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From the Major's Desk



Well, for basketball fans, it's that time of the year. For those of us in

Indiana, "Hoosier Hysteria" is already in progress, with the boys and girls basketball tournaments well under way. For others, "March Madness" isn't too far behind.

For me, the "madness" of March has more to do with the weather than basketball, but I am a long-time sufferer of "Hoosier Hysteria". Yes, I am a Hoosier, born and bred. This time of year, I begin to check the newspaper for the tournament scores, and the sky to see what today's weather will bring.

In short, I am a fan of high school basketball, and Indiana. Or as we like to say, I am a Hoosier.

To be a fan, is to really be a fanatic. Oops, I suddenly turned a relatively harmless word, used to describe someone who really likes something like a sports team, into a dangerous word that describes someone who is crazy. Amazing how much difference a few letters can make, isn't it? We don't mind being called a fan, but when we use proper English and spell the full word, we are suddenly defensive.

Such as, I am a fanatic of the Chicago Cubs. Even more offensive to some, I am a fanatic of Jesus.

It was true in the Bible also, that people did not want to be known as fanatics of Jesus. The Scriptures tell us that, when Jesus was arrested in the garden of Gethsemane, most of His disciples scattered to the four winds. Only Peter and John stayed around to see how things would turn out.

It's interesting, isn't it? Of all the people who followed Jesus,

only a handful were there when He was on trial for His life, and when He was taken to Golgotha for execution. Of all those who called Him King of the Jews as He made His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, only a few stayed to the end.

Today, there's no effort to crucify Jesus again. Instead, His followers are either ridiculed or ignored. Many of His followers are harassed and murdered in other parts of the world. Here, we are mostly laughed at or scorned.

But, no matter the treatment, we still follow Jesus and His Word. We still seek to bring others to know and love Him, and to accept His grace and salvation. And, I count myself among those who still love and serve Him with all my heart.

In short, I'm a fanatic. I'm a fan.

God Bless you,
Major Harold Poff



**The Salvation Army
presents a**

**Friday, April 11
6:30 pm**

The Salvation Army Corps
2901 N. Clinton Street
Fort Wayne, IN

**There will be food, fun
and fellowship.**

**Will you be the one who
uncovers the mystery??**

**This is a
Women's Ministry
Fundraiser**

A \$5.00 minimum donation
for dinner will go towards
World Services.

**Please R.S.V.P. to Roxanne
on or before April 9, 2014.**

(260) 744-2311 or

Roxanne_Albrecht@
usc.salvationarmy.org



Indiana Divisional Women's Camp *Adventures in Faith*

Women's Camp at Hidden Falls Camp

May 16-18, 2014
for women ages 18-98

**Early Bird Registration is
due April 25, 2014**

\$60.00

**Last Call Registration is
due May 1, 2014**

\$80.00



**For more information or
to register for camp,
please call
Major Lynneta Poff
(260-744-2311)**

This year you may start
creating your own adventure
by answering this question.

What are you?

- A Morning Bird
- A Night Owl
- Neither

You may also choose your own adventure:

- **Posh:** Take care of yourself, eye make-up class, Avon's Posh line, Paparazzi Accessories
- **Crafters:** Bring your own OR simple crafts (cards and Oriental Trade-type crafts)
- **Extreme:** Archery, Clay Shooting, High Ropes
- **Shop-a-holic:** An Adventure to Edinburgh Premium Outlet Mall
- **Meditation:** Quiet time for you, a walk in the woods, prayer chapel, a Bible Study

Don't forget to bring:

Extra cash for the Auction
on Saturday Afternoon
A dress for your Adventure
Dream on Saturday Night
Bedding for a twin-size bed
and your own towels



Bell ringing creates special memories



Whether you are a paid or volunteer bell ringer, God provides many blessings to you through the many people you meet.

Steve Tyska, who attends The Salvation Army Church, shared some of his special memories of bell ringing in 2013. Steve wrote the following about how he was blessed:

- * A mother whose little boy was so thrilled to have the opportunity to ring bells with me. A few weeks later while ringing bells at another location, that very same mother came up to me with a glow in her face thanking me for making her little boy's day!
- * The little boy who wanted to ring bells and sing a Christmas song with me. I asked him what his favorite Christmas song was, he said "JESUS LOVES ME". You can bet we sang that song with as much enthusiasm as anyone!
- * The family who donated a few dollars, and their little boy who asked me where the money goes. After explaining to him, he turned to look up at his father and said, "Daddy, can we donate a few more pennies?"
- * I was blessed to have had the honor and privilege of shaking the hands of so many of our military veterans-both retired and active and thanking them for their service to our country!
- * I was blessed by the amazing outpouring of the sincere, heartfelt appreciation of all of those who donated their time and money!



Puppies for Sale

from Chicken Soup for the Soul Bible

At the end of his life, King David praised God for his goodness, singing a song about God's greatness and his love and care for the weakest creatures. David knew that God valued him in spite of his weaknesses and that God rescues "those who are humble" (2 Sam. 22:28), just as this little boy rescued the puppy that was just right for him.

A store owner was tacking a sign above his door that read "Puppies for Sale." Signs like that have a way of attracting small children, and sure enough, a little boy appeared under the store owner's sign. "How much are you going to sell the puppies for?" he asked. The store owner replied, "Anywhere from \$30-\$50." The little boy reached in his pocket and pulled out some change. "I have \$2.37," he said. "Can I please look at them?" The store owner smiled and then whistled. Out of the kennel came Lady, who ran down the aisle of the store followed by five teeny, tiny balls of fur.

One puppy was lagging considerably behind. Immediately the little boy singled out the lagging, limping puppy and said, "What's wrong with that little dog?" The store owner explained that the veterinarian had examined the little puppy and had discovered it didn't have a hip socket. It would always limp, It would always be lame. The little boy became excited. "That is the puppy that I want to buy". The store owner said, "No, you don't want to buy that little dog. If you really want him, I'll just give him to you." The little boy became quite upset. He looked straight into the owner's eyes, pointed his finger at him, and said, "I don't want you to give him to me. That little dog is worth every bit as much as the others dogs and I'll pay full price. In fact, I'll give you \$2.37 now and 50 cents a month until I have him paid for." The store owner countered, "You really don't want to buy this little dog. He is never going to be able to run, jump, and play with you like the other puppies." To this, the little boy reached down and rolled up his pant leg to reveal a badly twisted, crippled leg supported by a big metal brace. He looked up and softly replied, "Well, I don't run so well myself, and the little puppy will need someone who understands!" by Dan Clark



Day of Giving

Culvers Restaurants, located at 3510 East Dupont and 1425 West Washington Center Road, are once again holding a Culvers Day of Giving on Wednesday, March 19, 2014.

Owners, Bob and Sandy Geisler, allow Salvation Army staff and volunteers to serve throughout the day at their restaurants and then give the Army 10% of their daily receipts. The Salvation Army is also allowed to educate the public about our many programs and place counter kettles near their registers for donations.

In 2013, The Salvation Army raised \$2,737.43 thanks to Culvers' support and the generosity of their customers.

Please plan to go to the Culvers Restaurants on East Dupont or West Washington Center Road on Wednesday, March 19th for some great food and to support The Salvation Army.

Queen of Charities contestants become creative fundraisers



Team Jassy's t-shirt

Team Jassy (contestant Jaslina Yarbrough, age 4) is one of the front runners for pageant fundraising this year, already having brought in over \$1,900 for The

Salvation Army. Her mom, Alisha, decided to think of creative ways to teach her daughter about the rewards of giving back to the community. "I wanted to show her how good it feels to do everything you can to give to others," says Alisha. That included a pulled pork lunch, customized t-shirts, and a variety of DIY projects, including cookie mixes, body scrubs and laundry soaps for sale with all proceeds going directly to

Jaslina's fundraising efforts. "And we're not done yet!"

Other contestants have followed suit, finding creative ways to get the community involved with The Salvation Army. Gillian Smith, from the Junior Miss Division, had a Valentine's delivery basket, full of cupcakes, cookies and cakepops for donation only.



Gillian's cakepops

Charis Lechleidner, from the Toddler Miss Division, just finished an online auction that has put her fundraising at over \$750, thanks to donations from local businesses and friends who bid for charity. "We have a goal of \$1,000", says Team Charis. "We've received assistance from The Salvation Army



Charis, age 2 1/2

when we were in need, and it's important for us to pay that forward to another family who may need it."

The next fund-raising opportunity is on March 20th from 11-3:00 pm at The Salvation Army; contestants will be serving soup lunches for \$8.00 (including choice of soup, bread and dessert) with 100% of all proceeds going to families in need. For more info on how you can help their cause or for info on getting involved with the pageant, email Jama_Smith@usc.salvationarmy.org or call 260-744-2311 and ask for Jama Smith.

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REGULAR SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

“Return Service Requested”

SUNDAY

9:30 am United Sunday School Opening
9:45 am Sunday School
10:45 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Open gym and game night (first Sunday of the month)

WEDNESDAY

4:30 pm Band
5:00 pm Theory and Singing Company
6:00 pm Bible Study
6:30 pm Praise Team
7:00 pm Women’s Ministry

THURSDAY

4:30-6:00 pm Character Building activities (Sept. through May)
6:00-7:00 pm Corps Cadets (September through May)

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE HOURS

Food Pantry-Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:00-3:00 pm
CURF- Tuesday morning walk-ins (*call for more information*)
Other assistance provided by appointment (744-2311)

YOUTH PROGRAMS

After-school programs-please check the calendar for other events.



The Fort Wayne Salvation Army Presents

The Chicago Staff Band

on Saturday, March 15, 2014

7:00 pm

**This event is open to the public and will be held at
The Salvation Army Corps Community Center
2901 N. Clinton Street**



This world class band includes Salvation Army Officers and volunteers who are dedicated to Christian service and music excellence.

There is no charge to attend. Attendees may make a free will offering to support local Salvation Army programs.