



SPOKESPERSON

ROTARY CLUB OF HOMEWOOD

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Awarded 2nd Best News Letter in the District, RY 2006-2007

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?

AUGUST 2, 2006

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 August 2, 2006

The meeting was called to order by **Prez Elect Jack Edwards** who is sitting in for Pres Mike who is vacationing in cool Hawaii at 12:15PM.. We then recited the Pledge of Allegiance, led by **Joe Moser** and the Four Way Test Led by **Sol Rocke** . **Nancy Dederer** offered the invocation after which Prez Elect Jack Welcomed our visitors and invited them to lead off at the buffet.

MEETING



PE Jack Edwards asked Clint Johnson to introduce the interim Pastor of St Paul's Jan Dykstra. PP Geoff Slawson presented the club budget for RY 2007-2007 to the members. Each line item was explained and questions from the members were received and answered. Approval of the budget was tabled until next week when the club treasurer Bob Hindsley and Prez Mike will be present. Steve Marks gave a status report on the progress of our Earlyact program slated to begin at Millennium School in September. The two new officers of the Homewood Foundation were named. Geoff Slawson our past president by the foundation by-laws,, Rick Thiernau by election of the foundation board. The third is Bill Nuzbach, who was nominated and elected by the membership. PE Jack then asked the program chair Gary Nordbrock to introduce our program.

PROGRAM-Barbara Morris of Chestnut Squar Condominiums.



Barbara described the pending construction of the Chestnut Square Condominiums that are to be built on the parking lot behind and adjacent to the Village Hall building. The construction will take approximately one year. When completed units will sell from \$205,000 to \$305,000. There will be parking for one car included with a second space available for purchase. Barbara indicated that a number of units have already been sold. Great Lakes Bank has committed to the entire frontage along Walnut Street. This development will be a welcome enhancement to our downtown.

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)

● Program Suggestion?

If you have a suggestion for a program, Email Program Chair Gary Nordbrock at nordbrck@aol.com and tell him what it is.

Honor or memorialize your loved ones with gifts of love, and friendship

You can do this by making a Memorial /Tribute gift in honor of a friend or loved one to the Homewood Rotary Club Foundation. Your gift will help the Foundation continue its mission of charitable funding in the community. If this is something you would like to do you can do so by obtaining an envelope, provided by the foundation, from the Foundation vice president.

● Invocation Volunteers Requested

The Pledge to our flag and the 4 way test can be recited on a moments notice. However, a little more notice is necessary to offer the invocation. Every week we ask for an invocation at the start of our regular Wednesday lunch meeting. I would like to ask for volunteers to sign up in advance to fill the calendar. If this is something you would like to do contact Prez Mike at rryanfh@sbcglobal.net



ROTARY LOAN CLOSET

If you are aware of any one in the Homewood-Flossmoor area that may be in temporary need of a wheelchair, crutches, a walker, or any other medical appliance. Tell them to contact the rotary loan closet at (708) 747-8989. This phone number is monitored by an answering machine 24/7 and all requests will be acknowledged quickly...

CHICAGO HEIGHTS CORN ROAST



Despite the sweltering above 90° temperature the Chicago Heights Rotary Club held their annual corn roast (nee pig roast) and enjoyed acceptable attendance of its members. Several of our club members attended.

Your editor had to leave early so consequently the photo only shows those members that showed up prior my leaving.



ADG John Loumbas greeted us in his usual enthusiastic way. Gary Nordbrock and Nick Markionni came after I had left.



THINGS WE SHOULD'VE LEARNED BY MIDDLE AGE (Contributed by Mike Krokidas)

Don't worry about what people think; they don't do it very often.

Significant Dates

- AUGUST 23, A VISIT BY PAST PRESIDENT BARBARA RAMSEY



- AUGUST 27, (SUNDAY) ROTARY DISTRICTS 6440 & 6450 DAY AT THE RACES AT ARLINGTON PARK
INFO 1-847-385-7787 Melanie Graham at Arlington Park.



AUGUST 30, DISTRICT GOVERNOR SUE SMALLWOOD

- SEPTEMBER 7, 2006...MILLENIUM SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE...SOME BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE THERE



OCTOBER 3, 2006.....FIRST EARLY ACT MEETING AT MILLENIUM SCHOOL



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

Helen Hale, Shirley Ledwell, Jim Mahan,



The raffle this week was won by John Blakey



Kat Mannel

SENIOR MOMENTS WITH HARRY AND VINCE

“Vince my 9 year old great grandson Joshua recited a poem to me that’s pretty cute.” “That’s nice Harry how does it go?” “Mary had a little lamb she also had a bear. I’ve many times seen her lamb, but I’ve never seen her bear. What do you think Vince?” “I think he should have his mouth washed out with soap, that’s what I think Harry!”



A WISE OBSERVATION OF:- George R. Kirkpatrick

“Nature gave people two ends—one to sit on, and one to think with. Ever since then, their success or failure has been dependent on the end that is used most.

Words That Could Change Your Life

I think the purpose of life is to be useful, to be responsible, to be honorable, to be compassionate. It is after all, to matter: to count, to stand for something, to make some difference that you lived at all.

Leo C. Rosten

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; **Shirley Ledwell**-Diagnosed with a large tumor, **Helen Hale** - chronic illness; **The men &women of our armed forces**; **Jim Mahan**-Recovering from a blood clot in his leg and Guillain-Barré Syndrome.

Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

1. Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
2. Announcement in a church bulletin for a national PRAYER & FASTING Conference: "The cost for attending the Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals."
3. The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus."
4. Our youth basketball team is back in action Wednesday at 8 PM in the recreation hall. Come out and watch us kill Christ the King.
5. "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Don't forget your husbands.
6. The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
7. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.
8. Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
9. Miss Charlene Mason sang, "I will not pass this way again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
10. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.



ROTARY ADVOCATES
A TIME-PROVEN
INCENTIVE PROGRAM,
Those who attend meetings,
Get to RETAIN THEIR MEMBERSHIP





This Weeks Poop Sheet

No Shows.

14 members were no shows. Our total membership is 62. Attendance for this meeting was 75%.

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.

Guests

Jan Dykstra Interim Pastor, St Paul's Church

Visiting Rotarians



Jerry Sullivan (Park Forest)

Member Birthdays and Club Anniversaries

Birthdays

August-Mario Santacaterina (7th), John Jansen (18th), Joe Ledwell (22nd), Collin Alpert, Roy Cofran (23rd), Bob Scott (26th), Gary Nordbrock (30th).

Club Anniversaries:

August- Nancy Dederer (7th), Joe Commerford (21st), Geoff Slawson (22nd),

The Brain Droppings of George Carlin

"Instead of school bussing and prayer in schools, which are both controversial, why not a joint solution? Just drive the kids around all day and let them pray their (expletive omitted) empty little heads off."

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 and Thomas, Chicago Heights.
Evergreen Park: Baracco's Pizza 3701 W. 95th
Oak Lawn: Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 So. Cicero.

Tuesday

Blue Island: Elks Club, 4428 Midlothian Trnpg, Crestwood
Chicago-1: (**noon**) the Union League Club, 65 W. Jackson .
Oak Forest: Midlothian Country Club: 5000 147th St.
Matteson: Ciao Ristorante, 3613 W. 216th St. Matteson

Thursday

Orland Park: Silver Lake CC, 151st & 82nd Ave
Park Forest: Freedom Hall, 410 Lakewood

Friday

Hinsdale: Messina's 30 Prospect, Clarendon Hills
Lansing: Popolano's Rest., 17940 Torrence, Lansing, IL

Meeting Assignments & Program Information



Greeters

Aug 09 Mike Dunn
Aug 16 Mary Dunn
Aug 23 Jack Edwards
Aug 30 Walt Flor

Invocation (assigned by Pres. Mike)

Sergeants at Arms

Marv & Joe Commerford (set up only)
Rich Isom

Upcoming Programs (Prog. Chair-Gary Nordbrock)

Aug 09

Mike Reagan-Classification Talk
Calumet Country Club

Aug 16

PDD Rick Thiernau-His Year as District Gov. in
Review
Calumet Country Club

Aug 23

PP Barbara Ramsey-
Calumet Country Club

Aug 30

DD Sue Smallwood- Her Annual Club Visit
Calumet Country Club

Club Information

Officers Rotary Year 2006-2007

International President

William B. Boyd.

District Governor

Emma "Sue" Smallwood

President

Mike Ryan

President-Elect

Jack Edwards

Club Directors

Vreni Mendoza

Rich Isom

Scott Doerfler

Steve Marks

Treasurer

Robert Hindsley

Secretary

Sandi Jones

Past President

Geoff Slawson

Homewood Rotary Foundation

President

To be appointed

Vice President

To be appointed

Board of Directors

Walt Flor-Secretary

Paul McHenry-Treasurer

Gary Nordbrock

Jerry Bradley

Jim Mahan

Jim Bader

CLUB BOARD MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2006-2007 ROTARY YEAR

Director Club Service - **Rich Isom**, -Director Community Service-**Scott Doerfler**,

Director Vocational Service - **Steve Marks** Director International Service **Vreni Mtbdez**

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LET'S WEAR OUR ROTARY PINS EVERY DAY TO CREATE MORE AWARENESS
OF ROTARY BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC.-- PDG Rick Thiernau

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