



SPOKESPERSON

ROTARY CLUB OF HOMEWOOD

Chartered April 1, 1936 - District 6450

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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 27, 2006

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

www.homewoodrotary.org/spokes.htm

If God had wanted this newsletter to be perfect, he never would have let me do it!

OCTOBER 2, 2006



WISHING OUR JEWISH MEMBERS AN EASY FAST AND A MEANINGFUL YOM KIPPUR!

CALL TO ORDER September 27, 2006

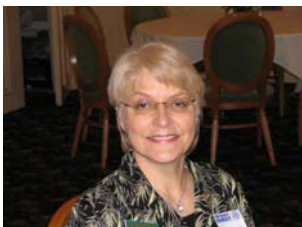
The meeting was called to order by **Prez Mike** at 12:15PM.. We sang *America* accompanied by our pianist; **Jane Hindsley** We then recited the Pledge of Allegiance, led by **John Blakey** and the Four Way Test Led by **Keith McLean**. **Jerry Palm** offered the invocation. Prez Mike welcomed our visitors and invited them to lead off at the buffet.



MEETING



Prez Mike asked our visitors to introduce themselves. DGD Michael Slevnick welcomed Our new member Mary Klinefelter After which our new song *Welcome to our rotary club* was sung by the members, for the first time, to welcome her.



Steve Marks reported on the Earlyact project. Steve announced that two students, one from Hill Crest H.S. and one from H.F. are our RYLA participants for this year. PE Jack Edwards then said a few words about the Membership Social to be held at Aurelio's



(see page-5). Jerry Palm reported on the District Golf Outing and reminded us that planning for the Glenwood School Christmas Party will commence in October. Greg Habas told us of the passing of Mike Dunn's mother. Gary Nordbrock announced the dissolution of the Homewood Flossmoor Kiwanis Club and expressed Homewood Rotary Club's condolences.

Art Welsh then held the weekly raffle drawing.

Program Chair Gary Nordbrock introduced today's speaker

PROGRAM Dale Mitchell and School Principals-State of SD 153 Elementary Schools



Jeff Stawick Anne Marie McGovern Mary Kay Gardner Dale Mitchell Pat Spalla

The five people that you see pictured above are the custodians of the elementary education of Homewood's young people. From Pre-School age to Middle school these folks, and their professional staffs, are motivating and exciting their students with the importance of learning the basic skills made available to them in their respective schools. Students are constantly exposed to new and innovative programs which enrich their learning experiences such as the Rotary Four way Test Program and the new Rotary Earlyact club. During the students travels from Willow School, to Churchill School. to Millennium School and eventually James Hart Middle School the experiences the students had will hopefully enrich them forever. These folks are obviously doing things right, as SD 153 is one of the outstanding elementary districts in the country. Homewood can be very proud to have such competent and innovative educators teaching their children.

At the close of the presentation Pres 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...



American Education Week 2006 November 12–18

In keeping with the spirit of National Education Week and Rotary International's Literacy Project our club will be distributing Dictionaries to the following Elementary School Districts and Schools: **Homewood SD 153, Glenwood SD 167, Flossmoor SD 161, Glenwood School for Boys and Girls, St. Joseph's Catholic Grade School, Homewood, Infant Jesus of Prague Catholic Grade School, Flossmoor.**



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

Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks



A WISE THOUGHT OF Jack Penn

“One of the secrets of life is to make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks.”

Significant Dates



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



July 29th, Sunday- 3rd annual Jazz in the Park--Governors State University



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 the longer I live the less future there is to worry about.” “Boy ain’t that the truth Vince. One of the people in the building is constantly quoting an old Yiddish folk saying that touches on the same thing; it goes; “Don’t worry about tomorrow; who knows what will befall you today.”” “I guess that means you and I will just have to live one day at a time Vince my friend.” “I guess so Harry.”



A WISE OBSERVATION of Ogden Nash

“Middle age is when you’ve met so many people that every new person you meet reminds you of someone else.”

Words That Could Change Your Life

“In spite of illness, in spite even of the archenemy sorrow, one can remain alive long past the usual date of disintegration if one is unafraid of change, insatiable in intellectual curiosity, interested in big things, and happy in small ways.” –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, **The Dunn family** for the loss of their mother



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):



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

Bob Talbot, Geri Bayles, Armond McCarroll, Pat Spalla, Jeff Stawick, Mary Kaye Gardner, Anne Marie McGovern

Visiting Rotarians



Mary Klinefelter (Membership transfer)

Member Birthdays and Club Anniversaries)

Birthdays

October-Jim Bader (5th), Steve Marks (14th), Jim Mahan (26th), Bob Hindsley (30th)

Club Anniversaries:

October-Jim Bader (2nd), Jerry Bradley, Ray Brejcha, Bill Broder, Joe Ledwell (10th), Michael Krokidas (15th), Jack Edwards (18th),

The Brain Droppings of George Carlin

"I like a woman with no feet, because she's not always nagging you to take her dancing."

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-I: (**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

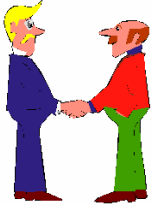
Hinsdale: Messina's 30 Prospect, Clarendon Hills
Lansing: Popolano's Rest., 17940 Torrence, Lansing, IL



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



Meeting Assignments & Program Information



Greeters

Oct 04 John Jansen
Oct 11 Clint Johnson
Oct 18 Kathie Kansfield
Oct 25 Mike Krokidas

Invocation (assigned by Pres. Mike)

Sergeants at Arms

Marv & Joe Commerford (set up only)
Rich Isom

Upcoming Programs (Prog. Chair-Gary Nordbrock)

Oct 4

Planning and Strategy meeting for the Membership
Recruiting Social at Aurelio's
Calumet Country Club

Oct 11

TBA
Calumet Country Club

OCT 18

TBA
Calumet Country Club

OCT-25

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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