



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?

December 13, 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!



CALL TO ORDER December 13, 2006

The meeting was called to order by **Prez Mike** at 12:15p.m.... We sang *America* A Cappella because of Jane Hindsley's. Absence We then recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by **Gary Nordbrock** followed by the Four Way Test Led by **the Earlyact Members Nick Markionni** offered the invocation. Prez Mike welcomed our visitors and invited them to lead off at the buffet.

MEETING PROCEEDINGS



Prez Mike had the guests introduced. He then announced that Geoff Slawson was selected as our Asst. Dist Gov for RY 2007-2008. Foundation President Jim Bader then presented a check to Nitchka Gravely of Hillcrest H.S. Snowball. Prez Mike informed us that the envelopes on our table are for voluntary contribution for Maria and Salvadore. Gary Nordbrock, program chair then



introduced our speaker Rabbi Paul Caplan.

PROGRAM Rabbi Paul Caplan of Temple Anshe Shalom



Rabbi Caplan talked to us about giving. He used as a basis for his comments a children's book called *The Giving Tree*. He told us that as a child he hated the book because it described a child asking for and receiving everything he wanted.until the tree was nothing but stump. He invited the members to give their opinion about the situation and although there was no solution it created a great deal of thought and interest. At the conclusion the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM

Announcements, Activities, Member Contributions

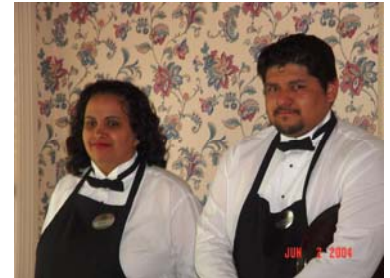


Please let **Nancy Dederer**, the *Care and Concern* committee person, know if you are incapacitated for any reason, or if you are going into the hospital. She can be reached by calling either the church (798-0490) or at home (799-2736)

● **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.

● **COLLECTION for Marie & salvadore**

.The table collection envelopes provided \$997.00 for Maria and Salvadore.



The raffle this week was won by: Bob Scott



If a member of your nuclear family or any Rotarian that you know of is ill, no matter how minor, tell about it by emailing me at jcommerford@comcast.net .

Helen Hale, Shirley Ledwell, Jim Mahan, Keith McLean, Sandy Ryan

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



A conscience is what hurts when all of your other parts feel so good.



A WISE THOUGHT OF-Susan Harris

Anyone can be happy when times are good; the richer experience is to be happy when times are not.

Significant Dates

happy  hanukkah

Begins at Sundown December 15th





Christmas December 25,



December 26, Kwanza Begins



January 15, 2007 Martin Luther King Day



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- 2007 third annual Jazz in the Park Fund Raiser--Governors State University



SENIOR MOMENTS WITH HARRY AND VINCE

“You know Harry,” said Vince, “I think it’s a shame that there is a discussion about what people should say to make a season wish.” “I agree.” responded Harry, “Our life style in this country has put so much emphasis on the commercial aspect of the holiday that I think some people are embarrassed to say Merry Christmas because of what it implies.” “Well Harry,” replied Vince. “Politically correct or not, I’m not going to stop wishing a Merry Christmas or Happy Chanukah I’ve been saying it too long now. And beside Happy Holiday could mean any Holiday like Labor Day or the Fourth of July and I like being holiday specific.”



A WISE OBSERVATION OF—Ruth Smeltzer

“You have not lived a perfect day, even though you have earned your money, unless you have done something for someone who will never be able to repay you”

Words That Could Change Your Life

“There is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.”

John Andrew Holms, Jr.

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.

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, **John Jansen,-Sandy Ryan**-Recovering from Surgery



Your money or I'll blow you away



This Weeks Doop Sheet

No Shows.

21 members were no shows. Our total membership is 64 Attendance for this meeting was 67%.

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

Sam Montelli, Paul Caplan, Pat Linsay, Ken Weddington, Jack Henrici, Pat welsh,Nitchka

Visiting Rotarians



None

Member Birthdays and Club Anniversaries)

Birthdays

December-Geoff Slawson (2nd), Ruben Chuquimia (6th), Cliff Mora (10th), Art Welsh (14th), John Townsend (17th), Ray Brejcha (24th), Bob Wilson (30th)

Club Anniversaries:

December-Jerry Palm (4th), Bob Hindsley (12th)

The Brain Droppings of George Carlin

“A parakeet: A keet that takes care of you until the real keet arrives.”

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: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 330 Highland Dr. Corner Ashland, 2 blocks South of Joe Orr Rd.

Evergreen Park: Baracco's Pizza 3701 W. 95th

Oak Lawn: Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 So. Cicero.

Tuesday

Blue Island: Elks Club, 4428 Midlothian Trnpg, Crestwood

Chicago-1: (noon) the Union League Club, 65 W. Jackson .

Oak Forest. Midlothian Country Club: 5000 147th St.

Matteson: Dusties Southern Style Buffet 4012 Lincoln Hgwy

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

NOTICE

The Chicago Heights meeting place at St. Paul's has a new entry security system

the door is always locked. To gain admittance on Monday you need to:

- 1. Ring the bell at the right of the door; an office staffer will unlock the door.**
- 2. Enter through the kitchen door on the south side of the building.**

Meeting Assignments & Program Information



Greeters

Dec 20 Dale Mitchell

Dec 27 No Meeting

Jan 03 Joe Moser

Jan 10 Craig Nelson

Invocation (assigned by Pres. Mike)

Sergeants at Arms

Marv & Joe Commerford (set up only)

Rich Isom

Upcoming Programs (Prog. Chair-Gary Nordbrock)

Dec 20

Viking Ensemble presents their 47th annual performance for Homewood Rotary Calumet Country Club

Dec 27

NO MEETING

Jan 03--2007

TBA

First Presbyterian Church on Gottschalk.

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

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Jerry Bradley

Secretary

Geoff Slawson

Treasurer

Paul McHenry

Directors

Nick Markionni

Rick Thiernau

Jim Mahan

Bill Nuzbach

Gary Nordbrock

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
AWARENESS OF ROTARY BY THE



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

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