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HOMWOOD ROTARY CLUB
Chartered April 1, 1936 - District 6450

JULY 27, 2005



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THE ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST

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



3. Will it build good will and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

EVERY ROTARIAN ——— EVERY YEAR

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If God had wanted this newsletter to be perfect, he never would have let me do it!

CALL TO ORDER July 27, 2005

Prez Geoff called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. **Jane Hindsley** accompanied us in singing *God Bless America*; **Dave Corbin** led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance after which **Jack Edwards** led us in reciting the Four Way Test. **John Blakey** offered the Invocation. Prez Geoff welcomed our visitors and Guests and invited them to lead off at the Buffet.

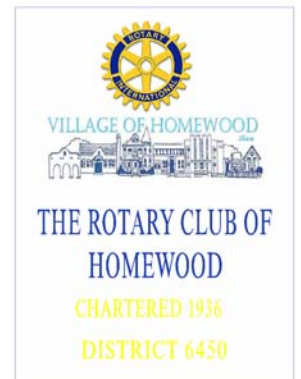
THE MEETING:-

Prez Geoff congratulated the members celebrating Birthdays and led us in singing Happy Birthday He also recognized those celebrating wedding and club anniversaries. Jane Hindsley then led us in singing a couple of songs after which Geoff introduced the design of our new visitor's banner to the membership and passed around the art work for examination. The design received favorable response from the members and the banners will be ordered. Art Stark presented the club with a banner from St. Augustine Florida which was given by one of Arts House guests during the hospitality affair. Geoff introduced our speaker.

THE PROGRAM: Mark Franz-Classification Talk



Mark is the Village Manager of Homewood, is married and has three children which he said consumes all of his non-occupational time. He told us of his boyhood growing up in Deerfield and being educated by Loyola Academy, Indiana University for under graduate degree and Northern Illinois University for his Masters. Marks professional career path took him to North Brook, Evanston for 6 years and now Homewood. His Father was Village Manager of Hazel Crest 30 years ago. He then accepted questions from the members which dealt primarily with Village issues. Mark, in closing said that he intends to be more active in club activities now that things are more settled in his job obligations.





Announcements, Activities, Member Contributions

Please let **Nancy Dederer**, the *Care and Concern* committee person, know if you are incapacitated for any reason, or if you are going into the hospital. She can be reached by calling either the church (798-0490) or at home (799-2736).

ATTENTION MEMBERS

An important obligation of every Rotarian is to attend meetings. If you miss a club meeting, refer to a Club location listed on the weekly Poop Sheet at which you can do a make-up.

- Marv Commerford**, the program chair, would like to receive suggestions for programs. Please either call him at 708-798-7906 or Email him at mcommerford@comcast.net with any suggestions.
- Joe Ledwell announced that **Dr. Mike Videka PP 78-79** is in Hospice suffering from Leukemia.
- I received the following from **Nick Markionni** in reference to my Mars Article.

If you want to print a corrected story in the next Spokesperson, here are some facts:

- Mars and Earth experience close encounters about once every two years when both planets are on the same side of the Sun. As all three objects line up (Sun, Earth and Mars) this is called Opposition.
- It only happens about once every two years because we are closer to the Sun than is Mars. While we take 365 days to circle the Sun, Mars takes approximately 687 of our days to make the trip. So, starting at the time where we were close two years ago, 365 days later while we had made one complete orbit, Mars was on the exact opposite side of the Sun from us, having completed only about ½ of its orbit. Because we have the inner track, we catch up with it so that sometime in October; all three bodies will be in Opposition again.
- The reason each Opposition doesn't result in as close an encounter as happened two years ago is because the orbits of both planets are not stable. The gravity from our moon helps keep us fairly stable, but Mars' orbit literally changes millions of miles each time around the Sun, largely due to the gravitational pull of the outer gas giant planets (Jupiter primarily).
- This October, Mars will again appear bright in the sky, discernable with the naked eye from the rest of the stars because it will look an orange/red. With a reasonable sized backyard telescope, some of the features of the Red Planet will be vaguely visible (polar ice cap being the best feature), although it will look about 20% smaller than it did two years ago (and even then it NEVER was going to be the size of our moon!).

Humbly submitted by your Martian Correspondent. Happy publishing Mr. Editor.

Nick

Thanks Nick-ED

Significant Dates

AT THIS TIME THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT DATES CONCERNING OUR CLUB ACTIVITY TO ANNOUNCE.



If a member of your nuclear family or any member that you know of is ill, no matter how minor, tell me about it by emailing me at jcommerford@comcast.net.

Jordan Carrero, Joe Ledwell reports that his Grandson is recovering remarkably well from a severe accident to his neck. The Physical Therapists say that he has recovered 95% of his physical capabilities.

Laverne Welsh, Art reports she is making a slow but steady recovery. **PP Jim Mahan** is suffering with severe back pain. **Louise Commerford** is suffering from and undergoing treatment for a detached retina in her left eye.



The raffle this week was won by Joe Commerford.



SENIOR MOMENTS WITH HARRY AND VINCE

“Vince” said Harry, “I was reading a magazine the other day and came across a quotation by Art Linkletter that really made me laugh.” “Do I really have to know this Harry?” “It should make you Laugh too Vince; he said that the four stages of man are infancy, childhood, adolescence, and obsolescence.” “I’m not laughing Harry we don’t need to guess which stage we’re in do we.”

Words That Could Change Your Life

“In the end, you’re measured not by how much you undertake but by what you finally accomplish.”

Donald Trump

This is our club prayer circle

All members, regardless of their religious or spiritual affiliation or persuasion, are invited to participate. The names of the people or the occasions that appear below have been submitted by members who requested their remembrance in our prayers or meditation.

The entries will remain listed until their removal is requested.

Jerldean Hudson Dr. Mike Videka PP 78-79 is in Hospice suffering from Leukemia.- terminally ill; **Helen Hale** - chronic illness; **Verva Rocke** – severely ill; **The men & women of our armed forces**; **Jordan Carrero** (Joe Ledwell’s grandson) suffered a severe neck injury and facing a long period of Physical Therapy; **Laverne Welsh.-** Seriously ill; **Rotarians Chip Rollins and his wife Pat from Phoenix, Arizona, and Peter and Helen Walsh from Wagga, Wagga, NSW, Australia** participants in the IFFR Fly-in- killed in a plane crash, **Past Pres. Jim Mahan** – Suffering from sever back pain; **Victims of the London and Egyptian terrorist attacks, Dr. Mike Videka PP 78-79** is in Hospice suffering from Leukemia.

MEMBERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED FOR THE **FIRST** TIME THAT THE PERSON SHOWN HAS APPLIED FOR AND IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ROTARY CLUB OF HOMEWOOD.



TERESA MEYER

Fund Raiser

Cancer Support Center

Any member having comments about this candidate becoming a member of the Homewood Rotary Club must make them known to the club board within the next two weeks.

This candidate is sponsored by Rich Isom.



This Weeks Poop Sheet

No Shows.

26 members were no shows. Our total membership is 68. Attendance for this meeting was 61%.

Guests

Mary Dunn-(Of The Club)

Teresa Meyer-(Rich Isom)

Visiting Rotarians



None

Birthdays and Anniversaries)

Birthdays

July-Scott Doerfler (5th), Marv Commerford (6th), Michael Krokidas (30th)

Club Anniversaries:

July – Cliff Mora (1st), Sandi Jones (28th),

The Brain Droppings of George Carlin

“Another one of my favorite oxymorons is “limited lifetime guarantee”.

Club Locations Which Meet at 12:15 PM

Have you visited another club? You will not only get to meet other Rotarians and compare our club with the one you visited, you'll also get to experience other lunch menus. All of this and you'll earn a make up as well...Sounds like a deal you can't refuse.

Monday

Chicago Heights: First Presbyterian Church,
10th Street and Thomas

Evergreen Park: Baracco's Pizza 3701 W. 95th

Oak Lawn: Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 So. Cicero.

Tuesday

Blue Island: Elks Club, 4428 Midlothian Trnprk, Crestwood

Chicago-1: (**noon**) Chicago Ath. Club 12 So. Mich. Ave.

Oak Forest: Midlothian Country Club: 5000 147th St.

Matteson: Holiday Inn 157/Rt.30. Access off of Lincoln Hwy.

Thursday

Orland Park: Silver Lake CC, 151st & 82nd Ave

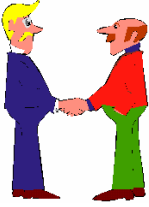
Park Forest: Freedom Hall, 410 Lakewood

Friday

Hinsdale: Messina's 30 Prospect, Clarendon Hills

Lansing: Lansing C.C. 186th & Wentworth

Meeting Assignments & Program Information



Greeters

Aug., 03 Ruben Chuquimia
Aug., 10 Joe Commerford
Aug., 17 Marv Commerford
Aug., 24 Dave Corbin

Invocation

Assigned by Prez Geoff

Sergeants at Arms

Marv & Joe Commerford (set up only)
Rich Isom

Upcoming Programs

August 03

TBA

Calumet Country Club

August 10

Charles Morrow III, Community Out reach Manager
for the Kingery Expressway.-

Construction of I-80 from I-94 east to the Indiana
border

Calumet Country Club

August-17

Computer Protection

Calumet Country Club

Club Information

Officers Rotary Year 2005-2006

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Vreni Mendoza

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Secretary

John Blakey

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Jim Mahan

Foundation President

Nick Markionni

The following documents can be viewed and/or printed from our Web Site,

www.homewoodrotary.org

1. [Program suggestion form](#)
2. [Committee involvement Roster](#)

**DG RICK WANTS US TO WEAR OUR ROTARY PINS EVERY DAY TO CREATE MORE
AWARENESS OF ROTARY BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC. *LETS DO IT!***



Ed.