January 10, 2013

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Char Luttrell

Meeting Thursdays

at Noon at the

Holiday Inn

Near the University of Michigan

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Bowling at Colonial January 17

John Arenz reminded us about our bowling night at Colonial Lanes, 6 – 8 p.m., Thursday, January 17. Cost is $8.95 per person. We must have ten people to make this a “go.” As per our new policy, we must have our money in to John *before* the 17th. See you there!

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Our guests were: John Hammond, Lake Shore Rotary Club; Cathy Whittaker, Margot Mehringer and our speaker, Susan Lackey.

Tamra Joins RCAAN Board

Tamra Ward has stepped up to fill the public relations director’s position on our club’s board. John Copeland is stepping down due to work commitments. Thanks, Tamra!

Quote of the Week

Brent Lofgren knew this week’s quote on the RCAAN website and won a dozen eggs!

50/50 Drawing

Kelly Mendenhall won the 50/50, again! Jack Edelstein sold her the winner.

Rotary West Charter Night

We will celebrate the birth of a new Rotary Club in Ann Arbor when we gather on Saturday, March 2, for the Rotary West Charter Night, probably at Weber’s. (Stay tuned for information on the location.) Congratulations to President Bob Overhiser and West Rotarians for receiving your charter from Rotary International on 12-12-12!

Rotary Survey Coming

Check your email inbox for a survey on our preferences for our Rotary club. President-Elect Keith Krings said the survey will help him plan for next year.

Spring Fundraiser Apr 20

Rotary Foundation President and Fundraising Chair Matt Copeland announced Saturday, April 20, as the date of our annual spring fundraising event, previously known as “Cruising with Rotary.” This year’s event will be held in the newly remodeled Holiday Inn ballroom.

Jeff Crause of Edward Jones has once again generously agreed to be the title sponsor of the event, which raises funds for our community service projects. Thank you, Jeff!

Warm the Children

John Arenz announced that Warm the Children (coat drive) has raised $135,000, with more money to come!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Jan 17 Ms. Molly Foundation

 Char Luttrell

Jan 24 Open

Jan 31 Eric Jones

 Transamerica, speaking on

 Social Security

Feb 7 Natsu Oyobe

 Tea Ware & Print Collections

 U-M Museum of Art

Feb 14 Thomas Ulch

 Travelogue

PROGRAM RECAP

*Kelly Mendenhall introduced Susan Lackey the executive director of the Legacy Land Conservancy.*

The Legacy Land Conservancy’s current emphasis is on protecting the land in Michigan’s “Emerald Crescent,” the green belt that stretches from Brooklyn, Michigan, through Chelsea, Michigan, to Whitmore Lake, Michigan. This arc follows the head waters of the Huron River through Washtenaw and Jackson Counties, including the Waterloo State Recreation Area and the Pinckney State Recreation Area.

The Legacy Land Conservancy began in 1971 as a private non-profit organization that works to protect the beautiful natural places of southern Michigan, including forests, farmlands, wetlands and rivers.

Since then, the organization (formerly the Washtenaw Land Trust) has protected more than 3,700 acres and worked to secure funding to protect thousands more.

The Land Conservancy has created five public nature preserves.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Phil Zepeda Dr. Steven Modell has made a $1,000 gift to the RCAAN Foundation!

Manish Mehta Manish will be traveling to India for the next few weeks.

Jeff Crause Future Stars will be at Pioneer High School this weekend.

John Copeland thanks to Jeff Crause for sponsoring our fundraiser.

Kelly Mendenhall Happy that she has not had a cigarette since October and has not been sick, either!

Laura Van Steenis Happy that Lisa Spaulding, a potential member, will be inducted in a couple of weeks

Cathy Whittaker Happy to be at our Rotary Club, Cathy is considering joining us now that she works on this side of town. (Her son was a Rotary exchange student to Taiwan.)

Matt Copeland Congratulations Laura on inducting more Rotarians than he did during his year! Matt’s son is working with classmates to donate to Ozone and Alpha House.

Don Broderick Happy to be at Rotary today!