



# 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 30, 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!

Before the meeting our Board met with DG Sue Smallwood.



### CALL TO ORDER August 30, 2006

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



## MEETING



Prez Mike invited our guests to come forward and introduce themselves; Next Rich Isom presented a check from Bob Wilson of the proceeds of the corn roast to Foundation treasurer Paul McHenry. We then sang Happy Birthday to our two celebrants Greg Habas and Gary Nordbrock. While we were in the singing mood we sang Al Long's song *Homewood Rotary* and dedicated it to DG Sue Smallwood. Jack Edwards then presented the Food, Fun & Fellowship social event scheduled for Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at Aurelio's. A complete explanation of the event appears on page 5 in this weeks Spokesperson. Rick Thiernau announced that WGN is going to present a documentary presentation of our Peru Medical Mission that was filmed during this years Medical Mission. Rick then asked our two new member candidates Kathy Kansfield and Pam Hollich to come forward for their installation as members.

Kathy was sponsored by Rick and Pam was sponsored by John Blakey. Congratulations to both of them

These ladies are welcome members to our club



## PROGRAM District Governor Sue Smallwood



District Governor Smallwood's talk encouraged us to keep doing what we're doing.. She said that we are a good example of the motto Rotary In Motion. She gave enthusiastic praise to our Peru Medical mission and the Health fare. The main thrust of her visit however was to encourage support for the Rotary International Foundation. She outlined how important the RI Foundation is to us in funding our local programs as well as Rotary's International endeavors. Rotary is a bottom up organization and RI responds to our local needs and desires citing the local origins of the Polio and Potable water projects.

Sue Smallwood impressed us with her leadership and enthusiasm for her position and assured us that her year as district governor will be productive and exciting.

At the close of the presentation Pres Mike adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM.

## 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)

### AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

- **Sandi Jones**, our secretary, has requested that if you arrive for the meeting late and there is no one at the sign in table to record your attendance, to please find your name on the attendance sheet on the table and mark yourself present by drawing a line through the number preceding your name on the sheet. This will assure that you won't be overlooked and get credit for your attendance.

- **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)

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.



**A WISE THOUGHT OF Elbert Hubbard**

An Editor is a person who is chosen to write a newsletter and whose business it is to separate the wheat from the chaff and see to it the chaff is printed.

**Significant Dates**



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



**SEPTEMBER 11,—WE SHALL NEVER FORGET!**



**OCTOBER 3, 2006.....FIRST EARLY ACT MEETING AT MILLENNIUM SCHOOL**



**OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup> FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP SOCIAL EVENT AT AURELIO'S (see complete details on page 5)**



*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 John Loumbas



Kat Mannel

**SENIOR MOMENTS WITH HARRY AND VINCE**

“You know Harry the only thing that I regret about my life is the length of it.” “What makes you say that Vince?” “Well Harry; its just that if I had my life to live over I’d make all the same mistakes—but I’d make them sooner.” “I think I know what your saying Vince. The future isn’t what it used to be.”



**A WISE OBSERVATION OF:- Bill Gates**

“The internet is becoming the town square for the global village of tomorrow.”

***Words That Could Change Your Life***

“Talent wins games, but teamwork wins championships.” **Michael Jordan**

**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.

# *Food, Fun, & Fellowship!!!*

The Homewood Rotary will be hosting a social event at Aurelio's Pizza, 18162 Harwood, Homewood, IL, on Wednesday, October 25, 2006. Registration and socializing will begin at 6:30 - dinner at 7:00. Our meeting will begin by 8:00. We expect to move into the entertainment phase of the evening by 8:30. Aurelio's would like the event to wrap up between 9:30 and 10:00.

Dress will be casual, wear jeans if you want to.

This is a great night to bring all of those people you have been considering introducing to our club. The normal rules for guests apply. If they are there as a guest, you will need to pay for their meal. If they are there as a prospective member, the club will pay for their meal.

This will be our weekly meeting for that week - we will not be at Calumet Country Club that afternoon.

The meeting will consist of a brief business section, if there is anything that needs to be discussed, followed by several speakers.

- Village President **Rich Hofeld** will comment on Rotary's impact on the Village.
- President **Mike Ryan** briefly commenting on our clubs projects.
- Our past **District Governor Rick Thiernau** and **District Governor Nominee Michael Slevnik** will discuss the District and International impact of Rotary.
- Comedian, **Ken Sevara**, will be our entertainment. Ken has appeared on stage with *Jerry Seinfeld*, *Richard Lewis*, *Gloria Estefan*, *The Beach Boys* and *the Everly Brothers*. He has also appeared on TV on Comedy Express, Comedy on the Road and Night Shift.

***Our goal is to introduce Rotary to 25 new people.***

New members are the future of our club. Let's strive to increase our membership by 20% this year.

Please let us know who you plan to bring with you, and also, let us know if there is someone who you think should be invited, but you want us to extend the invitation for you.

We need to have a head count for Aurelio's a week before the event takes place, so please get us your responses as soon as possible.

## **Membership Night Committee**

Jack Edwards  
Sandi Jones

Mike Slevnik  
Steve Marks

Mike Reagan  
Mike Ryan

**Rotarian:**

**Guest(s):**

## **DISTRICT GOVERNOR SMALLWOOD AND THE TROOPS**





# This Weeks Doop Sheet

## No Shows.

**9 members were no shows. Our total membership is 64 Attendance for this meeting was 82%.**

**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

Bandi, Shira (Mendoza), Louis Anthonisen, Butch Linster (Martin), Tom Nordbrock (Gary)

## Visiting Rotarians



DG Sue Smallwood, Mary Klinefetto (Oaklawn), Asst. DG John Loumbas, Jerry Sullivan (Park Forest)

## Member Birthdays and Club Anniversaries)

### Birthdays

**September**-Nick Markionni (15<sup>th</sup>)

### Club Anniversaries:

**September** Art Welsh (1<sup>st</sup>), Marv Commerford, Joe Moser, Mike Ryan (25<sup>th</sup>)

## The Brain Droppings of George Carlin

"I enjoy comparing baseball and football: Football is concerned with *downs*. What down is it? Baseball is concerned with *ups*. Whos up? Are you up? I'm not up! He's up!"

## 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 Trnkp, Crestwood  
*Chicago-1:* (**noon**) the Union League Club, 65 W. Jackson .  
*Oak Forest.* Midlothian Country Club: 5000 147<sup>th</sup> St.  
*Matteson:* Ciao Ristaurante, 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

Sep 06 Mark Franz  
Sep 13 Diane Habas  
Sep 20 Greg Habas

## Invocation (assigned by Pres. Mike)

### Sergeants at Arms

Marv & Joe Commerford (set up only)  
Rich Isom

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

### Sep 06

Asst. DG John Loumbas- The Rotary Foundation  
Calumet Country Club

### Sep 13

Trey Robbins-Flossmoor Country Club Golf Pro  
Calumet Country Club

### Sep 20

Kevin McNulty-Pres Chicago Southland Chamber  
Calumet Country Club

### Sep 27

TBA  
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 Mendoza**

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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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