

LAPEER OPTIMIST – BULLETIN

December 1, 2016

Danny's Mexican Fiesta lunch was enjoyed by 14 members and one guest. Apparently Danny is concerned that post inauguration these Mexican treats will be unavailable....

Our guest speaker was Mr. Colby Miller, president of Lapeer MedStar ambulance service. Despite initial concerns of “yawn”, Mr. Miller was interesting and provided much information. MedStar was not part of the recent county wide millage – that was strictly for Lapeer County EMS which is a separate entity. This is a not for profit business that originated in Mt. Clemens and now serves multiple communities from Hamtramck to Lapeer. They have 400 employees, 70 ambulances, and transfer 90,000 patients annually. Despite public misconception, they operate independently of McLaren Hospital although they are contracted to transport their patients. They have also provided a legal opinion to some Lapeer county townships that are contemplating challenging the recent successful ems millage. Apparently, some townships feel it is in the best interests of their taxpayers to not pay the additional one mill tax increase. Mr. Miller and MedStar are also strong advocates of defibrillators in places where people gather and they have donated 35 of these to date within their service area. Cardiac arrest survival rates are significantly improved when defibrillators are utilized quickly. He also recommended Bill Rykhus and Ron McDougall carry one with them at all times.

In other news, Al Grossbauer attempted to provide an update on the liquor violation during Lapeer Days. However he really provided no information other than the fact that he overslept the hearing and wears bunny pajamas with footies. Nick will provide an update at a later date.

Our Christmas party is Friday, December 9th at the Elks. It is a funny Christmas hat theme. For more information, contact John Laclair-Newberry.

Cassabon won and lost the badge drawing.