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Tootsie Roll

Tootsie Roll Drive Overcomes Setback The October 6-7 Tootsie Roll Drive.

more properly identified as the Drive for People with Disabilities, exceeded last year's total by more than a thousand dollars. With collection sites at Wal-Mart on Albert Pike, three Kroger stores, and Price Cutter. **Chairman Hugh Truesdale** reports that generous store patrons contributed a total of **\$5279.24**, which bested last year's total of approximately **\$3900** even without one of its most important collection locations. Donations increased even though Wal-Mart on Central , which realistically could have meant an additional **\$1000**, unexpectedly was denied as a collection station. Store policy allows only one organization at a time to make collections outside their doors, and even though our name was thought to be on their calendar two or three months ago, somehow another organization's name was actually there. A Wal-Mart offer for the council to collect the following Saturday was turned down.

The council will send a check for the above amount, minus expenses, to Arkansas Knights of Columbus, 85% of which will be returned as our donation to First Step School here in Hot Springs. The remaining 15% will be used for Special Olympics, the chosen charity of the state organization.

The council expresses its gratitude to the many volunteers, members and non-members, men and women, who worked two-hour shifts at the various stores. They are far too numerous to name here. Thanks also to all the captains, those who made periodic money pick-ups at the collection sites, and those who counted the money and prepared it for deposit. Chairman Truesdale arranged a pizza supper at St. John's Parish Hall on Friday evening, the 6th, as a show of appreciation to volunteers.

Fall Charity Rummage Sale Brings in \$12,000

Two hard weeks of work resulted in \$12,000 for the council's community outreach program. This total, a couple thousand less than that of the spring sale, includes proceeds from pre-sale items as well as those sold on consignment at Antique Showroom on Malvern Avenue. The council is gratified that two large sales buttressed by a one-day July furniture sale brought in a total of \$28,000 in 2006. In addition to enabling the council to keep its commitment to various Hot Springs charities as well as a good number of needy individuals, the money has enabled the Outreach Committee to make its final payment to Hot Springs Knights, Inc. for the approximate \$20,000 borrowed just two years ago to build Reiter Building for furniture storage..

As for aid to people in need, the council during the sale and just after gave away three sofas, a rocker, two mattress/box spring sets, lamps, a vacuum cleaner, and kitchenware.

Our present inventory of merchandise is presently lower



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Knight Shift

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Grand Knight's Report

At Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, California, 1972, I was about to depart campus in the mid-day sun for the surf, as I was off work that day. A fellow student zipped by saying to me, "Hey,

Bucky's in the cafeteria." I had recently shared with my friend that Buckminister Fuller's *Spaceship Earth* was an edifying book.

As I entered the crowded cafeteria, a voice boomed something about "the building block of the universe!" This from a 5'2" stocky, white-haired, 82-old with thick glasses who came in to my view just as he exclaimed, crashing a sponge tetrahedron to the floor. A tetrahedron is a form having four planes as a threesided pyramid. With the tetrahedron understanding, Buckminister Fuller is the designer of the strongest architectural form known to humankind, the Geodesic Dome.

Over the next several years I met the man on several occasions and found him always to be figuring stuff. Once, for example, he talked about some of the dimensions of our globe. He laid out the figures. "The planet 8000 miles in diameter, 71% water coverage, with four miles average water depth." I harkened back two years previous, flying home to the U.S. from Southeast Asia and marveling at the Pacific Ocean's hours of water and what abundant water our globe has. He added, "If you, in scale, reduce the earth to a foot diameter and, let's say, making it a shiny stainless steel ball and blow your breath on it to create a moist film, that's how much water we have; that is the relative depth of water on earth." O, whimsical truth.

Do you sometimes feel for Ol' Pontius Pilate in his query, "What is truth?" Our nature gives truth an illusive quality. Look at atoms; everything is made of atoms with great areas of space between them. The component parts that make up each atom also have the same space substance ratio—ad infinitum. Is anything really solid other than the integrity of an energy field of force?

The Roman Empire's Regent in Israel, some 2000 years ago, had his perceived predicament. He mired in a failure to understand that regardless of how much hand-washing, "The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them." (Albert Einstein)

In the vigorous advance of science technology, might we someday conclusively prove the truth that is God? We probe into the terrestrial from our exotic duty station, Earth, as spiritual beings on a human adventure. It is with ultraviolet, infrared, x-ray and other viewing instruments at wavelengths that far exceed what the human eye can detect that is enhanced to ever greater measure. To one point of view, what is being shown is to a greater measure of our utter insignificance. In a certain respect, small we are. Our sun is 99.8% of our entire solar system. The sun is 93 million miles from us. It is a little smaller than average in a galaxy comprising more than 200 billion stars in a disk spiral

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