

February 21, 2013

Editors: Tammy Broderick and

Char Luttrell

Meeting Thursdays

at Noon at the

Holiday Inn

Near the University of Michigan

Service Above Self

RCAAN Board

of Directors

*President:*

Laura Van Steenis

*President Elect:*

Keith Krings

*Past President:*

Matt Copeland

*Secretary:*

Gail Scott

*Treasurer:*

Mary Gyorke

*Director,*

*Club Administration:*

John Arenz

*Director,*

*Rotary Foundation:*

Bob Overhiser

*Director,*

*Public Relations:*

Tamra Ward

*Director,*

*Service Projects:* Manish Mehta

*Director,*

*Membership:*

 Bryan Schindel

Back Home at the Holiday Inn

We had our first meeting back at the Holiday Inn, since the big remodeling project! Our room looks great, thanks to the talents of Bob Overhiser and Betsy Slusser. And, the carpeting fits right in with our 80’s party colors!

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Keith Krings introduced our guests: John Hammond, from Lake Shore Rotary; Brad Bowersox, from Downtown Ann Arbor Rotary; Aline Russell, guest of Gail Scott; and our speaker, Rick Detweiler.

50/50 Winner

Larry Crockett sold the winning 50/50 ticket to Vern Hutton. Vern is so lucky!

Milan Rotary Hosts Fun Run

Dutch Nie reminded us about the upcoming 5K “Prison Break” Fun Run, sponsored by Milan Rotary Club on Saturday, March 2. Fun run t-shirts will be prison orange. (A little Milan humor there.)

District Conference April 26

President Laura Van Steenis announced that this year’s District 6380 Conference will be held at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester. Registration for the weekend is $255.

Rotary West Charter Night

Rotary West is celebrating Charter Night on Saturday, March 2 at Weber’s. Tickets are $30. Let President Bob Overhiser know by Monday, February 25, if you plan to attend.

Quote of the Week

Dutch Nie knew that this week’s website quote was from Thomas Jefferson, “saying something presidential.”

B.A.B.E.S.

Tamra Ward blasted our B.A.B.E.S.

Feb 17 Tammy Broderick’s club

 Anniversary

Back to the 80s

Matt Copeland, past president and fundraising chair, distributed posters and invitations to our 80s party, set for April 20 at the Holiday Inn. Matt asked us to get names and addresses of invitees to him. We are looking for sponsors, silent auction items and attendees. Peg Windsor, auction chair, reminded us that we can donate skills, along with items, for the auction. Tamra needs photos of us in the 80s. Give yours to her with self-addressed envelopes, so she can return them.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Feb 28 Susan Hutton

 Volunteer Task Force on

 Engine Idling

Mar 7 Cindy Champinella

 Author

Mar 14 Keith Kring’s daughter

 (tentative)

Mar 21 Don Faber

 Author

PROGRAM RECAP

*Kelly Mendenhall introduced our speaker, Rick Detweiler of the Great Lakes Colleges Association, who spoke on the history of higher education and the value of a liberal arts education.*

The Great Lakes Colleges Association is an alliance of eight colleges in the region, with the purpose of promoting liberal arts. Our speaker said that a liberal arts education focuses on developing critical thinkers, citizens who can make society better by becoming active participants in government and all walks of life.

Rick took us through a review of the history of education. He said that the first universities were founded to educate the upper classes. Only after the American Revolution was higher education open to the middle classes.

Is higher education worth the cost in today’s economy? Rick asserted that it is, because college graduates earn twice what high school grads make, and college grads have much less unemployment than high school grads do.

Our speaker told us that a liberal arts education creates critical, analytical thinkers who are responsible and engaged citizens.

Songs

Scott Nelson led us in singing “America” and a Rotary song set to the tune of “O Tannenbaum.” Kelly Mendenhall led us in reciting the Rotary 4-Way Test. Brian Schindel offered our invocation.

Happy Dollars

Laura Van Steenis President Laura is happy that we are back in our regular meeting room.

Peg Windsor Peg is happy to be back at Rotary!

Manish Mehta Manish complimented Bob and Betsy on the décor of our meeting room.

Rick Jarzembowski Rick is happy to be back at Rotary after his Maui vacation and happy to be in the top ten percent in real estate sales for Reinhart.

Char Luttrell Char is thankful to Tammy and Don Broderick for volunteering their time to research grants for the Ms. Molly Foundation.

Gail Scott Gail is happy to welcome her guest, Aline Russell.

 (Gail handed the Rotary coin over to Peg.)

Vern Hutton Vern is happy to have won the 50/50 this week.

Bob Greenough Bob is happy to be back from California where he spent some time with his older brother, who is 95!

Matt Copeland Matt is happy that Alpha House posted a special thank you to his son and Keystone Academy on the AH facebook page.