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1. Is it the truth
2. Is it fair to all concerned



3. Will it build goodwill and better Friendships
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned

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PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER 19, 2003-

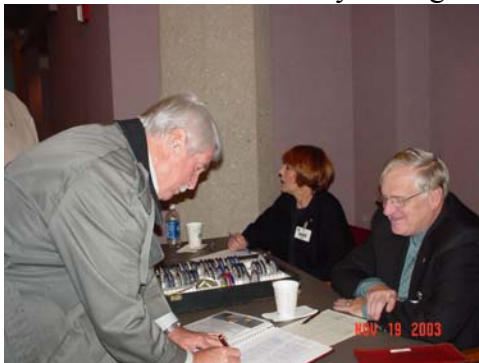
Observance of International Education Week

Homewood Rotary Club/Office of International Services, Governors State University



Homewood Rotarian Vreni Mendoza, Shown here with students, is the Director of the Office of International Services at GSU. Vreni contacted our club about Co Hosting The observance of International Education Week to be held at Governors State University. The Club enthusiastically agreed and the following is a word and picture record of the proceedings. The turnout for the observance was exceptionally good and all that attended were treated to a meeting with real international flavor visually, audibly, and gastronomically.

As the members arrived they were greeted, as usual, by our Secretary Sandi Jones and Treasurer, Bob Hindsley. The photo on the left shows Paul McHenry signing the guest register. As Bob looks on, and Sandi Greets another arriving member.



Several distinguished guests attended.. Paul Carpenter from Rotary International came as the guest of Rick Thiernau



Before the meeting started the members circulated and commiserated with each other as usual.



John Blakey introduced us to Anthony Prator, and Courtney Williams Students from Hillcrest High School who were charged with choosing a country they would like to visit and reporting on the fantasy trip, and the Asst. Superintendent of District Dr. Geri Coleman Later on in the program both of the students reported on their fantasy trips.



Vreni welcomed us and our meeting got underway with the Star Spangled Banner and God Bless America being played on an Indonesian



instrument called an Angklung The two musicians that played the instrument are Novita Sari Rallayo and Thersia Yunita both from Indonesia. The Angklung is made of bamboo that has been hollowed out and stones placed inside horizontal tubes. When the tubes are shaken, the stones strike a vertical bamboo tube that has been tuned to a note and placed into the horizontal tubes causing its note to be sounded. The sound that the instrument makes is very nice and mellow. It takes a great deal of skill to play the Angklung. It is played very much like the hand bells that we heard at a previous meeting.

Vreni introduced Prez Gary who read a letter from an exchange student from Japan, Emi Goto, that we sponsored eight years ago. Her letter told us of how after all of these years the friendships and relationships that she made while here still are strong in her memory.



John Blakey introduced the two student presenters, The first was Anthony Prater. a Senior at Hillcrest H.S. who told us of his fantasy experiences in Australia. His presentation was informative and entertaining, and



The second presenter Courtney Williams, also a Senior at Hillcrest H.S., plans to attend New York University (NYU) to seek a degree in Marketing. Courtney's Fantasy trip took her to Spain. She spoke in part of the Bull Fights and matadors.

Vreni then introduced Paul Carpenter of Rotary International who spoke to us on the international aspects of Rotary. Paul stressed the fact that the global exposure that Rotary has with all of its humanitarian projects makes us the largest independent benefactor in the world.



After Paul's talk it was time to eat The food was excellent and we sampled dishes from India, Indonesia, and Morocco



. After lunch we were treated to an authentic Dance of India performed by Preethi Mohan from, Tamil Nadu. South India



The picture above with President Gary are the international guests that attended in their traditional clothing.

Before the meeting was adjourned Prez Gary informed us that John Blakey, who won the honor of taking the Four Way Test banner to his office this past week, got over 47 signatures in the log book of people who were exposed to the banner. This was the most signatures obtained by any of the others who had displayed the banner in their office. The members then stood and recited the Rotary Four Way Test after which the meeting was adjourned.