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An Unforgettable Telethon

David Aiken

The COACB telethon for the spring of 2008 will certainly be an unforgettable one. Fourteen inches of snow and high winds created blizzard conditions. Friday Delaware and Kenton postponed their telethons but Marion went ahead with the auction.

On Saturday morning, Morrow County, was under a level two snow emergency and conditions were expected to worsen. I told Carolyn if we are to go, we must go now. I shoveled out enough to get our car to the road and Carolyn and I headed out for Marion 20 miles away. We had gone a little over a mile when we hit a snow drift with snow up to the hood of the car. With the wind howling it took about a half hour to shovel a path through the snow drift. By then the snow emergency had been upgraded to level three for Morrow County but we knew the road would be passable from there to route 95 and really there was no way to turn around and go back home. Marion County was still at level two but before we arrived at the TV station, Marion County too had been upgraded to Level three.

The parking lot had been plowed and volunteers soon started showing up so Saturday at 2:00 PM the telethon auction started. You could almost say we had a captive audience. People were snowed in but their TVs and telephones still worked. Our phone lines were simply swamped with the thousands of phone calls. Many said it was impossible for them to get through but we really had a great auction.

Everywhere I go people stop me and say that they had more fun watching the telethon auction than anything else they did that whole weekend.

Saturday night the blizzard howled so Carolyn and I stayed at the TV station. If you were watching Sunday, and thought that I looked like I had slept in my clothes, I actually had.

On Sunday we had Prayer, Praises, Singing and Pledges. We had planned to start with a special two hour prayer service and then later take praise reports, singing and pledges for the rest of the day. We had ten prayer warriors on the stage and the service quickly became very spiritual. After two and a half hours the phone lines were still swamped. We were coming up with just two hours to go in our telethon and not one pledge had been made. Actually we hadn't even asked for a pledge. We had been too busy taking prayer requests and there are so many hurting and needing prayers.

We had already raised about \$9,000 in our telethon auction but that was far short of the money needed to pay current bills. So I said to the viewers that we only had two hours left in our telethon so we will also take pledges along with prayer

requests. The prayer request continued but intermixed with them started coming pledges. In just two hours \$6,000 in pledges came in. It is actually unbelievable the number of people touched by that afternoon of services we have received so many reports of lives changed and others touched by the humble working of the spirit through the service. We have also received reports of people being converted during the service.

High Speed Duplication

Sometimes what appears to be a disaster can actually turn into an opportunity. Our Bravo Disk publishing system broke down and we were told that it was not repairable. We paid \$1,800 for the unit in December 2003 and have used it to produce thousand of DVDs, so the news was really devastating. This publishing system had proved to be very reliable. We would just load and forget it. It would then produce three DVDs per hour. In nine hours it could produce 25 DVDs.

We have now replaced the Bravo system with a new system from Online Duplicators. This new system can produce 80 DVDs per hour. When the COACB has special events, we usually make a DVD Master of the event and people often want copies. We can now take the Master DVD and within six minutes deliver eight exact copies of it. People attending events can have their own copy before they leave.

Groups can now bring in their own master DVD to the Marion office of the COACB and have mass produce copies of it made while they wait. Imagine receiving 100 DVD copies in less than an hour and a half.

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COACB VOLUNTEER



Thank you, Daniel Howard, for all the help you have provided the Delaware Station



Recipe Favorites

CREAMED HAMBURG

CAROLYN AIKEN

White Sauce
1 T Flour; 1 T Margarine; ½ tsp Salt; 1 Cup Milk

Melt the margarine in a small saucepan. Stir in the flour until the mixture is smooth. Add the milk and stir. Cook slowly until it thickens. Add salt and 1 lb ground hamburger. Serve on toast.

CHAT 'N' CHEW BARS

EDITH PETERSON

This is an old recipe from Grandma's files. Makes about 40 bars.

Combine: 4 cups of rolled oats (quick); 1 ½ cup of chopped nuts; 1 cup brown sugar; (optional) ½ cup each of coconut and sunflower seeds.

Mix into this mixture of: ¾ cup melted butter or margarine; ½ cup light corn syrup; 1 teaspoon vanilla; 1 teaspoon salt.

Press into a 15 ½" x 10 ½" jelly roll pan. Bake at 450 degrees. 10 – 12 minutes till golden brown and bubbly. Cool and cut into bars.

ITALIAN CREAM CAKE

THELMA AIKEN

1 stick margarine; 1 teaspoon soda; ½ cup crisco; 2 cups sugar; 5 eggs (separated); 2 cups flour; 1 cup buttermilk; 1 teaspoon vanilla; 1 cup angel flake coconut; 1 cup chopped nuts.

Cream margarine and crisco, add sugar and beat till smooth. Add egg yolks and beat well. Sift flour and soda and add to creamed mixture, alternately with buttermilk. Stir in vanilla, nuts and coconut. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into three greased and floured 8 inch cake pans. Bake in 350 degree oven for 25 minutes or till cake tests done. Cool and frost with:

COCONUT CREAM CHEESE FROSTING

2 tablespoons butter; 8 ounce package cream cheese; 3 ½ cups powdered sugar; Add 2 teaspoons milk; ½ teaspoon vanilla.

Beat well, then stir in 1¾ cups of coconut. Spread on top and sides of cake. Sprinkle with 4 tablespoons coconut, mixed with 2 teaspoons butter in skillet, stirring constantly over low heat till golden brown. Sprinkle on cake.

SPECIAL OCCASION PUNCH

BETTY SYCK

2 (12 ounce) cans frozen pineapple juice (thawed); 4 (12 ounce) cans frozen orange juice (thawed); 4 (12 ounce) cans frozen lemonade (thawed); 4 (1 quart) bottles club soda.

Combine thawed juices. Add gingerale and club soda, stir. Add sugar to taste. Ice to cool. Stir. Yield 1½ gallons.



STORIES FROM MY RELATIVES

John Hoffman

The elephant sauntered into the small restaurant and climbed upon the stool. The elephant ordered a cup of coffee and handed the waiter a \$10 bill. The waiter figured the elephant wasn't too smart, so he gave the elephant a dollar in change. While the waiter was shining some glasses, he casually remarked, "We don't have many elephants stopping in here." The elephant set his cup of coffee down and replied, "No wonder, with coffee at 9 bucks a cup."

POOR MANS STEAK

ANONYMOUS

1 cup (about 30) crushed saltine crackers; 2 lbs. ground beef; ¼ cup all-purpose flour; 2 tablespoons vegetable oil; 1/3 cup water; salt, to taste; pepper, to taste; 2 cans condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted.

In a bowl, combine crumbs, water and seasonings. Crumble beef over mixture and mix well. Press into an ungreased 9" square pan. Cover and refrigerate for at least 3 hours. Cut into 3" squares, dredge in flour. In a skillet, cook meat on both sides until browned.. Transfer to a slow cooker with a slotted spoon. Add soup. Cover and cook on high 4 hours or until no longer pink. Serve with mashed potatoes or buttered noodles.

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