



SPOKESPERSON

ROTARY CLUB OF HOMEWOOD

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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?

MAY 9, 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 MAY 09, 2007



The assembly was called to order at 12:15 P.M by **Prez Mike Ryan** We sang *America The Beautiful* accompanied by **Jane Hindsley..** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Sol Rocke** We then recited the 4 Way Test led by **Marv Commerford Rick Thiernau** offered the invocation.

Prez Mike welcomed our guests and visitors and invited them to lead off at the Buffet.

MEETING PROCEDINGS (By Editor Designate Mary Klinefelter)



The meeting was called to order by President Mike Ryan. Mike gave copies of the memorial brochures from Dr. Howard Bayles' funeral. The very touching message was written by Nick Markionni. Mike informed the club that this evening's board meeting will be the first with the new board members.

Gary Nordbrock reported on the Fireside Chat even though there was no fire. Sixteen Rotarians enjoyed fellowship and learned more about the origins and fundamentals of Rotary as well as some highlights of the Homewood Rotary

Club.

Steve Marks reported that last Wednesday was a great evening event for parents, students, Rotarians, and guests. The next Early Act meeting is on Friday, May 18, at 8:30 AM at Church Hill School.

The Chicago Heights Rotary Club is sponsoring a July 30th Pig Roast. Tickets for our members will be \$5 with the club picking up the difference.

Gary Nordbrock, Program Chair, Introduced or Program presenters

PROGRAM –Prairie State IT Program

Mary Klinefelter introduced guest speakers, Marty Bramlette and Shelly Hokanson. Both are Information Technology (I.T.) Professors at Prairie State College.



They talked about the ever changing field of I.T. New courses at Prairie State College in *Computer Forensics* teach how to gather and analyze digital data such as those e-mails that we thought were gone forever when we pressed “delete.” Hokanson explained that the best way to protect your system is to learn how hackers work. Her *Ethical Hacking* course teaches how hackers can break into your systems and what you can do to prevent this.

Bramlette talked about how *Game Design and Programming* is used for much more than video games. It is used to program simulators for airline pilots and military personnel.

The speakers then answered several questions and asked that anyone interested in having a students intern should contact Marty Bramlette @ mbramlette@prairiestate.edu

Mike adjourned the meeting at 1:25 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**



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...

- **Jim Chestnut Editor of the Chicago Heights Camshaft submitted the following:**

On June 4 the Chicago Heights Rotary Club makes its annual summer venue change. This year we shall be meeting at the Chicago Heights Park District East Course Golf Pavilion, Halsted St. and Vollmer Rd. through August 27, Mondays at 12:15PM As of this moment we do not know that we'll be returning to St. Paul in September. We may be staying at the golf course

No noon meeting July 30: this is the date for our annual pig and corn roast at Veterans Park, our most popular event. Guests and visitors welcome . Attendance will count as a make-up..



The raffle this week was won by John Blakey



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,

THE REDNECK'S VOCABULARY.



"How long do you think it's gonna *beetle* they figure our we're gone?"

A WISE THOUGHT OF—Henry Ward Beecher



A helping word to one in trouble is often like a switch on a railroad track...an inch between wreck and smooth, rolling prosperity.

RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM A WOMEN'S WORLD



"I'm just a person trapped in a woman's body"

Significant Dates

Mother's Day

MAY 13th (Sunday)



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



May 18th Homewood Chamber, HF Lions, Homewood Rotary Annual Golf Outing .
Glenwoody Golf Course 12:30 P.M. For more info contact the Homewood Area
Chamber at 708-206-3384



MAY 28TH—MEMORIAL DAY



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



June 22nd –Friday Eve, President Elect Jack Edward's
Installation Banquet.
Calumet Country Club



July 29th, Sunday- third annual Jazz in the Park Fund Raiser—Governor's State
University



July 30th, *Monday* Chicago Heights Rotary Pig and Corn Roast, Veterans Park,



A WISE OBSERVATION OF— **Lynn Andrews**

“The person who upsets you most is your best teacher, because they bring you face to face
with who you are.”

SENIOR MOMENTS WITH HARRY AND VINCE



“Ya know Vince”, said Harry, “I’ve discovered that it is no longer a question of staying healthy. It’s a question of finding a sickness that you like.” “Ain’t that the truth” replied Vince.

Words That Could Change Your Life

Victory is not won in miles but in inches. Win a little now, hold your ground, and later win a little more.—Louis L’Amour

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.

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 Soldiers & Marines** that lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan, **The Virginia Tech students** that were killed and their **family members**, Let us also remember the **student body** and **faculty** in our prayers or meditation. **Rick Thiernau family** for the passing of Rick’s beloved Father and fellow Rotarian, PDG & PP; **The Howard Bayles Family** for the loss of their beloved Husband, Father, & Grandfather.

PUN OF THE WEEK.



The wife of a speech therapist was discussing a very rich client of her husband. “He’s a real nice guy”, she said, “but have you noticed how he always lets his friends pick up the dinner check?” “Yes,” replied the therapist, “he has a terrible reach impediment.”



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

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 EONE!!!!
REMEMBER,IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE CARE OF THIS---Rich Isom—Director Community Service



This Weeks Doop Sheet

Attendance-

44 Members attended this weeks meeting, our total membership is 68. Attendance was 66%.

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

Caryl Brooker, Shelly Hokanson, Marty Bromlette

Visiting Rotarians



NONE

Member Birthdays and Club Anniversaries

Birthdays

MAY—Michael Slevnik (3rd), Bob Butler (6th), Roger Bovenkerk (14th), Walt Flor (17th), Vreni Mendoza (20th), Martin Anthonisen (21), Mike Dun (22nd)

Club Anniversaries:

MAY—Colin Alpert (1st), Clint Johnson (27th)

The Brain Droppings of George Carlin

“Sometimes on television they tell you a product is “good for headaches.” I don’t want something that’s good for headaches. I want something that’s bad for headaches, and good for me.”

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

May 16 Ruben Chuquimia
May 23 Joe Commerford
May 30 Marv Commerford
June 06 Dave Corbin
June 13 Nancy Dederer
June 20 Scott Doerfler

Sergeants at Arms

Marv & Joe Commerford (set up only)
Rich Isom

Upcoming Programs (Prog. Chair-Gary Nordbrock)

May 16

Homewood Rotary Foundation
Calumet Country Club

May-23

Dan Storren—About the Wright Brothers
Calumet Country Club

May 30

TBA
Calumet Country Club

June 06

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

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-**Diane Habas** 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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