



Club Cookout--Saturday July 16
at Ray Franklin's house
622 Spring Brook Dr., Fort Wayne
(260) 490-3195

This will a "carry-in style" cookout. Meat on the grill will be provided. Bring a salad, or chips, or dessert. Everyone bring along something to drink.

All club members, families are invited. Bring your pipes, of course, and perhaps a good blend to share. We'll have a table set up for showing, swapping and selling, if you have anything along that line. So plan to join us on Sat, July 16 for a time of food, fun and fellowship and our favorit pastime--enjoying our pipes!

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO COME PLEASE GIVE RAY A PHONE CALL at 260-490-3195. Directions: north on Coldwater Rd to Northrup High School; turn right on Spring Brook Dr (on the east side of Northrup High School).

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"An informal society of pipe smoking friends"

Special Edition
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"The pipe shuts up wisdom from the lips of the philosopher, and mouth of the foolish; it generates a style of conversation, contemplative, thoughtful, benevolent, and unaffected..."
William Makepeace Thackeray, from The Social Pipe

Special Edition for Dues Paid--Voting Members
Spinal Bifida Donation



Fellow clubmembers of TSPTC, over the past couple of years, our club has about accumulated about \$1000, (mostly proceeds from our annual pipe show). For some time now, we have been informally discussing the idea of donating some of this as a public service project. At our April meeting a motion was finally made, and seconded, discussed and voted on, to donate \$200 to some Spinal Bifida patient through the Riley Children's Hospital. This motion was approved by a solid majority of the members present that evening. Ray Franklin was delegated to contact Riley Children's hospital to determine the best way to proceed with the donation.

However, a question has now arisen about this which has caused your leadership team to think it might best to vote on this again, including all of our voting members. Let me explain.

A day or so after our April meeting, I was contacted by one of our club members who had not spoken up at the meeting but wanted to let me know of his disagreement with the decision.

His opinion was that "giving away 20% of our budget is a lot, especially since we do nothing for our guys that venture out every month to the meetings...this amount of money will do nothing for our club in promoting new memberships etc. It is a bad decision and waste of

club funds." He thought that we should, instead, spend the \$200 on our club members, perhaps with a dinner paid for out of club funds or with some gift certificates in drawings. I pointed out that we could do as he was suggesting as well as make the donation, but he was still against the idea.

In writing about this, please understand that I am not criticizing anyone who has this point of view. Obviously, we are not always all going to agree on everything and that is why we vote on things. Since there is a possibility that others might feel this way about it too, our leadership counsel has decided that the fairest thing to do is to ask all of our dues paying members to vote on the question.

The purpose of this special newsletter, therefore, is to ask you to participate in a referendum to approve or disapprove this \$200 donation to the Riley Children's Hospital for a needy Spinal Bifida child/ patient.

I have enclosed a ballot and an addressed, stamped envelope for your convenience. If you prefer to email your vote, you may do that instead; email lhubartt@gbim.org and a cc: to SANDRE746@aol.com Simply send a message saying:

I vote YES, go ahead with the \$200 donation.

or

I vote NO, forget the \$200 donation.

When the returns are all in, I will notify all of you of the outcome. No one is trying to "ramrod" this measure through or to do anything behind anyone's back. If the majority of us want to make this donation, then we will. If the majority of us don't want to, then we will not.

Thank you in advance for your participation. Best Regards, Larry Hubartt,

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What is Spinal bifida

Spina bifida is the most frequently occurring permanently disabling birth defect. It affects approximately one out of every 1,000 newborns in the United States. More children have spina bifida than have muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, and cystic fibrosis combined.

Spina bifida is one of the most devastating of all birth defects. It results from the failure of the spine to close properly during the first month of pregnancy. In severe cases, the spinal cord protrudes through the back and may be covered by skin or a thin membrane. Surgery to close a newborn's back is generally performed within 24 hours after birth to minimize the risk of infection and to preserve existing function in the spinal cord.

Because of the paralysis resulting from the damage to the spinal cord, people born with spina bifida may need surgeries and other extensive medical care. The condition can also cause bowel and bladder complications. A large percentage of children born with spina bifida also have hydrocephalus, the accumulation of fluid in the brain. Hydrocephalus is controlled by a surgical procedure called "shunting" which relieves the fluid build up in the brain by redirecting it into the abdominal area. Most children born with spina bifida live well into adulthood as a result of today's sophisticated medical techniques.

Savinelli Pipe Drawing to be held at our July 12 meeting

Just a reminder that our next meeting is Tues, July 12 at our usual Bob Evans Restaurant location--5785 Coventry Pky, (US 24 & I69) Ft Wayne, IN.

Each member in attendance will be included in a drawing for a fine, Savinelli which we have pipe, purchased from Riegels Pipes & Tobaccos.