



# 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?

MAY 23, 2007

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

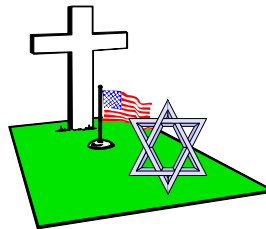
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If God had wanted this newsletter to be perfect, he never would have let me do it!

# Memorial Day

## May 28, 2007

*This Memorial day let us remember the their lives during times of war and the September 11, 2001 and in Oklahoma*



*men, women and children who lost tragedies that befell our country on City, April 19, 1995.*

*So we can truly and prayerfully say,  
Gone But Not Forgotten.*

### CALL TO ORDER MAY 23, 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 Jim Mahan We then recited the 4 Way Test led by Jerry Palm. The Rev. Dr. Nancy Dederer offered the invocation.

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



**MEETING PROCEEDINGS (By Editor Designate Mary Klinefelter)**

Mike Ryan informed the club that Sol Rocke is in South Suburban Hospital. Laverne Welsh’s funeral Mass will be Thursday at St. Joseph’s Church. 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 e-mail at [jedwards@komyattlaw.com](mailto:jedwards@komyattlaw.com) Corn Days will be July 14-16. More information will be coming. July 30<sup>th</sup> is the Pig Roast with the Chicago Heights Rotary Club. Tickets for Homewood Rotarians will be \$5 with the club picking up the remainder. A joint social event with the Oak Lawn Rotary Club is on Saturday, August 11. The evening will include dinner and a play. More details will be coming. Steve Marks reported the 4-Way Test project at Churchill School was completed on Friday, May 18. DGDMichael Slevnik reported great news from the District Conference. Homewood Rotary Club received several awards;

**2<sup>nd</sup> place for Newsletter, 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Attendance, President’s Citation, Club Significant Achievement Award, Past District Governor’s patch.**

Mike Slevnik explained the importance significance of Paul Harris awards. He then presented special Paul Harris certificates and awards to Gary Jansen, Betsy Jansen, Donna Jansen, Carol Lindstrom, Andy Lindstrom, and John Jansen.



**PROGRAM – DAN STORRER—ABOUT THE WRIGHT BROTHERS**

Gary Nordbrock introduced our guest presenter, Dan Storrer.



Dan has a passion for airplanes and spoke about the Wright Brothers and their mechanic, Charles Taylor. Dan said he had an old piece of metal on his garage bench for years. His wife insisted it was from the Wright Brothers’ airplane. After calling the Chicago Tribune, he was put in touch with author Howard DuFour. Dan visited Howard in Ohio where it was verified that the 16 inch piece of scrap metal was used to form the crankshaft from the 1906 Wright Brothers’ plane. His journey to unravel the mystery and discover the history of a 16 inch piece of scrap metal led Dan to remind us to “Find a Passion in our Life.”

At the program’s conclusion Prez Mike adjourned the meeting at 1:30 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.
- 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

## 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 Mike Krokidas



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, Sol Rocke**

### **THE REDNECK'S VOCABULARY.**



The preacher said till death do us part, but *cantilever* if she fools around on me?

**A WISE THOUGHT OF—Doug Larson**



“Establishing a goal is all right if you don’t let them deprive you of interesting detours”.

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



“What a lovely surprise to finally discover how unlonely being alone can be.”

## Significant Dates



**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 4<sup>th</sup>--Parade



July 13-15 Homewood days-Rotary Corn Roast Booth



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



July 30<sup>th</sup>, Monday Chicago Heights Rotary Pig and Corn Roast, Veterans Park, Homewood Club is participating.

A WISE OBSERVATION OF— **Josh Billings**



“There are lots of people who mistake their imagination for their memory.”

### SENIOR MOMENTS WITH HARRY AND VINCE



“You know Harry; I’ve discovered that the best way to make my dreams come true is to wake up.” “That’s so true Vince. I read that Dr, Charles Fisher a famous psychoanalyst said that dreaming permits each and every one of us to be safely insane every night of the week.”

# Words That Could Change Your Life

“The hardest thing to learn in life is which bridge to cross and which to burn.”—Lawrence J. Peter

## 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; , The Solders, Sailors & Marines** that lost their lives in the service to our country, **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 and long time Rotarian; The **Arthur Welsh family** for the loss of their loving Wife, Mother and Grandmother Laverne; **Sol Rocke, Heart By-pass Surgery So. Suburban Hosp.**

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

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 frog went to get a loan at a bank. The loan officer's name was Ms. Patty Stack. When the frog told Ms. Stack that he wanted a loan, she asked if he had collateral. He showed her a marble and said, "This is what I have for collateral". She took it to the bank president and said, "There's a frog out there who wants a loan, and this marble is what he has for collateral". She said "Do you know what this is, and should I give him the loan"? The bank president said, "Why, that's a NIC narc, Patty Stack, give that frog a loan!".



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# This Weeks Doop Sheet

## Attendance-

**41 Members attended this weeks meeting, our total membership is 68. Attendance was 60%.**

**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

Joan Stoiber, Milicent Walker, Gary and Betsy Jansen, Donna Jansen (wife of John Jansen), and Carol and Andy Lindstrom.

## Visiting Rotarians



None

## Member Birthdays and Club Anniversaries)

### Birthdays

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

### Club Anniversaries:

**MAY**—Colin Alpert (1<sup>st</sup>), Clint Johnson (27<sup>th</sup>)

### The Brain Droppings of George Carlin

“Ever wonder about those people who spend \$2.00 apiece on those little bottles of Evian water?

Try spelling Evian backwards: NAIIVE

## 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 Trnpg, 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

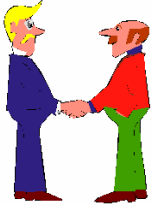
*Hinsdale:* Messina's 30 Prospect, Clarendon Hills

*Lansing:* Popolano's Rest., 17940 Torrence, Lansing, IL

### ● 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

# Meeting Assignments & Program Information



## Greeters

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 30

Classification Talk—Craig Nelson  
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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# 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*

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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.