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Last of the Year
Edition



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PROGRAM

TODAY

Red Littleton

Cathy Littleton-Whal

New Generations

NEXT WEEK

Christmas Party

N.O. Nelson Center

BIRTHDAYS

21st Century Slavery

Jeny introduced her guest, Angela Valdes, who came today to talk about human trafficking.

Angela says that human trafficking is not just a third-world issue. In fact, there are more people enslaved today in the U.S. than ever in our history.

Much of the human trafficking is in the sex industry. It has become the #1 organized crime in the U.S. Whether it's prostituted women or mail-order-brides, there is an untold number of people who live in this abuse in the US.

Other human trafficking involves the labor market. Through debt-bondage, people are imported into meat packing, construction, agricultural, restaurant, and landscaping industries who work at such low wages and such oppressive charges that they will never be able to pay off their debts.

The abuse that is associated with human trafficking include rape, physical abuse, drug addiction, fraud, threats to families, and whatever is necessary to control the victim.

The national trafficking hotline is 888-3737-888. Call this number if you think you have spotted a victim.

NEWS, NOTES, AND NONSENSE

A mere twenty gathered for Salisbury Steak and Ham last meeting. Rhonda was in practice mode. She's getting the right touch.

Lori says "meet at Jeffrey's at 9 on the 14th" if you are helping to deliver the twenty poinsettias that we are giving out.

Joe says that the Basketball tournament will have to be moved to February, due to scheduling conflicts which we tried to avoid by moving it to January.

Mark S. says he is ready to move to Washington St.

Chris H. clarified that the gifts we are purchasing are for Washington School. Third grade or lower.

Mark A. says that the selection has been completed at RHS, although he was disappointed that only 4 out of 15 eligible students applied.

Lori was celebrating the birth of her grandson, Graham Allen Palmer

Wendell was celebrating that RI has finally approved the matching grant for the Colombia Cleft-palate project.

Allen H. and Paul both failed to pad their Christmas wallets. \$108 is in the pot to start this week.

MAKE UP SITES

MONDAY

NOON

•Wood River—St. John UCC, WR

•Jerseyville—Peace United Church

6 PM

•Alton-Godfrey—Alton Sports Tap

•Bethalto—Airport Restaurant

TUESDAY

NOON

•Collinsville—Holiday Inn

•Granite City—Niedringhaus Methodist

•Highland—Michael's Restaurant

WEDNESDAY

NOON

•Goshen—LCCC Center, Edwardsville

THURSDAY

NOON

•Riverbend—Mac's Time Out Lounge, 315 Belle St.

•Edwardsville—First Christian

FRIDAY

NOON

•Troy, Silver Creek—Pizza Man

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Upcoming Events

12-14: Poinsettia Delivery

12-15: Bell Ringing

12-20: Christmas Party. (no noon meeting)

12-27: No Meeting

1-12: Basketball

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Service Above Self

The Four Way Test

- *Is it the Truth?
- *Is it Fair to all concerned?
- *Will it Build Goodwill and better Friendships?
- *Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?

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Club Archives

Dec. 21, 1995

-Brad P. was serving as our Prez and Larry as our Treasurer. We were meeting at the Keasler Center and dining on grub provided by ??

-Today's speaker was Alton police officer David Hayes. He talked about gangs.

-A couple of weeks back we welcomed two representatives of the Alton police department who were on hand to talk about the "Project Safe Place" program. -We were still in need of help with the Salvation Army bell ringing on Dec. 23rd. Each shift was 90 minutes.

-Operation Blessing was moving to a new location on Lorena Av. in WR. They will need moving assistance.

-The Taylor's hosted the Christmas party last week. Rick was looking for a receipt for the berries with white topping dessert.

-The RI float in the 1996 Rose Parade will be decorated by 1200 volunteers.

-The next board meeting would be held on January 2nd @ Moonlight.

Twelve Days 'Til Christmas

Many people are aware that the song, "Twelve Days of Christmas" was written to help English Catholics to remember the key points of the catechism. The "true love" mentioned in the song doesn't refer to an earthly suitor, it refers to God Himself. The "me" who receives the presents refers to every baptized person. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge which feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings, much in memory of the expression of Christ's sadness over the fate of Jerusalem: "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered thee under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but

thou wouldst not have it so..."

The other symbols mean the following:

2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments

3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Love, the

Theological Virtues

4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists

5 Golden Rings = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch," which gives the history of man's fall from grace.

6 Geese A-laying = the six days of creation

7 Swans A-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments

8 Maids A-milking = the eight beatitudes

9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit

10 Lords A-leaping = the ten commandments

11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles

12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

Just For Fun

What do elves learn in school?

[The Elf-abet!]

What was so good about the neurotic doll the girl was given for Christmas?

[It was already wound up.]

Mom, can I have a dog for Christmas?

[No, you can have turkey like everyone else.]

What nationality is Santa Claus?

[North Polish.]

What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus?

[Claustrophobic.]

Judge: "What are you charged with?"

Prisoner: "Doing my Christmas shopping early."

Judge: "That's not an offense. How early were you doing this shopping?"

Prisoner: "Before the store opened."

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

[Snowflakes.]

What do you get if you deep fry Santa Claus?

[Crisp Cringle.]

What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?

[It's Christmas, Eve!]

What did the ghosts say to Santa Claus?

[We'll have a boo Christmas without you.]