Information from Father Augustine Thompson, associate professor of religious studies at the University of Virginia

Thank you to Nicole for volunteering to help me with newsletter by reporting when I am out. This week was reported by her

Upcoming Events

December 10 Christmas at Post and parade

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