



SPOKESPERSON

ROTARY CLUB OF HOMEWOOD

Chartered April 1, 1936 - District 6450

Awarded 2nd Best News Letter in the District, RY 2007-2008

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?

JUNE 13, 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 JUNE 13, 2007



The assembly was called to order at 12:15 P.M by **Prez Mike Ryan** We sang *MyCountry Tis Of Thee* a cappella in **Jane Hindsley absense..** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Keith McLean** We then recited the 4 Way Test led by **Mike Ryan. Mike Dunn** offered the invocation.

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

MEETING PROCEEDINGS

Prez Mikewished all the fathers a Hasppy Fathers Day he then noted that there will be no meeting on Wednesday next week due to Jack Edward's installation banquet on Friday Evening the 22nd There will be a regular meeting on Wednesday June 27. This will be Prez Mikes last meeting as President of the club. The vote on the club budget for RY 2007-2008 was passed unanimously. It was announced that there will be a Sox night out on August 8th. More info on this will be coming.. Members wishing to volunteer to work the booth at our corn roast booth during Homewood Days can do so by signing up on the sign up sheet. Greg Habas is chairing this event. Collin Alpert once again urged us to sell tickets for Jazz in the Park as this is a major fundraiser for our club. Mary Dunn reported that Sol Rocke is in Rehab at St. James Chicago Heights. He is improving slowly and she said it looks like it will be long process for Sol. She suggested that anyone wishing to visit, do so after 4:00 P.M. Prez Mike then asked Program Chair Gary Nordbrock to introduce our program.

PROGRAM – Sgt. Mike Nickalow of Homewood Little league



Mike told us of the long and successful existence of Homewood little league which was possible because of the support of businesses and organizations such as the Homewood Rotary Club. The little league grew from four teams to now over 900 kids are playing. He also told us of the tournament thar the Homewood Little League sponsors and that teams from all over the south suburbs compete in. He invited our members to attend games in which our sponsored team plays. Their remaining schedule is:

Friday 6-15 @ 5:45

Monday 6-18 @ 5:45

Thursday 6-21 @ 5:45

All games are played at Lions Club Field

At the conclusion of the presentation 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.
- 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 new form can be found on the club web page www.homewoodrotary.org/spokes.htm. You can copy and print this form as you wish.—Jim Mahan

● **TO CLARIFY ANY CONFUSION REGARDING THE TIME FOR JACKS INSTALLATION BANQUET IT IS 6:00 P.M.**



Members are reminded and encouraged to attend the Chicago Heights Rotary Club's annual Pig and Corn Roast to be held at Skyline Pool located off of Halstead Street in the Heights on Monday afternoon and evening July 30th. Our club is participating in this event. Any Homewood Rotarian and guest can attend this \$20.00 per person outing for just \$5.00 dollars each as our club is picking up \$15.00 of the \$20.00 ticket cost. Dinner will be served from 3:00PM till 6:00PM. The program will begin at 7:00PM. This is a great evening out please try to attend. Tickets can be purchased from Michael at our club meetings between now and July 30th.

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**

- Introducing our RI Theme Logo for RY 2007-2008. This logo will become official on July 1st. 2007



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: Art 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, Sol Rocke Cliff Mora's sister, Gladys Marco,

THE REDNECK'S VOCABULARY.



That guy hit Fluffy goin' fifty miles an hour and left that *category* mess.

A WISE THOUGHT OF—Paul Dudley White



"A vigorous five-mile walk will do more good for an unhappy but otherwise healthy adult than all the medicine and Psychology in the world."

RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM A WOMEN'S WORLD



I have discovered that family means putting my arms around each other and being there.

Significant Dates



June 22nd –Friday Eve, President Elect Installation Banquet. 6:00 P.M.



**Jack Edward's,
Calumet Country Club**



July 4th—Parade NO CLUB MEETING Parade participation will count as attendance



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, Homewood Club is participating.



A WISE OBSERVATION OF— **Francesco Guicciardini**

“ Since there is nothing else so well having as friends, never lose a chance to make them.”

SENIOR MOMENTS WITH HARRY AND VINCE



“Vince,” asked Harry, “Have you ever heard or do you remember the little prayer that goes; God give us the serenity to accept what we cannot change; courage to change what should be changed, and wisdom to distinguish the one from the other? “Yea I’m familiar with it Harry”. “Well I been thinking Vince, that if some of our politicians and other important people did their jobs keeping in mind what the words say we wouldn’t be in the mess we’re in. What do you think?” “It might work for some Harry but not for a lot of others.”

Words That Could Change Your Life

“You can make more friends in two months by becoming more interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get people interested in you.” Dale Carnegie

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.

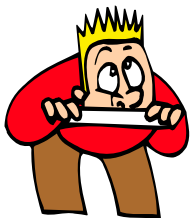
This is our club Prayer Circle

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**, recovering from heart by-pass surgery; **Cliff Mora's sister, Gladys Marco**, is hospitalized after suffering a stroke.

PUN OF THE WEEK.



There are more churches in Las Vegas than Casinos. During Sunday services at the Offertory, some worshipers contribute Casino Chips as opposed to cash. Some are sharing their winnings - some are hoping to win. Since there are so many Casinos, the Catholic churches send all the chips into the diocese for sorting.

Once sorted for the respective casino the chips belong to, one junior priest takes the chips and makes the rounds to the casinos turning chips into cash. And he is known as the chip-monk



WORDS

From the departing **SPOKESPERSON** Editor

On June 2, 2003 when Jim Mahan, the then editor of the Spokesperson, asked me if I would be interested in taking over the publication of the Spokesperson from him on July 1st I was really apprehensive. Apprehensive for two reasons; one being that I was a brand new Rotarian and was just learning what it meant to be a Rotarian and two, I didn't know a thing about editing a newsletter. Jim told me he would give me all the support I needed or wanted so I figured "what do I have to lose". Well, this July 1st concludes four years since I made the decision to tackle the job and somehow or other I was able to muddle through. A lot of people gave me support. Clint Johnson took on the task of proof reading every issue that I published for the first year. Sandi Jones helped me with changing the format and becoming competent in processing the photos. She also counseled me through my many periods of discouragement and despair; for which I will be eternally grateful.

At that time the Spokesperson was mailed by Sandi to every member. I suggested that we could save a lot of postage money by sending members that had computers, the Spokesperson by Email. Sandi agreed and as a result this procedure was initiated three years ago. The number of issues that were mailed decreased from 35 to 8.

It has been a great trip and I would be lying if I said I won't miss it. However, it's time to pass the baton and give another member a chance to express different publishing ideas. Jack Edwards Installation Special Issue and the June 27th issue will be my last. Thanks to all of the members and friends who have encouraged me and supported my efforts for the past four years.

Mary Klinefelter has agreed to take on the task effective July 1st. 2007. I hope that all of you will welcome her and give her the encouragement and support that you gave to me. I am confident that she will carry on the tradition of our newsletter being one of the best in the entire district.



Yours in Rotary;
Joe Commerford

- A Church of Scotland minister and temperance speaker lecturing to a school full of primary school children: "Before I continue, I want to show you something!", he says, reaching into his pocket, and producing two earthworms. He then places one in a glass of clear fluid and the worm wriggles around happily. He then places the other in a glass of amber fluid and the worm starts to convulse and dies. "This second glass contains whisky." he continues, " Can any child here tell me what this demonstrates?". After a minute, Wee Angus puts up his hand, and on being asked to reply says "Aye, if ye drink enough whisky ye won't get worms"

Dumbest Questions Asked By Cruise Passengers

1. Does the crew sleep onboard?
2. What time is the midnight buffet?
3. Which elevator takes me to the front of the ship?
4. Do you generate your own electricity?
5. Is this island totally surrounded by water?
6. Is the water in the toilet salt or fresh?
7. What language do they speak in Alaska?
8. What do you do with the ice carvings after they melt?
9. How high above sea level are we?
10. How do we know which pictures are ours?



This Weeks Doop Sheet

Attendance-

31 Members attended this weeks meeting, our total membership is 68. Attendance was 46%.

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

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Visiting Rotarians



None

Member Birthdays and Club Anniversaries)

Birthdays

JUNE—Dave Corbin (16th),

Club Anniversaries:

JUNE—Mike Slevnik, Rick Thiernau (1st), Rich Isom (2nd), John Townsend (12th), Bill Nuzbach (22nd), Donna Thiernau (30th)

The Brain Droppings of George Carlin

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

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: Chicago Heights Park District East Course Pavilion, Halstead St. & Vollmer Rd.
Evergreen Park: Baracco's Pizza 3701 W. 95th
Oak Lawn: Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 So. Cicero.

Tuesday

Blue Island: Elks Club, 4428 Midlothian Trnpk, Crestwood
Chicago-I: (**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

June 27 Scott Doerfler

July 11 Mary Dunn

July 18 Mike Dunn

July 25 Walter Flor

Sergeants at Arms

Marv & Joe Commerford (set up only)

Rich Isom

Upcoming Programs (Prog. Chair-Gary Nordbrock)

June 22 **Friday 6:00 P.M.**

Jack Edward Installation Banquet

Calumet Country Club

June 27

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

Homewood Rotary Foundation

President

Jim Bader

Vice President

Jerry Bradley

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-**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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