



SPOKESPERSON

ROTARY CLUB OF HOMEWOOD

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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 16, 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 16, 2007



The assembly was called to order at 12:15 P.M by **Prez Mike Ryan** We sang *America* accompanied by **Jane Hindsley..** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Kieth McLean** We then recited the 4 Way Test led by **Jerry Palm.** **John Blakey** 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 welcomed our visiting Rotarian, Mike Cerecini (?) and Collin Alpert introduced his guest, Millicent.

Mike Ryan informed us that Nancy Dederer is now **Dr.** Nancy Dederer, having completed her Ph.D. Congratulations, Nancy!

Rick Thiernau reported that the handicapped golf cart donated by our club to Coyote Golf Course is much appreciated.

Jack Edwards reminded everyone to sign up for the installation dinner on June 22. If you have not notified him whether you will OR will not be able to attend, please notify him by Email at jedwards513@earthlink.net The Homewood Rotary Club will be in the July 4th parade. Please plan on participating. Nick Markionni reported that there will be a joint social event with the Oak Lawn Rotary Club on Saturday, August 11. The evening will include dinner and a play for approximately \$20. More details will be coming. Steve Marks reported that Friday, May 18, will be the 4-Way test program at 8:30 AM sharp at Churchill School. Rick Isom has the date for next year's Health Fair. Please mark your calendars for April 5 and 6.2008

PROGRAM – Homewood Rotary Foundation

Gary Nordbrock introduced our program, which was the Homewood Rotary Foundation. Gary gave a brief history of the foundation, the charitable arm of our club. The Homewood Foundation is separate from the Rotary International Foundation. Through the years, Homewood's Foundation has supported many worthy

clubs, organizations, and projects, which were reported on the disbursement sheet provided at the meeting. Over 7000 people have been served through the foundation! Nick Markionni reported on several ways to give such as directed gifts, planned gifts, and IRA charitable contributions. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the Homewood Rotary Foundation. At the conclusion of the presentation Prez Mike adjourned the meeting at 1:30P.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.
- The Foundation Board has revised the current request form to reflect a member oriented approach and recognizing two tenets of the four-way test. The revised form is published on page 8. You can copy and print this form as you wish.—Jim Mahan



The Reverend Nancy Dederer is now The Reverend Doctor Nancy Dederer. Nancy completed her studies for the Doctor of Ministry degree during the past 3 years while also performing her duties as the full time Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Homewood. She received her degree Saturday May 12th from McCormick Theological Seminary. Congratulations to our Homewood Rotarian Doctor Dederer!

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 visiting Rotarian Mike Saracini of the Orland Park Club



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.



A *burden* the hand is worth two in the bush

A WISE THOUGHT OF—Walter Hagen



Your only here for a short visit. Don't hurry, don't worry. And be sure to smell the flowers along the way

RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM A WOMEN'S WORLD



“My body says what my words cannot.”

Significant Dates



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 13-15 Homewood days-Rotary Corn Roast Booth



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— **Dame Margot Fonteyn**

“The one important thing I’ve learned over the years is difference between taking one’s work seriously and one’s self seriously. The first is imperative; the second is disastrous”

SENIOR MOMENTS WITH HARRY AND VINCE



“You know Vince, I used to dread getting older because I thought I wouldn’t be able to do all the things I wanted to do.” “Me too Harry, I think about it a lot. But now that I am older I find that I don’t want to do them.” “You took the words right out of my mouth Vince.”

SIGNS OF WEAR (Contributed by Mike Krokidas)

- "OLD" IS WHEN..... Your sweetie says, "Let's go upstairs and make love," and you answer, "Pick one, I can't do both!"
- "OLD" IS WHEN.... Your friends compliment You on your new alligator shoes....and you're barefoot.
- "OLD" IS WHEN..... A sexy babe catches your fancy and your pacemaker opens the garage door.
- "OLD" IS WHEN..... Going bra-less pulls all the wrinkles out of yourface.
- "OLD" IS WHEN..... You are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police.

"OLD" IS WHEN..... "Getting lucky" means you find your car in the parking lot.
"OLD" IS WHEN..... An "all-nighter" means not getting up to pee.

Words That Could Change Your Life

Worry a little every day and in a lifetime you will lose a couple of years. If something is wrong, fix it if you can. But train yourself not to worry. Worry never fixes anything.—Mary Hemingway

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.

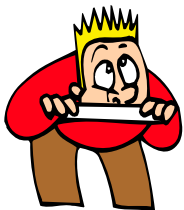
Shirley Ledwell-Diagnosed with a large tumor, **Helen Hale** - chronic illness; **The men & women of our armed forces;** **Jim Mahan**-Recovering from a blood clot in his leg and Guillain-Barré Syndrome, **The Solders & Marines** that lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan, **The Virginia Tech students** that were killed and their **family members**, Let us also remember the **student body** and **faculty** in our prayers or meditation. **Rick Thiernau family** Rick's beloved Father and fellow Rotarian; PDG & PP in Hospice; The Howard Bayles Family for the loss of their beloved Husband, Father, & Grandfather.

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

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**

PUN OF THE WEEK.



A woman has twins, and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named 'Amal.' The other goes to a family in Spain and they name him 'Juan.' Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his mom. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Amal. Her husband responds, "But they are twins -- if you've seen Juan, you've seen Amal."





This Weeks Doop Sheet

Attendance-

47 Members attended this weeks meeting, our total membership is 68. Attendance was 69%.

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

Millicent Walker (Club)

Visiting Rotarians



Mike Saracini—Orland Park

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 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-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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www.homewoodrotary.org

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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Request for Funding Homewood Rotary Foundation

Date of Request

All requests shall be made prior to April 15

Completed requests mailed to:
Homewood Rotary Foundation
P.O. Box 1153
Homewood, IL 60430

Name of Organization: _____

Address of Organization: _____

Organization Contact Person, Phone Number, E-Mail: _____

Amount Requested: _____

Purpose/Use of the Request (indicate specific project): _____

503c Verification: _____

How will this project demonstrate two of the tenets of the Rotary Four Way Test?

- *Beneficial to All Concerned*
- *Build Good Will and Better Friendships*

Homewood Rotarian Sponsor (list name): _____

CONDITIONS OF AGREEMENT

- All requests shall be made on an annual basis by April 15.
- Funds will not be distributed automatically each year.
- A member of the Homewood Rotary Club must serve as sponsor of each request.
- Funds are not guaranteed. The financial condition of the Homewood Rotary Foundation and the priorities of the Homewood Rotary Club will determine the organization projects and the amount of money that is distributed each year.
- The amount of funding and the projects shall be determined after the deadline for submission of all projects (APRIL 15). Notification of approval, modification or denial will occur after May 31.
- Projects that vary from the specified submission date shall be considered by the Homewood Rotary Foundation on their merit and the priorities of the Homewood Rotary Club.