



# 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 16, 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!



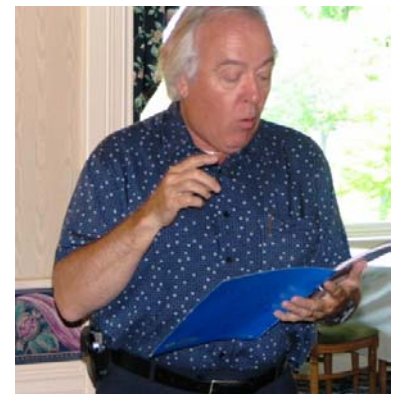
### CALL TO ORDER August 16, 2006

The meeting was called to order by **Prez Mike**, at 12:15PM.. We sang *America The Beautiful* accompanied by **Jane Hindsley** then recited the Pledge of Allegiance, led by **Jim Mahan** and the Four Way Test Led by **Rich Isom**. **Joe Ledwell** offered the invocation after which Prez Mike welcomed our visitors and invited them to lead off at the buffet.

### MEETING



Prez Mike requested our visitors to come forward and introduce themselves. He then went over the program schedule and reminded us of the District Governors visit on the 30<sup>th</sup> and Dale Mitchell report on school district 153 next week. The birthdays and club anniversary dates for this week were mentioned and we sang happy birthday to commemorate the event. While we were in the singing mood we



sang Honor Rotary led by its author Alan Long. Art Welsh then held the

weekly raffle drawing after which program Chair Gary Nordbrock introduced our speaker PDG Rick Thiernau.

### PROGRAM PDG Rick Thiernau



PDG Rick gave us some insight as to the rigors of being District Governor. The job is monumental. He said that fortunately he was able to surround himself with very capable assistant District Govs and other volunteers that made his job a lot easier. He told us that one of the most important jobs he had beside being responsible for the District Conference was visiting all of the 62 clubs in the district. It was agreed by those present that Rick did one heck of a job while he was in office. He reminded us that one of the things that he tried to instill in every member was to always wear your Rotary Pin no matter what you are doing. This is very important to him and he truly feels that it will help make the general public aware of Rotary. He let us know that it was really good to be back in his good old Homewood Club.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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)

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.



### **A WISE THOUGHT OF Woodrow Wilson**

“Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together

# Significant Dates



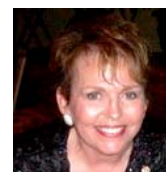
AUGUST 23, Dale Mitchell Reports on the status of SD 153



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](mailto:jcommerford@comcast.net) .*

Helen Hale, Shirley Ledwell, Jim Mahan,



The raffle this week was won by Geoff Slawson



## SENIOR MOMENTS WITH HARRY AND VINCE

“You know Harry There are several things that are real benefits for being over 70.”  
“And what might they be Vince?” “Well, for instance Harry; kidnappers are not very interested in you and in a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.” “Vince my dear buddy, I think you have too much time on your hands. Harry said shaking his head.”

Kat Mannel



**A WISE OBSERVATION OF:- Tug McGraw**

“Some days you tame the tiger. And some days the tiger has you for lunch.”

## Words That Could Change Your Life

You don't become a failure until you're satisfied with being one. anon

### **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](http://www.arlingtonparkevents.com/tickets)

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

The U. S. Navy's newest aircraft carrier. This vessel is Hugh.(Contributed by Mike Dunn)

### THE USS RONALD REAGAN



#### **Capability:**

Top speed exceeds 30 knots  
Powered by two nuclear reactors that can operate for more than 20 years without refueling  
Expected to operate in the fleet for about 50 years  
Carries over 80 combat aircraft  
Three arresting cables can stop a 28-ton aircraft going 150 miles per hour in less than 400 feet

#### **Size:**

Towers 20 stories above the waterline  
1092 feet long; nearly as long as the Empire State Building is tall  
Flight deck covers 4.5 acres  
4 bronze propellers, each 21 feet across, weighing 66,200 pounds  
2 rudders, each 29 by 22 feet and weighing 50 tons  
4 high speed aircraft elevators, each over 4,000 square feet

#### **Dates:**

Dec. 8, 1994 Contract awarded to Newport News Shipbuilding  
Feb 12, 1998 Keel laid  
Oct 1, 2000 Pre-commissioning Unit established  
March 4, 2001 Christened by Mrs.. Nancy Reagan  
May 5, 2003 First underway  
July 12, 2003 Commissioned  
July 23, 2004 Arrived at homeport in San Diego, CA

#### **Capacity:**

Home to about 6,000 Navy personnel  
Carries enough food and supplies to operate for 90 days  
18,150 meals served daily  
Distillation plants provide 400,000 gallons of fresh water from sea water daily, enough for 2000 homes  
Nearly 30,000 light fixtures and 1,325 miles of cable and wiring  
1,400 telephones, 14,000 pillowcases and 28,000 sheets  
Costs the Navy approximately \$250,000 per day for pier side operation  
Costs the Navy approximately \$2.5 million per day for underway operations (Sailor's salaries included).



# 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

Marty Freeman, Kathy Kansfield, Stacy Johnson, Lucas Johnson

## Visiting Rotarians



Jim Chestnut (Chicago Hts.), Janet Muchnik (Park Forest)

## Member Birthdays and Club Anniversaries

### Birthdays

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

### Club Anniversaries:

**August**- Nancy Dederer (7<sup>th</sup>), Joe Commerford (21<sup>st</sup>), Geoff Slawson (22<sup>nd</sup>),

## The Brain Droppings of George Carlin

“Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a racecar 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.

### Monday

*Chicago Heights:* First Presbyterian Church  
10<sup>th</sup> and Thomas, Chicago Heights.  
*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 Trnprk, Crestwood  
*Chicago-I:* (noon) the Union League Club, 65 W. Jackson .  
*Oak Forest.* Midlothian Country Club: 5000 147<sup>th</sup> St.  
*Matteson:* Ciao Ristorante, 3613 W. 216<sup>th</sup> St. Matteson

### 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:* 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 23 Jack Edwards

Aug 30 Walt Flor

Sep 06 Mark Franz

Sep 13 Diane Habas

Invocation (assigned by Pres. Mike)

### Sergeants at Arms

Marv & Joe Commerford (set up only)

Rich Isom

### Upcoming Programs (Prog. Chair-Gary Nordbrock)

#### 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

#### Homewood Rotary Foundation

##### President

To be appointed

##### Vice President

To be appointed

##### Board of Directors

\*Nick Markionni

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

#### 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**

Past issues of the **SPOKESPERSON** can be viewed and/or printed from our Web Site,

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