

Lost Dutchman MC Christmas Angel Toy Drive



The 14th Annual Lost Dutchman MC Christmas Angel Toy Drive to benefit the Salvation Army was held on Sunday December 9, 2018.

This is the first year that each of the 3 LDMC clubhouses, Queen Creek, Peoria, & the original in Mesa, hosted a morning open house. A ride-in from the outer clubhouses to Mesa brought everyone together for the parade to WalMart. From there, everyone rolled out at noon as a group.

We met up with the pack at the WalMart at Dobson & Rio Salado. As we awaited their arrival, we heard in the distance that phenomenal, unmistakable sound ... the rumble of motorcycles rolling in... Hundreds of them.

The parking lot had a sizable area cordoned off

for the group. Once parked, participants head inside Walmart, pick an ornament from a Salvation Army Christmas Angel tree, purchase the gift requested, and go out to turn it in. The area outside teemed with goodwill, camaraderie, & Christmas cheer as scooter folk waited in line to drop off their purchases at the waiting truck. We observed 21 organizations represented. The U-Haul truck filled quickly with bicycles, scooters, dolls, games, crafts, & more.

As non-riders who were shopping at Wal-Mart observed what was going on they started bringing over their own donations to be added to the truck.... Outstanding! Some were presenting cash donations.

According to LDMC member Mark, "We started with 250 Christmas Angel tags and had completed

229 of them when we left for the day. The remaining 21 we left on the tree in hopes of people contributing. I did go back the next week and pick up another half dozen shopping bags that people had left. We raised almost \$9000 for the Salvation Army Christmas Angel drive and an additional \$756 in cash donations for Sunshine Acres Children's Home in Mesa. Just a reminder that all the toys were distributed to children in Mesa and no other location."

It was great to see so much support for this long-standing event, as the Lost Dutchman MC & friends helped to make some less fortunate children happy on Christmas. Nicely done guys!

Betsy & Bruce