



# 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?

## FEBRUARY 28, 2007

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

[www.homewoodrotary.org/spokes.htm](http://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 FEBRUARY 28, 2007



The meeting was called to order at 12:15 P.M by **President Mike Ryan** . We sang *God Bless America* accompanied by **Jane Hindsley**. We then recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by **Joe Commerford Bill Nuzbach** led our recitation of the 4 Way Test PDG **Rick Thiernau** offered the invocation. Prez Mike welcomed our guests pictured below and invited them to lead off at the Buffet.

#### **Our Guests**



Rotary Candidate  
Tomi Ademokum of Nigeria



Sharon Case



Jim DeGrude

### MEETING PROCEEDINGS

Prez Mike reminded us of Rotary's 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday and led us in singing Happy Birthday to Rotary. After which we sang R O T A R Y. He then introduced a Rotary applicant from Nigeria, Tomi Ademokun. He also welcomed visitors Sharon Case and Jim DeGrude.

**Steve Marks** announced that a date has been set for the Earlyact Club Charter Night. Plans have been made to celebrate on the evening of May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Calumet Country Club. Steve will be supplying further details in the near future. **Rich Isom** announced that the club blood draw will be on March 28<sup>th</sup> at Calumet Country Club commencing at 11:30 A.M. **Cheri Vana** reminded us to get out and sell ads for the Health Fare AD Book. Collin Alpert made a pitch for us to buy tickets to Jazz in the Park. Vreni Mendoza announced a special meeting on

Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Governors State University paying tribute to World Water Day. This Thursday meeting will replace our normal Wednesday meeting.

Program Chair Gary Nordbrock then introduced our program.

[PROGRAM—;Classification Talk of Mary Klinefelter](#)



Mary's Classification Talk established how fortunate our club is to have her as a member. Mary has a bachelors degree in engineering and a masters in education. She has a penchant for raising children that become engineers. Mary shared with us that she was one of the engineers that was involved with the creation of the ill-fated Gremlin automobile. However after that things got better for her. She is presently employed at Prairie State College as Dean of Business and Technology. At the conclusion of her presentation Prez Mike adjourned the meeting at 1:15 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](mailto:nordbrck@aol.com) and tell him what it is.

### [CLUB OFFICERS FOR ROTARY YEAR 2007-2008](#)

**Jack Edwards** (President), **Cheri Vana** (President Elect), **Steve Marks** ( Secretary), **Bob Hindsley** (Treasurer), Board of Directors elected are: **Mike Reagan, Pam Hollich, Diane Habas. Rich Isom**

### [Humane Society recycles cartridges](#)



The South Suburban Humane Society participates in an ink cartridge recycling program that benefits the animals at the shelter. For every ink cartridge (IBM, Hewlett Packard, Epson, etc.) that participants bring in, the shelter get a donation to help buy food, medication and toys for the animals. Interested persons should bring the ink cartridge to 1103 West End Ave., Chicago Heights, IL 60411. More information is available by calling (708) 755-7387 or visit [www.sshspets.org](http://www.sshspets.org).

### [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...



The raffle this week was won by: Kyle Storjohann (pronounced store yo hann)



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](mailto:jcommerford@comcast.net) .

**Helen Hale, Shirley Ledwell, Jim Mahan, Keith McLean, Howard Bayles**



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

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.



**A WISE THOUGHT OF—Robert Kennedy**

Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly

### **RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM A WOMEN'S WORLD**



The phrase "working mother" is redundant. --Jane Sellman

## **Significant Dates**



**MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>** (Sunday 2:00 A.M.) Daylight Saving Time begins on this new date.



**MARCH 17,-ST PATRICK'S DAY**



**MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>** –Thursday World water day celebration at Governors State University



**MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup> WEDNESDAY-- CLUB BLOOD DRAW AT CALUMET COUNTRY CLUB COMMENCING AT 11:30 A.M.**



**APRIL 1, HOMEWOOD ROTARY CLUB'S BIRTHDAY**



**APRIL 3, OUR JEWISH MEMBERS WILL BE CELEBRATING PASSOVER.**  
From Sundown April 3rd ,To Sundown April 12<sup>th</sup> ,



**APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup> OUR CHRISTIAN MEMBERS CELEBRATE EASTER**



**APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> , (SUNDAY) HOMEWOOD ROTARY/INGALLS HEALTH FAIR**



**MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> EARLY ACT CLUB CHARTER NIGHT AT CALUMET COUNTRY CLUB**



**May 18<sup>TH</sup> thru May 20<sup>th</sup> Rotary District 6450 Conference**  
Register online [www.rotary6450.org](http://www.rotary6450.org) click on "District Conference 2007"



**June 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> , Rotary International Convention;--Information at [www.rihost2007slc.org](http://www.rihost2007slc.org)**



**June 22<sup>nd</sup> President Elect Jack Edward's Installation Banquet.  
Calumet Country Club**



**July 29<sup>th</sup>, Sunday- third annual Jazz in the Park Fund Raiser--Governors State  
University**

**A WISE OBSERVATION OF—May V. Smith**



The only place you find success before work is in the dictionary

**SENIOR MOMENTS WITH HARRY AND VINCE**



“You know what I just found out Vince?” No what Harry?” “I found out that I really am getting old.” “What gave you the clue Harry?” “Well first I started to forget names, and then I began to forget faces. “So what Harry that happens to a lot of young people too.” “But then Vince I started to forget to pull my zipper up.” “Little boys do that all the time Harry.” “I know my friend but now I’m forgetting to pull my zipper down!” “Oh my God Harry you are really getting old!”

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

If you made mistakes...there is always another chance for you...you may have a fresh start any moment you choose, for this thing we call “failure” is not the falling down, but the staying down. **Mary Pickford**

***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, **Howard Bayles**, Recurring Illness

**the Rotarian attendance schedule for the remainder of this year for our Early Act Club.**

Thurs. March 1-----NO MEETING (Karen is on vacation in Aruba with her whole family)

Thurs. March 8-----John Townsend

Thurs. March 15-----Rich Isom

Thurs. March 22-----NO MEETING (Spring Break)

Thurs. March 29-----Geoff Slawson

Thurs. April 5-----Paul McHenry

Thurs. April 12-----Marv/Joe Commerford

Thurs. April 19-----John Townsend

Thurs. April 26-----Rich Isom

Thurs. May 3-----Geoff Slawson

Thurs. May 10-----Paul McHenry

Thurs. May 17-----Marv/Joe Commerford

Thurs. May 24-----John Townsend

Thurs. May 31-----Rich Isom

Thurs. June 7-----Geoff Slawson (If this meeting is scheduled or required--will advise).

As usual---IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT,PLEASE CONTACT THE OTHER TEAM MEMBERS AND SWITCH WITH SOMEONE!!!! REMEMBER,IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE CARE OF THIS---LET'S NOT LET THE KIDS DOWN BY NOT SHOWING UP!!!!!! If you have any questions or problems contact myself at (708)805-5701 or Steve Marks.

Rich Isom



# This Weeks Poop Sheet

## Attendance-

**35 Members attended this weeks meeting Our total membership is 66 Attendance was 47%.**

**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.. By contacting them you just might save our club from losing a valuable member.

## Guests



Sharon Case, Jim DeGrude

## Visiting Rotarians



Tomi Ademokum—Nigeria

## Member Birthdays and Club Anniversaries)

### Birthdays

**March-**(6<sup>th</sup>) Rick Thiernau, (11<sup>th</sup>.) Joe Commerford, (18<sup>th</sup>.)John Blakey,

### Club Anniversaries:

**March-**(1<sup>st</sup>.) Nick Markionni, (31<sup>st</sup>) Ruben Chuquimia

### The Brain Droppings of George Carlin

“Whenever I hear about a “peace-keeping force,” I wonder, if they’re so interested in peace, why do they use force?”

## 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. 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:* Dusties Southern Style Buffet 4012 Lincoln Hgwy

### 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

# Meeting Assignments & Program Information



## Greeters

Mar 07 John Townsend  
Mar 14 Cheri Vana  
Mar 21 Collin Alpert

## Sergeants at Arms

Marv & Joe Commerford (set up only)  
Rich Isom

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

### Mar 07

Gene Sparing—2007 Medicare Medigap Part D  
Calumet Country Club

### Mar 14

TBA  
Calumet Country Club

### Mar 22 (Thursday)

Tribute to World Water Day  
Governors State University 12:00 P.M.

## 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

Gary Nordbrock

### **CLUB BOARD MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS FOR ROTARY YEAR 2006-2007**

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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