



SPOKESPERSON

ROTARY CLUB OF HOMEWOOD

Chartered April 1, 1936 - District 6450

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 9, 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 9, 2006

The meeting was called to order by **Prez Mike**, who has returned from vacationing in cool Hawaii, at 12:15PM.. We sang *God Bless America* accompanied by **Jane Hindsley** then recited the Pledge of Allegiance, led by **Jack Edwards** and the Four Way Test Led by **Steve Marks**. **Mike Dunn** offered the invocation after which Prez Mike welcomed our visitors and invited them to lead off at the buffet.

MEETING



Prez Mike invited President Elect Jack Edwards to report on the plans for the kick-off of the membership drive at Aurelio's The goal is to recruit 10 new members. More information regarding this effort will be in next weeks Spokesperson.

Prez Mike thanked Jerry Bradley for the outstanding job he did on the White Sox outing.

A vote on the club budget was next on the agenda. Joe Commerford moved and Geoff Slawson seconded the motion that the budget for RY 06-07 be accepted. A voice unanimous vote of Ayes was cast to adopt the

budget as presented. Vreni Mendoza then gave a report on a Potable water project for the world.



Past President Geoff Slawson presented Jerry Palm's brother Jon Palm, with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Program Chair Gary Nordbrock then introduced Mike Reagan.

PROGRAM Mike Reagan, Classification talk



Mike was sponsored for membership by Cheri Vana. Mike has diverse interests. He is a swimmer and holds a Lockport H.S. record for the backstroke. He is a Marathon runner. And also SCUBA Dives. He is an Eagle Scout. He went to Churchill Elementary and James Hart Middle School. After graduation from College he chose to follow a career in finance. Mike works at Great Lakes Bank, The Bank of Choice. Our club is very fortunate to have attracted a young professional like Mike .



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...



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

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.



A WISE THOUGHT OF BUDDHA

“The secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn the past, nor to worry about the future, but to live the present moment wisely and earnestly.”

Significant Dates



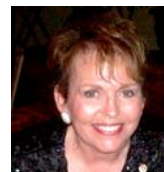
AUGUST 23, Dale Mitchell Reports on the status of SD 153



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'S VISIT



SEPTEMBER 7, 2006...MILLENNIUM SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE... CLUB MEMBERS WILL BE THERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE EARLYACT CLUB



OCTOBER 3, 2006.....FIRST EARLY ACT MEETING AT MILLENNIUM 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 Jerry Palm

● AN INTERESTING PICTURE FROM THE OSHKOSH AIRSHOW FROM CLIFF MORA



I DON'T THINK IT IS OUR ROTARY AIR FORCE



Kat Mannel

SENIOR MOMENTS WITH HARRY AND VINCE

“You know Harry when I don’t wake up aching in every joint, I think I’m probably dead.” Shaking his head knowingly Harry replied, “My back is my problem Vince, It goes out more than I do.”



A WISE OBSERVATION OF:- Merry Browne

“If you want an accounting of your worth, count you friends.”

Words That Could Change Your Life

Life is like a ten-speed bike. Most of us have gears we never use.

Charles Schulz

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.



RAIN OR SHINE

Rotary Districts 6440 & 6450

Day at the Races

Arlington Park Racecourse

Sunday August 27, 2006

12 Noon Arrival - Post Time 1:00 pm

GrandIsland Reserved Seats & Bistro Lunch Ticket

includes your choice of a sandwich & side salad served with a soft drink & jumbo chocolate chip cookie

Reservations taken through Thursday August 17. Tickets subject to availability and will be mailed upon receipt of Pre-paid order.

For tickets email www.arlingtonparkevents.com/tickets

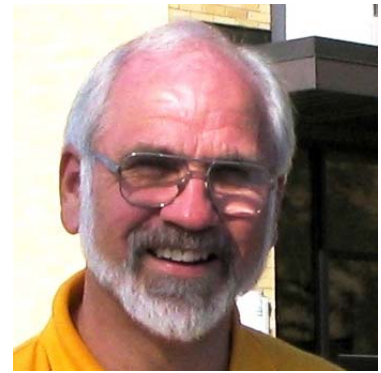
For more information call Melanie Graham at 847-385-7787 at Arlington Park

● **[A LETTER FROM OUR AUSTRALIAN BROTHER, DAVE NORDBROCK](#)**

Hi Joe;

Thanks for the latest Spokesperson.

We just recently had our Changeover because at the time we should have had it, we had members away doing our project in the Northern Territory. The project went well. All the work was completed and there was even time for a bit of recreation - homemade of course. In the middle of Outback Australia, there are no nightclubs to go to or baseball games or the like. Since many Aboriginal communities are dry because of the problem that drink causes with them, the crew could not even sit around and have a beer after their day's work. All those that went, however, thoroughly enjoyed their experience. That was Stage 1. Several more stages are anticipated over the next several years before the project is totally complete.



At the Changeover I was given a very special honour. I was presented with a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition. That totally caught me by surprise. It was something that I really never thought that I would ever receive. It was given to me in recognition of service given to the club and the district over the years. What an honour.

I understand that you guys are suffering from a bit of heat over there these days. It sounds pretty extreme in some parts of America. I hope you do not send that extreme heat to us for our summer. It is not uncommon for us to hit 100 anyway so if you guys are getting it that hot, we might end up with 110 or so. Your humidity always seems higher than what we get. To me that would be the killer.

Thanks again for keeping in touch.

Dave



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

Graig Nelson (Greg Habas), Jon Palm (Club)

Visiting Rotarians



None

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

“Ever wonder about those people who spend \$2.00 apiece on those little bottles of Evian water?

Try spelling Evian backwards: NAÏVE!”

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 Trnpr, 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



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



Meeting Assignments & Program Information



Greeters

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 16
PDG Rick Thiernau-His Year as District Gov. in Review
Calumet Country Club
Aug 23
Dale Mitchell Superintendent SD 153
Calumet Country Club
Aug 30
DG Sue Smallwood- The DG 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

President

To be appointed

Vice President

To be appointed

Board of Directors

Paul McHenry-Treasurer

*Rick Thiernau

*Geoff Slawson

*Jerry Bradley

*Jim Bader

*Jim Mahan

*Bill Nuzbach

* One each of these will be elected President or Vice President by the members of the Foundation Board

Homewood Rotary Foundation

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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www.homewoodrotary.org

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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