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Today was the first day of Spring, so of course, it was a damp, dreary afternoon, perfect for a meeting. DPP Ingrid Huber was our 'President for a Day', and was greeted by a small group of dedicated community servants. She began the program in the usual manner, by having DPP Bruce Kramer deliver a brief Invocation. After the Pledge and our Patriotic Song, Ingrid introduced the Past Leaders. We had a surprising guest today. An older man was sitting in the corner of the room alone, and when we asked him his name, he replied "Harry". Well, after introductions, we welcomed Harry with a "How Do You Do". He raised his glass and thanked us for the song. When he was leaving, he called our Sheriff Anna Mastrolembo over, and quietly put a Happy 80 into the bag.

We later found out from proprietor Hans Lehner that Harry Swenson, a retired Postal worker, is a regular at the Stammtisch, but because of a large funeral crowd, he was asked to sit in the back room with us. He agreed, and apparently had a wonderful time.

**Today's Guests:** DPP Ingrid welcomed her daughter Claudia to lunch; DPLG Kerrie Hansen took her father's place and treated her mother Pat to lunch; Anna Mastrolembo brought her daughter Leanna to the meeting.

Our guest speaker today was Liz Buckley, Scout Leader of **Girl Scout Troop 4234** at Sacred Heart Church. She and DPP Ingrid began the program with an anecdote about how they met. One day, while Ingrid was tending the garden in front of her home, Liz and her daughter approached and asked her if she would like to purchase some Girl Scout Cookies. Ingrid agreed, and while talking, discovered that Liz lives on the far end of her block. A few weeks later, Ingrid discovered that Liz and her daughter had left her a birthday card in her mailbox. That small gesture led to a fine friendship.

Liz spoke about the Girl Scouts, and presented some amazing statistics:

- The Girl Scouts were founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912.
- There are more than 2 million members, including more than 1.1 million youth members in the USA and abroad, in 111 councils.
- Girl Scouts devote over a million service hours annually to make the world a better place.
- Each year, around 3300 young women earn the Gold Award, the highest rank in Girl Scouting.