



SPOKESPERSON

ROTARY CLUB OF HOMEWOOD

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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?

SEPTEMBER 20, 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 September 20, 2006



The meeting was called to order by **Prez Mike** at 12:15PM.. We sang *God Bless America* accompanied by our pianist; **Jane Hindsley** who has just returned from an extended trip of the Baltics. We then recited the Pledge of Allegiance, led by **Greg Habas** and the Four Way Test Led by **Collin Alpert**. **Nancy Dederer** offered the invocation. Prez Mike welcomed our visitors and invited them to lead off at the buffet.

MEETING



Prez Mike asked our visitors to introduce themselves. We then sang Happy Birthday to members celebrating their birthday. Steve Marks reported on the Earlyact project. PE Jack Edwards then said a few words about the Membership Social to be held at Aurelio's (see page-5). **Art Welsh** then held the weekly raffle drawing. Program Chair Gary Nordbrock introduced today's speaker

PROGRAM Kevin McNulty-Pres Chicago Southland Chamber



Kevin talked about the dynamics that are effecting economic development growth in the South Suburbs. Housing it seems is the biggest factor. The establishment of centralized product distribution by large corporations is creating large (1 Million Sq. Ft.) storage buildings; however they do not require a large amount of employees. He addressed the impact of the Interstate 355 expansion and how it will affect the Southern collar counties. Very little was said about the third airport other than the political in-fighting being waged for control. He concluded by accepting questions from the members, whose primary concern seemed to be property taxes.

At the close of discussions Prez Mike adjourned the meeting at 1:30 P.M.

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.



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...

- **Michael Slevnik submitted the following information:**

Rotary International has announced the new RI President for 2008-09, which is the year he will be District Governor. The person selected is

Don Kurn "DK" Lee from Seoul Hangang, Seoul Korea

- **BOARD APPROVES SONG TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

At their meeting on Wednesday Evening Sept 20th the board enthusiastically approved a song that was written by Joe Commerford with the help of Bob Hindsley that is to be sung by the membership to welcome new members after their installation. The melody is of a traditional German folk song O' Tannenbaum. The lyric is as follows:

You're welcome to our Rotary
We're happy that you've joined us.
You'll help us serve to do our best
And to promote the Four Way Test.
To Serve above one's self you see, it is our creed in Rotary.
You're now a part of our fam'ly,
The Homewood Club of Rotary.



President's Roundtable and Membership Seminar

On Saturday morning, September 23 at the Oaks Hotel (former Ramada) in Burr Ridge. 7:30 AM with registration and a buffet breakfast. The roundtable will conclude by 12:30 PM.



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

For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program..



A WISE THOUGHT OF Shirley Maclaine

"I think of life itself, now, as a wonderful play that I have written for myself....And so my purpose is to have the most fun playing my part"

Significant Dates



September 23 President's Roundtable and Membership Seminar



September 29th Sertoma Fundraiser at Gaelic Park Contact Dom Porto at 815-485-5363 For information or tickets



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



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



May 18TH thru May 20th 2007 Rotary District 6450 Conference
Register online www.rotary6450.org click on "District Conference 2007"



June 17th – 20th 2007, Rotary International Convention;--Information at www.rihost2007slc.org



If a member of your nuclear family or any Rotarian 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 Bob Scott



Kat Mannel

SENIOR MOMENTS WITH HARRY AND VINCE

“You know Harry, life is not the way it’s supposed to be. Don’t you think?” “It’s the way it is Vince. The way you cope with it is what makes the difference.”



A WISE OBSERVATION Laura Ingalls Wilder

“I am beginning to learn that the sweet, simple things of life which are the real ones after all.”

Words That Could Change Your Life

“Life is like a blanket too short. You pull it up and your toes rebel, you yank it down and shivers meander about your shoulders; but cheerful folks manage to draw their knees up and pass a very comfortable night.”

–Marion Howard

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, **Those who perished in the 9-11 terrorist attack**



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

Rotarian:

Guest(s):

Mike Slevnik

Steve Marks

Mike Reagan

Mike Ryan



This Weeks Poop Sheet

No Shows.

17 members were no shows. Our total membership is 64 Attendance for this meeting was 73%.

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

Jack Henrici Village of Homewood Interim Fire Chief (Johnson)
Kevin McNulty, Program Presenter (Club)

Visiting Rotarians



NONE

Member Birthdays and Club Anniversaries)

Birthdays

September-Kathie Kansfield (6) Nick Markionni (15th)

Club Anniversaries:

September Art Welsh (1st), Marv Commerford, Joe Moser, Mike Ryan (25th)

The Brain Droppings of George Carlin

“The child molester skipped breakfast, but said he'd grab a little something on the way to work.”

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 Trnkp, 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

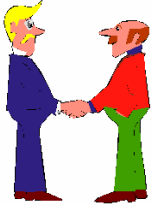
Hinsdale: Messina's 30 Prospect, Clarendon Hills
Lansing: Popolano's Rest., 17940 Torrence, Lansing, IL



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



Meeting Assignments & Program Information



Greeters

Sep 27 Rich Isom
Oct 04 John Jansen
Oct 11 Clint Johnson
Oct 18 Kathie Kansfield

Invocation (assigned by Pres. Mike)

Sergeants at Arms

Marv & Joe Commerford (set up only)
Rich Isom

Upcoming Programs (Prog. Chair-Gary Nordbrock)

Sep 27

Dale Mitchell Superintendent of SD 135 and
Teachers from each school in the district
Calumet Country Club

Oct 4

TBA
Calumet Country Club

Oct 11

TBA
Calumet Country Club

OCT 18

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

Jim Bader

Vice President

Jerry Bradley

Secretary

Geoff Slawson

Treasurer

Paul McHenry

Directors

Nick Markionni

Rick Thiernau

Jim Mahan

Bill Nuzbach

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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www.homewoodrotary.org

LET'S WEAR OUR ROTARY PINS
AWARENESS OF ROTARY BY THE



EVERY DAY TO CREATE MORE
GENERAL PUBLIC.-- PDG Rick Thiernau

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