



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?

MARCH 7, 2007

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 MARCH 7, 2007



The assembly was called to order at 12:15 P.M by **President Elect Jack Edwards**. We sang *America* accompanied by **Jane Hindsley**. We then recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by **Craig Nelson**. **Cheri Vana** led our recitation of the 4 Way Test; **Rich Isom** offered the invocation. Prez elect Jack Edwards welcomed our guests and invited them to lead off at the Buffet.

MEETING PROCEEDINGS

Our Meeting began with our singing of two Rotary Songs and Happy Birthday to PDG Rick Thiernau, Steve Marks reported on the Earlyact Charter Night plans. Rich Isom gave an up date on the Health Fair. Collin Alpert reminded us to purchase tickets for Jazz in the Park. Joe Commerford announced that his grandson David Mannel has volunteered with St. Baldricks that raises money to treat children with cancer by shaving the heads of the volunteers bald. He had pledge documents available for members wishing to participate.

Prez Elect Jack then introduced our speaker.

PROGRAM—; Eugene Sparing—The A, B, and D's of Medicare



Today we heard a “fractured”version of the history of Medicare, Medicare Supplement Insurance, HMO Medicare Alternative, Medicare Part “D”, the present Medicare Part “C” Enrollment and some non-essential, unrelated incomplete personal stories interspersed within his presentation. Gene passed out a document that outlined the various benefits that will be helpful to all. Gene did a great job in explaining the intricacies involved in the Medicare program and the medication co-pay programs After answering many questions: Prez Elect Edwards adjourned the meeting at 1:35 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.

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.

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:



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, Kith McLean, Howard Bayles



THE REDNECK'S VOCABULARY.

*"There's no sense being this cold—let's build **afar**."*



A WISE THOUGHT OF—Don Swartz

No one cares how much you know, until they know how much you care



RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM A WOMEN’S WORLD

Why does a woman work 10 years to change a man's habits and then complain that he's not the man she married

MEMBERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED FOR THE **FIRST** TIME THAT THE PERSON SHOWN BELOW HAS APPLIED FOR AND IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ROTARY CLUB OF HOMEWOOD.



Bethany Lindsay
Education

**Any member having comments about this candidate becoming a member of the Homewood Rotary Club must make them known to the club board within the next two weeks.
This candidate is sponsored by Pam Hollich**

Significant Dates



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



MARCH 17,-ST PATRICK’S DAY



MARCH 22ND –Thursday World water day celebration at Governors State University (see page-6)



MARCH 28TH 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 12th ,



APRIL 8TH OUR CHRISTIAN MEMBERS CELEBRATE EASTER



APRIL 15TH , (SUNDAY) HOMEWOOD ROTARY/INGALLS HEALTH FAIR



MAY 2ND EARLY ACT CLUB CHARTER NIGHT AT CALUMET COUNTRY CLUB



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



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



June 22nd President Elect Jack Edward's Installation Banquet.
Calumet Country Club



July 29th, Sunday- third annual Jazz in the Park Fund Raiser--Governors State University



A WISE OBSERVATION OF—William Arthur Ward

“Adversity causes some men to break; others to break records.”

SENIOR MOMENTS WITH HARRY AND VINCE



“You know Harry” said Vince “I am really glad that you and I are friends. “I’m glad too Vince”, replied Harry, “the saying that “God gives us our relatives—Thank God we can choose our friends” is so true. I am convinced that God wanted us to be friends.”

Words That Could Change Your Life

Those that cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they must pass themselves; for every person has a need to be forgiven.—Thomas Fuller

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 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

- **WORLD WATER DAY**
Conference—Water First, Everybody’s Business
March 22, 2007
12:15 P.M.-3:00 P.M.
Governors State University Hall Of Honors

In 1992, the UN General Assembly designated March 22 as World Water Day to draw attention to the serious problem of having access to safe drinking water and access to basic sanitation.

The focus of this conference is to envision a world where all the people have access to safe drinking water and sanitation. It will look at existing failures, successes and joint learning examples on how to overcome this most basic problem. When Rotary drilled wells “Children stopped dying”.

This conference is organized by Governors State University and the Homewood Rotary Club Vreni Mendoza, Director of International Service, Homewood Rotary Club.

Our members need to support Vreni to the utmost on this project by attending... She has worked very long and hard organizing and coordinating it and bringing it to fruition...



This Weeks Poop Sheet

Attendance-

39 Members attended this weeks meeting Our total membership is 66 Attendance was 59%.

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



Bethany Linsay (Holich)

Visiting Rotarians



EugeneSparing (ParkForest)

Member Birthdays and Club Anniversaries)

Birthdays

March-(6th) Rick Thiernau, (11th.) Joe Commerford, (18th.)John Blakey,

Club Anniversaries:

March-(1st.) Nick Markionni, (31st) Ruben Chuquimia

The Brain Droppings of George Carlin

"I think it would be fun to go on "Jeopardy" And never buzz in. Just stand there for a half hour, never talk and then go home.

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 Trnkp, 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

Meeting Assignments & Program Information



Greeters

Mar 14 Cheri Vana
Mar 21 Collin Alpert
Mar 28 Martin Anthonisen
April 04 Jim Bader
April 11 John Blakey

Sergeants at Arms

Marv & Joe Commerford (set up only)
Rich Isom

Upcoming Programs (Prog. Chair-Gary Nordbrock)

Mar 14

How I met My Wife, How'd You Meet Your Spous—Gary Nordbrock

Calumet Country Club

Mar 22 (Thursday)

Tribute to World Water Day

Governors State University 12:00 P.M.

March 28

Ingalls Blood Draw & Health Fair Update

Calumet Country Club

April 4

Chris Curry—Chicago/Gary Airport

Calumet Country Club

April 11

Kathy Kanfield—Classification Talk

Calumet Country Club

Club Information

Officers Rotary Year 2006-2007

International President

William B. Boyd.

District Governor

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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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