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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?



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



SEPTEMBER 7, 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!

September 11, 2001

We shall never forget!

CALL TO ORDER SEPTEMBER 07, 2005

Prez Geoff called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. **Jane Hindsley** was under the weather so Cheri Vana led us in singing "My Country Tis Of Thee" A Cappella. **Bob Scott** led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance after which **Art Stark** led us in reciting the Four Way Test. The Invocation was offered by **Walt Flor** Prez Geoff welcomed our visitors and Guests and invited them to lead off at the Buffet.

THE MEETING:-

Prez Geoff read the facts regarding the preservation of the Paul Harris Office. He also announced that we now have a permanent storage facility for our Rotary stuff at the new Homewood Flossmoor Credit Union Building.. He then invited Nick Markionni to the podium to talk about Gary Nordbrock's 25 mile walk from the North to the South rim of the Grand Canyon. Gary is looking for people to sponsor the walk with the money committed to be either donated to the Katrina Relief fund or the Foundation. Steve Marks followed by once again talking about our clubs EarlyAct project which will be organized in Millennium School. Nancy Dederer then told us of her experiences at the converted Tinley Park Mental Health evacuee center. She asked that we bring Paper plates and plastic flatware (knives, forks & spoons) to the meeting next week and she will see that it gets to the facility.

THE PROGRAM: Sue Fine-Ingalls Hospital New Flossmoor Facility



Sue introduced us to the new Ingalls Hospital Health Center that has been constructed on a site located on Governors Highway. The new 80,000 sq. ft. facility will provide diagnostic and testing services which are now provided at their facility at 17901 Governors Highway. She also said that a small emergency treatment facility will also be located in the new building. There is no plan for Doctor's offices to be located in the building however.



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.

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 Millennium School. 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 .

John Jansen is also a member of the Homewood-Hazel Crest Numismatic Society (Coin collectors club) and is selling, again this year, Golden Opportunities and Entertainment discount books. This is the numismatic club's only fundraiser. Any member wishing to purchase either or both of these books can do so at the check in table before the meeting.

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

DISASTER RELIEF UPDATE FROM GOVERNOR RICK

I have been in contact with Rotary Clubs across the south and I've been waiting to hear what they have organized and what we can do to help. Here is the latest information.

Brian Andersen has traveled down south and has graciously agreed to chair District 6450's relief efforts. Brian will be returning on Thursday, September 8th. He can be reached at home:

825 Lakeside Drive
Downers Grove, IL 60516
h: 630-985-6600; w: 630-985-4600
brian@brianandersen.net

Brian has agreed with the following District 6200 reply that monetary contributions are most needed and supplies that would include: blankets, diapers, baby formula, powdered milk, first aid kits, personal hygiene kits-toothbrushes/paste, can openers, canned foods, sugar, bottled water, juices, artificial sweeteners, toilet paper, paper towels, feminine hygiene supplies, trash bags, gloves, disposable razors, plastic knives, forks, and spoons, batteries, flashlights, Ensure, towels, wash cloths, bread, insect repellent... Brian will suggest a plan of action upon his return. In the mean time we can begin collecting funds and these items.

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District 6200 reply:

Our District encompasses 22 Parishes (counties) in South Louisiana. They have 50 clubs within this vast area and it is home to such cities as Baton Rouge, Houma, Grand Isle, Lafayette and Lake Charles. Neighboring Parishes to the east belong to District 6840, home to New Orleans, Biloxi, MS, Bay St. Louis, Gulfport, McComb and Hattiesburg with many points in-between. District 6200 had a meeting of their Disaster Relief Committee and has been working on securing storage facilities capable of housing the many tangible products expected to be shipped into District 6200 by Rotary Clubs throughout the United States. They are making provisions within the 501(c)(3) foundation to have a special fund created to handle the monetary contributions (Rotary International District 6200 Foundation, Inc. c/o Janice Bradshaw, P.O. Box 44365, Lafayette, LA 70504).

Rotarian Joe Hidalgo has accepted the assignment as Disaster Relief Coordinator for District 6200. His mailing address is 2040 Delmas, Opelousas, LA 70570. His phone is 337-942-5258. Joe and his wife Barbara understand they have taken on a big challenge. Their email address is Jbhidalgo@aol.com. The most pressing need is financial aide. The above list includes needed items. Manpower? If you are willing to come to District 6200 to provide help with the cleanup effort, contact Joe Hidalgo. He will determine the location of the staging area and assign relief teams. Keep in mind, availability of housing is nearly nonexistent. Send your team in an RV - remember the nation's gas shortage and remember it is HOT (97 with 70% humidity)

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DG Rick -- dgrick@thiernaufinancial.com

Significant Dates

September-11, The 4th anniversary of the terrorist attack on the twin towers of the World Trade Center.

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



October 31,



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 recovering from eye surgery.



The raffle this week was won by Keith McLean



SENIOR MOMENTS WITH HARRY AND VINCE

Vince and Harry were taking a stroll on a lovely spring morning not saying much, just enjoying the warmth of the morning sun. Suddenly Vince said to Harry, "You know Harry anybody who say's life begins at sixty must have been asleep for the first fifty-nine years." Harry replied, "I know my friend. I feel the same way. I'll never make the mistake of being 70 again."

Words That Could Change Your Life

"We are called to play the good Samaritan on life's roadside; but that will be only an initial act. One day the whole Jerico road must be transformed so that men and women will not be beaten and robbed as they make their journey through life. True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it understands that an edifice that produces beggars needs restructuring."

Martin Luther King Jr.



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.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CLUB PRESIDENT

After Hurricane Katrina, as we all now know, there are thousands of people who need help. We as Homewood Rotarians have several possible things we can do.

- 1) We have been approached by our District to lead in a collection site here in the Southland. The other will be in Downers Grove. We will need a location that we as Rotarians, and as a community can bring dry goods, that is warm weather clothing and personal hygiene products (toothbrushes, tooth paste, shampoo, bar soap, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, diapers, dry formula, and the list goes on) We need a drop off site by right away, because there is a truck that will be heading to New Orleans the weekend of the 16th.
- 2) The old State Hospital in Tinley Park has been re opened for the Hurricane survivors and they will also need clothing and personal hygiene products. I think here we can concentrate on more cold weather clothes as fall is coming very soon, and some of these people may be here about 6 months and are not used to our winter cold.
- 3) Bill Nuzbach has presented us with a fundraiser that we can ear mark for Hurricane relief. Next week we will have Carson Pirie Scott discount coupons, that when sold the individual can donate that to our Homewood Rotary Foundation and ear mark the funds to go toward the Hurricane relief. There will be more details on that Wednesday Sept. 14th.
- 4) We are looking at providing a meal a month for the Tinley Park facility. We will have more information on this project very soon.

Please pull out your still usable clothes from your closet and gather dry goods to help the hurricane survivors. If you have a drop off site we can use please contact one of our board members and we will notify everyone else by e-mail or phone. Or contact Nancy Dederer with goods that can go directly to the Tinley Park facility. You can donate money directly to the Red Cross, or you can donate money to our Homewood Rotary Foundation earmarked for the Hurricane relief.

I think we are being tested for our Service above Self! Let's jump in and provide some help for some needy people.

Geoff Slawson
Homewood Rotary Pres. 05-06

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** has passed to meet his maker.-**The people of the Gulf coast of Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia** that are victims of Hurricane Katrina..



This Weeks Poop Sheet

No Shows.

27 members were no shows. Our total membership is 64. Attendance for this meeting was 58%.

Guests

Cathy Mein (Sandi Jones)

Dale Mitchell (Club)

Sue Fine, Speaker(Club)

Visiting Rotarians



NONE

Birthdays and Club Anniversaries)

Birthdays

September- Nick Markionni (15th), Laura Murray (29th)

Club Anniversaries:

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

The Brain Droppings of George Carlin

Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a race car is not called a racist?

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. 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

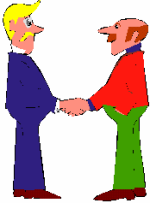
Park Forest: Freedom Hall, 410 Lakewood

Friday

Hinsdale: Messina's 30 Prospect, Clarendon Hills

Lansing: Lansing C.C. 186th & Wentworth

Meeting Assignments & Program Information



Greeters

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 14

Rabbi Paul Caplan-Jewish Holidays
Calumet Country Club

September-21

District Governor, Rick Thiernau
Calumet Country Club

September-28

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Calumet Country Club

Club Information

Officers Rotary Year 2005-2006

International President

Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar.

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President

Geoff Slawson

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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

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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