

February 28, 2013

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Meeting Thursdays

at Noon at the

Holiday Inn

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Need for Rotary Archives?

President Laura said that we need to decide what to do with materials that used to be in the Rotary closet (which is no longer in existence at the Holiday Inn). What to keep? What to toss? See Laura if you have suggestions.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Matt Copeland was our greeter and helped us welcome our guests: John Hammond from Lake Shore Rotary and Susan Hutton, our speaker.

50/50 Winner

Mike Vanover sold the winning ticket to Phil Zepeda.

Dexter Rotary Club Jazz Night

Our friends in Dexter will be hosting a “Jazz Night” fundraiser on March 20 at the Encore Theatre in Dexter. Tickets are $50/person.

District Conference April 25-26

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 $155. Our board of directors is subsidizing club members’ attendance at the conference. Twenty rooms are available so make plans now to attend.

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

The quote of the week was from President Lyndon Johnson, probably quoting someone else: “Peace is a journey of a thousand steps and it must be taken one step at a time.” Dutch Nie has been reading our website!

B.A.B.E.S.

Don Broderick and Manish Mehta are both celebrating birthdays on March 3. Congratulations, guys!

Back to the 80s

Plans are shaping up for our 80s fundraiser. We may have a Barry Manilow celebrity re-enactor! Be sure to share the flyer about our 80s party on your own facebook page, if you have one. President Laura has done so and three of her facebook friends want to come to our fundraiser, set for April 20 at the Holiday Inn ballroom. Tamra Ward needs photos of us in the 80s. Give yours to her with self-addressed envelopes, so she can return them.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Mar 7 Cindy Champinella

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Mar 14 Keith Kring’s daughter

 (tentative)

Mar 21 Don Faber

 Author

PROGRAM RECAP

*President Laura introduced our speaker, Susan Hutton, who serves on the City of Ann Arbor’s Climate Protection Campaign Task Force on Engine Idling.*

Susan Hutton explained why we should turn our car engines off when idling for more than 10 seconds:

Children are particularly vulnerable to exhaust fumes. Fumes can trigger asthma attacks and cause respiratory ailments.

Idling a small car for only 10 minutes each day wastes more than 30 gallons of gasoline per year. Idling harms the vehicle and can damage spark plugs, cylinders and exhaust systems.

An idling vehicle emits 10 times more pollution than one traveling at 32 mph. Help stop climate change, acid rain and smog by turning off your engine.

Reduce warm-up idling by starting to drive after 30 seconds of idling. Excessive idling will harm your engine.

Tell family, friends and neighbors about the benefits of reduced idling. Protect our children’s health, save money and protect the environment by turning your vehicles off.

Songs

Well, we didn’t have a song leader so we muddled through “America.” We missed you, Scott! Dutch Nie offered our invocation.

Happy Dollars

Mike Vanover The Fly Art Center has a new location on Huron Street in Ypsilanti and is hiring new employees.

Manish Mehta Manish’s electricity is restored after 18 hours!

Phil Zepeda In the interest of accuracy, Phil announced that researchers have learned that the “Prayer of St. Francis” was actually attributed to William the Conqueror. Who knew?

John Arenz John’s wife recently received an award on her work demonstrating drug shortages.

Laura Van Steenis Laura has a new job, working as a copy editor. Congratulations, Laura!