



THE CITY SALESMEN'S CLUB

SELEGRAM



Meeting Date: November 28, 2023

Location: Hoover Country Club

Presiding: Joe Daniel

Prayer, Pledge & Creed: Dan Weingarten – Birmingham MarbleWorks

GUEST (HOST): Tim Blackmon, UNITS Portable Storage <https://unitsstorage.com/birmingham-al/> (Sam Mosolino)

APPROVAL OF LAST WEEK'S MINUTES: Approved as corrected and re-submitted.

SOCIAL REPORT: No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: No report.

MEMBER HEALTH REPORT:

- Tom Meter continues to undergo cancer treatment at UAB. His daughter has set up a GoFundMe page to help with expenses. Kevin Barber & Keith Keller are assisting.
- Jeff Phillips is having aneurysm surgery this Thursday at UAB. Recovery is expected to take at least a month.
- Greg Troncale shared news that former member, Dewey Ware, is having health problems.

THANK YOU'S: Started by Keith Keller.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- 1st Reading for Richard Rushing – Owner of Chem Command. Club Sponsors are Joseph Habshey & Michael Weber.
- 1st Reading for Wayne Campbell – Owner of BAMA Investigation & Security Services. Club Sponsors are Dick Coffee & James Lucas.
- Birthdays: 11/27 – Ken Wilder (absent); 11/28 – Michael Weber (absent)

ATTENDANCE REPORT: 55 Active. 3 Associates. 1 Retired. 1 Guests. **60 Total.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Pocket roster information was on tables for members to review. Please send any changes to Alex Lott before the final version is submitted for print production this Friday.
- Joe has sent emails containing a link to sign up for the December 19th Christmas Party. To date, only 50% of membership has RSVP'd. At Joseph Habshey's request, physical sign-up sheets will be on tables at the meeting next Tuesday.

PROGRAM: Robbie Lee – Director of the Exceptional Foundation (introduced by Alex Lott)

The Exceptional Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in 1993 for people with intellectual disabilities. E.F. has expanded with affiliate locations in Atlanta, Auburn & Daphne. It's mission and purpose are to promote healthy living, improve life skills, support social relationships, and foster community involvement. E.F. Birmingham is in a 32,000 sq. ft. facility in Homewood and serves hundreds of people ranging from 5 – 80 years old. No one is turned away for any reason. Although the cost is less than \$400/month, 20% of enrollees are on scholarship. On average, it serves 117 people daily and is open 10 hours per day. Last year, there were 356 total participants, a 30% increase over the previous year. Days are filled with field trips, sports activities, arts & crafts, cooking classes, and more with a focus on socialization. There are summer camps and after-school programs for school age kids. There's also continuing education and job training for older participants. There are some program limitations due to a small staff and no federal funding. Participant fees make up about 25% of the funding. The rest is raised through donations and fundraisers, such as the annual Chili Cook-Off at Brookwood Village that raised \$450,000 this year. It's always the 1st Saturday in March and continues to grow every year. Robbie also encouraged the group to support The Arc's "Gifts for All" to provide Christmas gifts to its participants, 75% of whom have no family. If you want to get in touch with Robbie his email address is rllee@exceptionalfoundation.org.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Mike Seals proved unpaid jobs can be costly.

GREETERS & PRIZES:

Dick Coffee (Dick Coffee Enterprises) – won by John Sivley

Paul Dangel (Hyatt Regency Birmingham - The Wynfrey Hotel) – won by Alex Lott

JACKPOT: \$13 – Won by Dean Ledbetter

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1:01 PM

NEXT MEETING: December 5, 2023

SPEAKER: Business Meeting

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Secretary _____ John Wolsoncroft
Treasurer _____ Dean Ledbetter



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