



# 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 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!

### BLOOD DRAW PRIOR TO THE MEETING

7 members took advantage of the blood draw offered to our club by Ingalls

PE Jack Edwards was one of those who took advantage of the opportunity.



### CALL TO ORDER MARCH 28, 2007



The assembly was called to order at 12:15 P.M by **Prez Mike**. We sang *God Bless America* A Cappella Led by **Mike Dunn**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Cliff Mora Marv Commerford** led our recitation of the 4 Way Test; **Joe Ledwell** offered the invocation. Prez Mike welcomed our guests and visitors and invited them to lead off at the Buffet.

### MEETING PROCEEDINGS

Prez Mike announced that Howard Bayles is in Ingalls Hospital. Steve Marks was called to the podium to report on the Earlyact Charter Night. It will begin at 6:30 PM at the country club and the menu is Bar-B-Q. Collin Alpert followed and made a report on the progress of the Jazz in the Park project. He emphasized the importance of purchasing tickets to the event to our Homewood Rotary Foundation. Gerry Sullivan of The Park Forest Club presented a check to pay for their clubs ad in the Health Fair program. Rich Isom reported on the status of the Health Fair, He also commented on the wonderful job that is being done in getting ads for the program, and complimented our members for 60% of them buying ads. He also made an appeal for volunteers to work on Sunday. We will need a minimum of 30 people to fill various jobs. Vreni Mendoza was recognized for the wonderful job she did on the World Water Day program at Governor's State University. We were the only club in our district to recognize the day. P.E. Jack Edwards gave a short report on the PETS meeting.

## PROGRAM Sue Fine of Ingalls Hospital reporting on the Health Fair



Sue reported that this years Health will be bigger and better than last year's. The organization of the event has become almost automatic. So far over 100 people have pre-registered TV commercials on Comcast cable channels, posters, and flyers are set to promote the affair. This year early detection lung scans will be available and the school required medical exams will be repeated. We are very fortunate that a person with Sue's enthusiasm is heading up this project for ingall's. Cliff Mora made note that in 1995 Sue received the Homewood Rotary Citizen Of The Year Award. At the conclusion of Sue's presentation Prez Mike adjourned the meeting at 1:30PM

## 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**



### 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: Vreni Mendoza



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**



**THE REDNECK’S VOCABULARY.**

“Two deer jumped outta the woods and we just started shootin’ “atom””.



**A WISE THOUGHT OF—Alexander Woollcott**

There is no such thing in anyone’s life than an unimportant day.



**RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM A WOMEN’S WORLD**

“Laugh and the world laughs with you. Cry and you cry with your girlfriends.”-Laurie Kuslansky-

## Significant Dates



**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 6:00 P.M.—no noon meeting Wednesday**



**MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> CINCO DE MAYO**



**MAY 13<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)**



**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”



**MAY 28<sup>TH</sup>—MEMORIAL DAY**



**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> –Friday Eve, President Elect Jack Edward’s Installation Banquet.  
Calumet Country Club**



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



A WISE OBSERVATION OF— **Ralph Scott**

**“Kindness is a hard thing to give away; it keeps coming back to the giver.”**

### SENIOR MOMENTS WITH HARRY AND VINCE



“Vince, I’ve come to the conclusion if you’re old enough to know better, you’re too old to do it.” “Harry old friend, I believe no one is ever old enough to know better.”

## *Words That Could Change Your Life*

“Until you have learned to be tolerant with those who do not always agree with you; until you have cultivated the habit always saying some kind word of those whom you do not admire; until you have formed the habit of looking for good instead of the bad there is in others, you will be neither successful nor happy”.-**Napoleon Hill**

### *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.

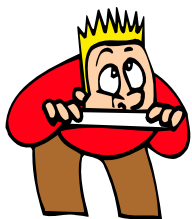
### **This is our club Prayer Circle**

*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

### PUN OF THE WEEK



King Ozymandias of Assyria was running low on cash after years of war with the Hittites. His last great possession was the Star of the Euphrates, the most valuable diamond in the ancient world. Desperate, he went to Croesus, the pawnbroker, to ask for a loan. Croesus said, "I'll give you 100,000 dinars for it." "But I paid a million dinars for it," the King protested. "Don't you know who I am? I am the king!" Croesus replied, "When you wish to pawn a Star, makes no difference who you are!"



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

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—Director Community Service

**THINGS YOU WERNT SURE YOU REALLY NEEDED TO KNOW!  
USELESS FACTS**

1. For every human being on earth, there are about 200 million insects.
2. The harmonica is the world's most popular instrument.
3. By the time they are 65 years old, most Americans have watched more than nine years worth of television.
4. The puck in ice hockey can travel at up to 118 mph (190 km/h).
5. If you stretched all the nerves in the body from end to end, they would be about 47 miles long.
6. Humans have more than 600 muscles in their bodies.
7. Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
8. Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.
9. There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
10. The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
11. A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
12. There are more chickens than people in the world.
13. Two-thirds of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey.
14. The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screched."
15. All of the clocks in the movie "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.
16. No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.
17. "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt."
18. All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5 bill.
19. Almonds are a member of the peach family.
20. Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.



# This Weeks Doop Sheet

## Attendance-

**38 Members attended this weeks meeting Our total membership is 66 Attendance was 57%.**

**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



Mrs . Jackson (Mike Jackson)  
Sue Fine

## Visiting Rotarians



Gerry Sullivan (Park Forest)

## Member Birthdays and Club Anniversaries)

### Birthdays

**APRIL**—Mike Ryan (2<sup>nd</sup>), Al Long (5<sup>th</sup>), Jack Edwards, Sandi Jones (17<sup>th</sup>), Keith McLean (18<sup>th</sup>),  
Art Stark (23<sup>rd</sup>)

### Club Anniversaries:

**APRIL**—Art Stark (19<sup>th</sup>)

### The Brain Droppings of George Carlin

“Advice And Self Help book I’ve got”—“Eat, Run, Stay Fit, and Die Anyway.”

## 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-I:* (**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

April 04 Jim Bader  
April 11 John Blakey  
April 18 Roger Bovenkerk  
April 25 Gerry Bradley  
May 02 Ray Brejka

## Sergeants at Arms

Marv & Joe Commerford (set up only)  
Rich Isom

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

### April 4

Chris Curry—Chicago/Gary Airport  
Calumet Country Club

### April 11

Kathy Kanfield—Classification Talk  
Calumet Country Club

### April 18

Avoidable Blindness Clinic of India-Matteson  
Rotary Club project  
Calumet Country Club

### April 25

The Hindsley Amazon & Peru Tour—Jane  
Hindsley  
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

Steve Marks

#### *Treasurer*

Robert Hindsley

#### *Secretary*

Sandi Jones

#### *Past President*

Geoff Slawson

#### *President*

Jim Bader

#### *Vice President*

Jerry Bradley

#### *Secretary*

Geoff Slawson

#### *Treasurer*

Paul McHenry

#### *Directors*

Nick Markionni

Rick Thiernau

Jim Mahan

Bill Nuzbach

Gary Nordbrock

### Homewood Rotary Foundation

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

Director Club Service-**Rich Isom**,-Director Community Service-**Position vacant** 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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