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The Scoop News

Split Second By Anna Matecun

Life can change in a split second. And these moments help to define who you are. You can question these changes and wallow in self-pity, or you can accept them and use them to make you a better person. The choice is yours.

Tuesday, February 23, was one of those days for us. Brian was at work, using the same machinery that he has used for the last 10 years. He builds custom cabinetry and furniture but on this particular day, he was feeling a bit "off his game."

At 11:50 he called me at work. I could tell from his voice that something was wrong. He then said to me, "I don't want you to panic, but they're taking me by ambulance and I need to know what hospital to go to." I told him to go to Bronson and I'd meet him there.

I then grabbed my stuff and walked out the door telling the receptionist that I was headed to Bronson to meet Brian and I didn't know if I would be

back that day. You see, at this point I had no idea what had happened to him.

I got there before the ambulance did and I have to tell you that the wait until he arrived seemed like eternity to me! When the ambulance arrived, one of the paramedics came to the waiting room to get me and as we were walking back to the room that Brian had been taken to, I asked him to tell me what had happened. He told me that Brian had caught his left hand in the table saw and lost the end of one finger and cut a second finger. He then handed me Brian's wedding ring, which they had to cut off because of swelling.

I believe that God brings people into our lives for two reasons - either we can impact them or they can impact us. On this day, it was others impacting us.

The first doctor to see Brian had had a similar incident with a table saw and showed Brian his scars. The hand surgeon that repaired his fingers and stitched him up had also had a similar incident and showed Brian his scars. The compassion and understanding of these two doctors was very comforting to us and showed that these things can happen to anyone. God knew that we needed these particular men on this particular day.

The end result of Brian's injuries was that he lost the end of his middle

finger between the nail and knuckle, and he had a pretty serious cut on his ring finger, which the hand surgeon stitched up. After a follow-up appointment last week, Brian is scheduled for surgery on the ring finger on Thursday (March 11) because it does not bend at the end knuckle. The surgeon said that this is an indication that the tendon tore and separated and will be going in to re-attach the two ends so that the joint will bend again. He will have to be off work for an additional 7 weeks after surgery.

For those who knew about this, we would like to thank you for your cards, emails, phone calls and prayers. Your love and support has been a great comfort to us.

We are thankful for many other things related to Brian's accident:

- That the injury was not more serious. It was two fingers, not a hand and not him.
- That the paramedics responded quickly and took excellent care of him.
- That the doctors could have extra compassion for him in ER, having experienced similar things themselves.
- That our pastor was able to come pray with us in ER.

Life happens fast and your circumstances can change at any time. How will these moments define you? The choice is yours.

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Winter Banquet By Mike Walker

This year's banquet was at the Stir Max restaurant. This was our third annual banquet and the second time at Stir Max. Each year it has grown in numbers. This being our largest with 35 people. Looking at that number, that is over half our regular attendance at a club meeting. It was a great time of fun and fellowship. The food was pretty good also.

John Dudley came up with some metal detecting related trivia questions. For each winner I had some commemorative coins from Desert Storm and Pearl Harbor. I think the hardest question, that no

one could answer was "What is Al Holden's middle name?" After no one could answer, I raised my hand and had the right answer. No, I didn't have any idea what questions John had came up with. But if you want to know the answer see Al!

What made it most fun was that at the dinner we had people from one year old to seventy plus. That is what makes our club so great. We are a family and we are made up of all ages.

If you didn't make it this year, please try to make it next year. You will be glad you did!



March Guest Speaker

Jeweler E.J. Hart will be our guest speaker at the March meeting. He will talk about how to buy and sell gold and other items of interest. Feel free to bring in your "mystery" pieces to have him look at.

2010 Club Dues Reminder

There are about 20 members who have not renewed their club membership for 2010. If that is you (or you are not sure), please see John Dudley at the March meeting.

If you do not renew your membership, this will be your last newsletter. Also, you will not be able to enjoy some of the other benefits of membership, such as FOTM, door prizes and seeded hunts (just to name a few!).

Just Let Me Know! By Anna Matecun



There are two items that are brought every month for all to enjoy (and they are enjoyed!) at our break time. The "vegetable pizza" and the peanut butter fudge. If you make either of these items, I would love to be able to print the recipe in one of our upcoming newsletters. Please come see me at the March meeting (recipe in hand) so that we can do this!

Would you prefer to receive the newsletter via email (pdf format)? Just Let Me Know! Send an email to anna.swmss@sbcglobal.net and I will add you to the email list. Remember - every newsletter sent via email saves the club 44 cents! And you'll probably receive it quicker than those sent through the post office!



Winners!

Our Fishbowl Silver Cache winner was Scott Hendrickson but since he was not present, it carries over to next month!

Our silver dollar winners were John Dudley and Rick Seymour!

Our 50/50 winners were Eric Andrews and Brian Matecun!

Congratulations, everyone!

(The 1835 Silver Bust Half dollar will likely be given out at the March meeting!)



Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on March 13 for Daylight Savings.

This also means that the FOTM Miscellaneous Category is now closed until the fall.

*What type of detector do you use?
We'd all like to know!*

*When you fill out a FOTM entry slip,
please note the type of detector you
used on the back of the slip.*



Find of the Month Winners

Jewelry

1. Harley Davidson Ring (Brian Matecun)

The winner was the Harley Davidson Ring found by Brian Matecun.

Coins

1. 1969 Lincoln Cent and Bottle found in same scoop (Brian Matecun)
2. 1937 Buffalo Nickel (Mike Walker)

The winner was the 1937 Buffalo Nickel found by Mike Walker.

Most Unusual

1. Antique Copper Spoon (Mike Walker)
2. Cuff Button (Tom Beilby)
3. Civil War Re-enactment Button (Anne Klein)

The winner was the Civil War Re-enactment Button found by Anne Klein

Miscellaneous

1. 1953 Queen Elizabeth II Commemorative Coin Set (Brian Matecun)
2. 1855 Seated Liberty Quarter Love Token (Mike Walker)
3. 1933 Chicago Bracelet (Tom Beilby)
4. 3 Locks - Yale, Segal, Adlake (Anna Matecun)
5. Pike or Spear Tip (Bob McDougall)

The winner was the 1855 Seated Liberty Quarter Love Token brought in by Mike Walker.



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The Scoop News is the official newsletter of the Southwest Michigan Seek & Search Club. The newsletter is edited by Anna Matecun.

The club meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Plainwell Community Center.

From U.S. 131, take exit 49A and go east on M-89. go through three traffic lights, then another 1/8 mile. Turn right into the drive just before the second set of railroad tracks. The building is near the road on the south side of M-89. Parking is in the rear of the building. Enter on the west side.

Meetings are open to the public.



The spring Seeded Hunt will be May 22-23 at the Flywheelers in South Haven. Campers can come on Saturday (see John Dudley if you want to come earlier).

For those who come out on Saturday, we will do some hunting in the South Haven area as a group, and have a seeded hunt on Saturday evening.

On Sunday, we will have two seeded hunts for adults, a

special hunt for the kids, a potluck lunch and lots of fun and fellowship. Be sure to arrive early on Sunday to participate in a special church service!

You can pay the participation fee beginning at the April meeting.

Prize donations are needed for both the adult and kid hunts.

Remember - you must be a club member to participate in seeded hunts.