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## HOMWOOD ROTARY CLUB

Chartered April 1, 1936 - District 6450

**Awarded 2nd Best News Letter in the District**

**HOME CLUB OF 2005-2006 DISTRICT 6450 GOVERNOR**

**Rick Thiernau**

### THE ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST

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



ILLINOIS

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



# AUGUST 31, 2005

**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!

**HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE WEEK END**  
**SEPTEMBER 5, 2004**



### CALL TO ORDER August 31, 2005

Prez Geoff called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. **Jane Hindsley** is back from cruising the waters of Alaska and led us in singing "My Country Tis Of Thee" **Donna Thiernau** led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance after which **DG Rick Thiernau** led us in reciting the Four Way Test. The Invocation was offered by **John Jansen** Prez Geoff welcomed our visitors and Guests and surprise attendees DG Rick and Donna and invited them to lead off at the Buffet.

### THE MEETING:-



DG Rick presented Kenji Mihara, our Ambassadorial Scholar, a check from the District as part of the scholarship grant. Kenji thanked us for sponsoring him and gave us a brief report about activities over the past year. Donna Thiernau reported on our pending Peru Medical Mission project. The project will be in the North of Peru this time in a city called Cajamarca that boasts the second largest gold mine in the world and yet



its population is among the poorest in Peru. Donna said that weekly organizational meetings will commence on September 7, for more information contact Donna at 708-798-5826. Prez Geoff then invited Rich Isom and his candidate Teresa Meyer to the podium for Teresa's induction into Rotary. Prez Geoff presented Teresa with a membership packet. Rich Isom pinned Teresa with her Rotary Pin.



Prez Geoff welcomed Teresa to our club. Rich announced that Teresa has already volunteered to work on the Health Fair Committee.

### **THE PROGRAM: Club Assembly Reports from the Board Of Directors**

**MIKE RYAN-** Community Service: Reported on the progress of the clubs on going projects. He also gave the status of the handicapped Golf Cart that is to be delivered to Coyote Run. Golf course.

**JOHN BLAKEY**-Secretary: John Began by reminding us of the speakers 3 "B's". Be Brief, Be Brilliant, and Be Gone. John reported on our attendance performance and also how computation of perfect attendance is done. This emphasized the importance of make ups.

**BOB HINDSLEY**-Treasurer: Bob reported that the club is well off financially and that there are several members that are not current

**RICH ISOM**-Club Service: Rich began by recognizing Marv Commerford the Program Committee Chair for a job well done and the editor of the Spokesperson. He went on to out line some of the projects and activities in the works by his committee for the coming year

**VRENI MENDOZA**-International Relations: Vreni reported two activities one of which our club is co-sponsoring.; A cultural performance featuring international music and dance at Governors State University Hall of Governors October 13, 2005. The other is an International Photo Exhibit during International Education Week, November 14-18, 2005.

**STEVE MARKS**-reported on the status of the 4-Way Test project and the EarlyAct project.

At the conclusion of the reports Prez Geoff adjourned the meeting at 1:30pm.

## **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](mailto:mcommerford@comcast.net) with any suggestions.

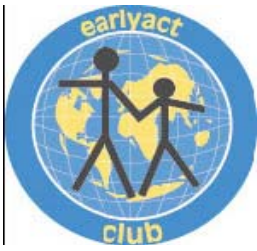
The District 6450 RYLA committee co-chairs want you to know that the RYLA Week end is sneaking up on us - it's October 14-16, 2005.  
The committee co-chairs are:

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## EarlyAct; What is it?



**Steve Marks** is spear heading a committee for our Rotary Club to establish an EarlyAct Club in School District 153. The project has been approved and funded by our Board and the foundation. The following is an explanation of exactly what EarlyAct is:

EarlyAct™ is a school-wide service club for elementary and middle school students from ages 5 to 14\*. It is sponsored by one of the local Rotary clubs in the township in which the school is located. The mission and operation of EarlyAct™ are closely linked to the ideals of Rotary and provide the foundation and natural succession into Interact. EarlyAct™ provides young students the opportunity for gaining an increased awareness and knowledge of their community and the world. At a young age, all students can easily be encouraged to be caring and helpful. Their minds are open to recognize the dignity and worth of each individual, which builds respect for others. EarlyAct™ promotes understanding and the building of friendships among the club members. EarlyAct™ also engages students in character-building activities and prepares them for leadership roles to identify and carry out projects that benefit their school, local and global communities.

\*Note: Each school is different; one school may want to sponsor EarlyAct at only one grade level or even in one classroom. The program can work in any of these situations: school-wide, one grade level or in a single classroom. Let the principal and faculty sponsor or school committee decide what is best for their school.

Steve is looking for members to volunteer as mentors for this program, that once established, will need mentors every week. If getting involved in this program is attractive to you contact Steve either at our meeting or by Email. His address is [insrepinc@aol.com](mailto:insrepinc@aol.com) .



## 'ICE' life-saving idea catching on worldwide

### Have you entered an ICE (In Case Of Emergency) number on your Cell Phone yet?



## A MESSAGE FROM DG RICK THIERNAU CONCERNING THE HURRICANE KATRINA DISASTER

Fellow Rotarians,

What is happening in the South is truly a disaster. You are probably thinking "What can I do to help?" At the current time with the situation as uncertain as it is, I would encourage you to financially support the American Red Cross. Let them know this is for the relief effort. They are much better able to handle a situation like this as opposed to Rotary.

As time passes, it will be a better opportunity for us as Rotarians to collect needed items and ship them down. Until then I would suggest we let the American Red Cross do their job. I will update you on any future District planning.

Thank you for your concern for our fellow citizens. Please keep them in your prayers.

Rick Thiernau, District Governor



## Mike Dunn Contributes This "GOOD THING"

Never thought about doing this -- just learned about it -- will try it myself. When my heating unit went out on our dryer, the Fix-It guy that I called went into the dryer and pulled out the lint filter. It appeared to be clean. We always clean the lint from the filter after every load of clothes. He told us that he wanted to show us something. He took the filter over to the sink and ran hot water over it.

Now, this thing is like a mesh, I'm sure you know what your dryer's lint filter looks like - WELL ... the hot water just laid on top of the mesh!!! It didn't go through it at all!!! He told us that dryer sheets cause a film over that mesh and that's what burns out the heating unit. You can't SEE the film, but it's there. > He said the best way to keep your clothes dryer working for a very long time (and to keep your electric bill lower) is to take that filter out and wash it with hot soapy water and an old toothbrush (or other brush) at least every six months. He said that makes the life of the dryer at least twice as long! How about that????!!!! Learn something new everyday! I sure didn't know dryer sheets would do that. So, thought I'd share!

# Significant Dates

September-5, Labor Day

September-11, National Grandparents Day

September-19, District Golf Outing

**September-21, A Visit From DG Rick Thiernau**

September-22, American Business Women's Day

October 14, Peace Corps Birthday

October 30, Daylight Saving Time Ends



*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](mailto: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 recovering from eye surgery.



The raffle this week was won by Cliff Mora.



## SENIOR MOMENTS WITH HARRY AND VINCE

Vince and Harry were having breakfast in their favorite restaurant commiserating, as they usually do, about a variety of subjects when Vince said to Harry, "I don't know how you feel about getting old Harry, but in my case I didn't even see it coming. It hit me from the rear." Harry replied, "I know my friend. The bad part is that you have to grow old before somebody will tell you that you look young for your age"

## Words That Could Change Your Life

“Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; Genius will not; Education will not; Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent.”

-Calvin Coolidge

## 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** - terminally ill; **Helen Hale** - chronic illness; **Verva Rocke** – severely ill; **The men & women of our armed forces**; **Laverne Welsh**-. Seriously ill; **Dr. Mike Videka PP 78-79** is in Hospice suffering from Leukemia.-**The people of the Gulf coast of Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia** that are victims of Hurricane Katrina..

**BE AWARE OF WHO'S THERE**-While at a meeting look around and be aware of the members who are consistently conspicuous by their absence. It wouldn't hurt to contact these people and make a well being check. They may be ill and not have told anyone or they might have had an experience with the club that they are avoiding. By contacting them you just might save our club from losing a valuable member. Reaching out to an ill or distressed member might be just the thing that the person needs to make him or her feel better or bring him or her back the club.



NEW FUEL GAUGE





## This Weeks Poop Sheet

### No Shows.

26 members were no shows. Our total membership is 64. Attendance for this meeting was 59%.

### Guests

Dale Mitchell & CeCe Coffee(Jim Mahan)  
Craig & Leslie Lowrey & Pat Nordbrock (Gary Nordbrock)  
Kenji Mihara, Ambassadorial Scholar (Club)

### Visiting Rotarians



NONE

### Birthdays and Club Anniversaries)

#### Birthdays

**September-** Nick Markionni (15<sup>th</sup>), Laura Murray (29<sup>th</sup>)

#### Club Anniversaries:

**September** –Laura Murray, Art Welsh (1<sup>st</sup>), Matt Raiser (3<sup>rd</sup>), Marv Commerford, Joe Moser, Mike Ryan, Tom Brannigan (25<sup>th</sup>)

### The Brain Droppings of George Carlin

There are three religious truths:

- Jews do not recognize Jesus as the Messiah.
- Protestants do not recognize the Pope as the leader of the Christian faith.
- Baptists do not recognize each other in the liquor store or at Hooters.

## 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.

### **CHICAGO HEIGHTS ROTARY CLUB HAS RETURNED TO ST. PAULS**

#### Monday

*Chicago Heights:* St Paul's, Lutheran Church  
330 Highland Dr. corner Ashland.  
*Evergreen Park:* Baracco's Pizza 3701 W. 95<sup>th</sup>  
*Oak Lawn:* Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 So. Cicero.

#### Tuesday

*Blue Island:* Elks Club, 4428 Midlothian Trmpk, Crestwood  
*Chicago-I:* (**noon**) Chicago Ath. Club 12 So. Mich. Ave.  
*Oak Forest.* Midlothian Country Club: 5000 147<sup>th</sup> St.  
*Matteson:* Holiday Inn 157/Rt.30. Access off of Lincoln Hwy.

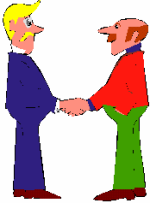
#### Thursday

*Orland Park:* Silver Lake CC, 151st & 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave  
*Park Forest:* Freedom Hall, 410 Lakewood

#### Friday

*Hinsdale:* Messina's 30 Prospect, Clarendon Hills  
*Lansing:* Lansing C.C. 186<sup>th</sup> & Wentworth

# Meeting Assignments & Program Information



## Greeters

Sept., 07..Scott Doerfler

Sept., 14 Mary Dunn

Sept., 21 Mike Dunn

Sept., 28 Jack Edwards

## Invocation

Assigned by Prez Geoff

## Sergeants at Arms

Marv & Joe Commerford (set up only)

Rich Isom

## Upcoming Programs

### September-07

Sue Fine-Ingalls Flossmoor Facility

Calumet Country Club

### September 14

Rabbi Paul Caplan-Jewish Holidays

Calumet Country Club

### September-21

District Governor, Rick Thiernau

Calumet Country Club

### September-28

Sertoma

Calumet Country Club

## Club Information

### Officers Rotary Year 2005-2006

#### *International President*

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar.

#### *District Governor*

Rick Thiernau

#### *President*

Geoff Slawson

#### *President-Elect*

Mike Ryan

#### *Club Directors*

Vreni Mendoza

Rich Isom

Jack Edwards

Steve Marks

#### *Treasurer*

Bob Hindsley

#### *Secretary*

John Blakey

#### *Past President*

Jim Mahan

#### *Homewood Rotary Foundation*

##### *President*

Nick Markionni

##### *Vice President*

Joe Commerford

##### *Board of Directors*

Walt Flor-Secretary

Paul McHenry-Treasurer

Gary Nordbrock

Jerry Bradley

Jim Mahan

Jim Bader

Steve Guzik

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

[www.homewoodrotary.org](http://www.homewoodrotary.org)

1. [Program suggestion form](#)

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



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