



SPOKESPERSON ROTARY CLUB OF HOMEWOOD

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?

District 6450

Chartered April 1, 1936

www.homewoodrotary.org

November 12, 2008

MEETING PROCEEDINGS

Song: America the Beautiful

Pledge: Dr. Sol Rocke

4 Way Test: Dr. Dale Mitchell

Invocation: Rick Thiernau

President Cheri Vana opened the meeting and welcomed our guests.

Guests: Hillcrest High School Principal, Renee Sims,

Hillcrest H.S. Students; Jenea Nixon, Jordom Towers, and Breona Gamble.

Samuel P. Banks, President & CEO, Glenwood School for Boys and Girls, and Janet

Haines, with Latz-Bruni Partners, guests of Mike Krokidas. Shelly Marks, guest

and spouse of Steve Marks. Myras Osman, guest speaker and retired educator.

Cheryl Rood, a visiting Rotarian from Chicago Heights.

Millennium and Brookwood Early Act Clubs are meeting regularly now (Millennium on Thursdays, Brookwood on Wednesdays). John Blakey attended the Brookwood meeting last week (11/5/08). Rick Thiernau will attend the Brookwood meeting this afternoon and the Millennium meeting tomorrow.

Next week, the International Program will start here at Calumet Country Club at 12:00 NOON.

RAFFLE WINNER: Geoff Slawson \$21.00

November 19, 2008 INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM STARTS AT 12:00 NOON

Mike Ryan, President of the Homewood Rotary Foundation, presented a **\$500 check to Renee Sims, the Hillcrest H.S. principal, for the Hillcrest Snowball program.**

Students Jenea Nixon and Jordom Towers thanked the Homewood Rotary Club and told how much Snowball had meant to them. **Breona Gamble** related how participating in **RYLA had made her a better person.**

Mike Ryan, President of the Homewood Rotary Foundation, presented a \$1,000 check to **Cheryl Rood for the Jones Center.**

Erin Ryan was inducted as a member of the Homewood Rotary Club.

PROGRAM

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Myras told first about how poppies came to be sold as Veterans' Day memorials. John McCray wrote the poem "In Flanders Field" because it was the first flower that would grow after the devastating battles in Belgium.

CHINA

China is about the size of the United States. In 2004, China had the # 4 economy in the world. The U.S. has about 300 million people. China has 1.33 billion people. Going west in China the terrain becomes mountainous, similar to the U.S. China is about the same latitude as the U.S. Beijing is at the same latitude as Washington, D.C. \$7,700 is the per capita income in China. In western China, there are many mountains and many Muslims. The Yellow River, which is yellow or brown from eroding silt, runs through China along with the Wu River. China is rapidly industrializing. Because of this, raw sewage is often being dumped into the Yellow River and the Wu River. China is greatly polluted.

China has huge numbers of farmers. Rice, wheat, cotton and tea are major farm commodities. Rice farmers are equal to 45% of the total population. Oxen are used to plow rice paddies.

Mandarin is the official language of China. However, there are 1,400 dialects. Most Chinese cannot understand most dialects. Chinese is the oldest written language. There are roughly 3,000 common Chinese ideograms.

IMPORTANT DATES

November 19 – 12:00 Noon start time - GSU International Luncheon

Membership Committee meeting with Steve Marks

November 20 - Glenwood School Luncheon – Downtown. See Jerry Palm for details

December 10 – Wrapping presents for the Glenwood School Christmas Party

December 16 - Glenwood School Christmas Party

Data for the Week: Visiting Rotarians: none Attendance: 42

Guests: Erin Ryan, Mary Ann McClean, H-F High School representatives.

Meeting Assignments:

Greeters Beth Lindsay – November 19

Sergeants at Arms

Al Locke and any club member willing to help

Announcements and Activities

• **November BIRTHDAYS – Jane Hindsley (8), Clint Johnson (13), Sharon Case (15), Cheri Vana (18), Paul McHenry (23)**

• **Information for the newsletter:** Please send to Mary Klinefelter at mklinefelter@prairiestate.edu

• **Make-ups:** Please provide documentation to Nick Markionni, club secretary. If your make-up is from a committee meeting or social event, please ask that chair to e-mail a list of attending Rotarians to Nick.

• **Rotary Loan Closet:** If someone temporary needs a wheelchair, crutches, walker, etc., contact the Rotary Loan Closet at 708-747-8989. Please leave a message.

Officers - Rotary Year 2008-2009

<i>Club President</i>	<i>President-Elect</i>	<i>Past President</i>
Cheri Vana	Steve Marks	Jack Edwards
<i>Club Directors</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>District Governor</i>
Linda Quagliani	Robert Hindsley	Michael Slevnik
Al Locke	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>International President</i>
Vreni Mendoza	Nick Markionni	D. K. Lee
John Townsend		

Neighboring Rotary Clubs meeting at 12:15 PM

Monday

Evergreen Park: Baracco's Pizza, 3701 W. 95th

Oak Lawn: Oak Lawn Hilton, 9333 S. Cicero Ave.

Tuesday

Blue Island: Fountain Hills Golf Club

12601 S. Kedzie, Alsip

Matteson: Dusties Southern Style, 4012 Lincoln Hwy

Chicago-1: (noon) The Union League Club

65 W. Jackson Blvd

Oak Forest: Midlothian Country Club, 5000 147th St

Lansing: Popolano's Rest., 17940 Torrence

Thursday

Chicago Heights: Olympia Fields CC

Orland Park: Silver Lake CC

151st & 82nd Ave

Park Forest: University Country Club

Crawford Rd. just north of Stuenkel Rd.

Friday

Hinsdale: Oaks Hotel, 300 S. Frontage Rd.

Burr Ridge