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Meeting Thursdays

at Noon at the

Holiday Inn

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Rotary North Scores Another Hit with Back to the Eighties Party

Our Back to the Eighties Party, held Saturday, April 20, at the Holiday Inn’s remodeled ballroom, was a blast! The Golden Girls were there, along with Michael Jackson, Madonna and PacMan, with a special appearance by Gene Simmons.

Congratulations to Fundraising Chair Matt Copeland and his committee for putting on another great party! Thanks to everyone who attended, bought a raffle ticket, donated a prize or raffle item, or completed in the Big Hair or Best Eighties costume contests!

Our annual fundraising party is the major way that we raise money to do good works the following year and we thank everyone for their great support!

We Love Our Butterfly Garden

At Thursday’s meeting, Bob Greenough reminded us about the origins of the Rotary Butterfly Garden at Gallup Park, our club’s signature project. Scott Nelson has been maintaining the garden for many years, with help from club members. Dr. Modell mentioned that the Butterfly Garden is a true asset to our community. Thank you all!

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

This week’s guests were Dick Rosenfeld, Jackson Rotary; Bob Overhiser, Rotary West; Barbara Arenz, John’s wife; Dr. Steven Modell, honorary RCAAN member; and Claire Zepeda, wife of Phil and today’s speaker.

50/50 Winner

Bob Overhiser won the drawing and used his winnings to purchase a raffle ticket!

Rotary District Conference

President Laura Van Steenis reminded us about the upcoming Rotary District 6380 conference April 26-27. Several from our club plan to attend.

No Meeting May 2

Pizza Night at Pizza House

President Laura announced that John Arenz has arranged a pizza party at the Pizza House 5-7 p.m., on Thursday, May 2, just for fun and fellowship. (Pizza House is on Church Street.) Remember: no noontime meeting that day.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Apr 25 Sean Reed

Clean Energy Coalition

Program Recap

What do you call a female sailor?

Captain!

“Captain” Claire Zepeda gave us a delightful presentation on the joys of sailing with the American Sailing Institute. Claire said that if it weren’t for Rotary, she might never have joined ASI, because she learned about the organization at a Rotary North meeting when talking with Chris Juillet, a former RCAAN member!

ASI began as an offshoot of the American Youth Hostel organization, teaching 100 people to sail with borrowed sailboats. After 30 years of growth and several boats, the program morphed into ASI.

The ASI fleet has 15 18-ft. inter-lake sailboats available for members to enjoy. Sailing classes take place at Kensington and Stoney Creek Metro Parks. Costs are $375/summer and $135 for second season.

ASI Sailors enjoy concerts, banquets, picnics and sight-seeing tours. They have even been in a “Pure Michigan” commercial. Next year the group will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Lake Erie in Put-in-Bay.

Songs

Scott Nelson led our singing: all four verses of “America.” Bryan Schindel led our prayer and Jim McClelland led the 4-Way Test.

Happy Dollars

Laura Van Steenis relieved that her costume for the 80s party has finally arrived!

Kelly Mendenhall had two job interviews in Nashville this week

Phil Zepeda Tax season is over!

Virginia Nordby noted that Bob Greenough’s efforts establishing the butterfly garden earned our club Ann Arbor’s Golden Trowel Award … and …. Virginia and Gordon regret missing the 80s party, but Virginia will be speaking on the Rotary Peace Scholars program

Gail Scott Jim Jessnick, a Rotarian who is also a polio survivor, will do the presentation on Polio Plus at the district conference

Eric Tindall Eric’s sister is starting a dog grooming business

John Arenz Glad to have wife Barbara with him at Rotary this week

Don Broderick Despite problems with a house alarm, a friend stranded without a car and his brother’s car fire, Don had a good day – things could have been worse!