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Meeting Thursdays

at Noon at the

Holiday Inn

Near the University of Michigan

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‘Back to the Eighties’ with Rotary

The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North and Jeff Crause of Edward Jones invite you “Back to the Eighties” for a night of fun and games, 80s style, and dancing to the music that made the 80s ROCK! Do you remember … The Cosby Show … Ghostbusters … Trivial Pursuit … Back to the Future … moon walking … the ’84 Tigers … BIG hair …? Dig out those stone-washed jeans, shoulder pads and leg warmers and get ready to party like it’s 1989! This fun-filled evening will benefit the RCAAN Foundation. Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 20, at the newly remodeled Holiday Inn ballroom.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Bryan Schindel, this week’s greeter, introduced our guests, John Hammond of Lake Shore Rotary, Dick Rosenfield of Jackson Rotary, our speakers Nicole Edelman and Shana Bussa, and Matt Copeland’s wife Katie, son Noah and Noah’s classmate Madison Marshall. Welcome, all !

Another New Rotarian

Lisa Spaulding was inducted into our club by President Laura Van Steenis. Lisa’s sponsor is Kelly Mendenhall. Congratulations, Lisa, and welcome to Rotary North!

Meeting Locale Changes

We will be meeting in a small section of the newly remodeled Holiday Inn Ballroom over the next few weeks, as the renovations continue at the Holiday Inn. Remember to enter through Door A next week. Parking is available in the back (west side) of the building.

Rotary West Charter Night

We are all invited to celebrate Charter Night for Rotary West on Saturday, March 2.

Website Quote

Gail Scott knew that this week’s website wise words were from Martin Luther King, Jr.

Junior Rotarians?

Noah Copeland and Madison Marshall shared their service project as president and vice president of the Junior National Honor Society at their school. They raised money for Alpha House and Ozone House for “Help after the Holidays.” They collected donated items plus $115 so far. After hearing that the school canceled a “spirit day” the kids were counting on to raise money, Vern Hutton suggested we all pitch in and we came up with $74 to help the students meet their goal.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

Feb 21 Richard Detweiler

 Great Lakes

 Colleges Association

PROGRAM RECAP

*Our speaker was Nicole Edelman, executive director of Alpha House. Nicole was introduced by Shanna Bussa, development director for Alpha House.*

Alpha House is the shelter for families established by the Interfaith Hospitality Network. Several years ago, two Ann Arbor women saw a need for emergency family housing and created a cooperative system for various faith congregations to meet this need. Originally, churches opened their buildings to families for two weeks at a time and families moved from church to church. Later, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital donated the building that is now Alpha House to IHN. Now, volunteers from different congregations come to Alpha House to prepare and serve meals and the families stay in the shelter.

Alpha House can house 25 people for up to 90 days. The Alpha House staff helps clients obtain jobs and housing and works with families for up to one year. Volunteers are always needed to fix meals and play with the children in shelter.

Homeless children suffer from a wide variety of problems, including hunger, poor academic performance and mental health issues.

Songs and Prayer

Dutch Nie offered our invocation and Scott Nelson led us in singing “America” and “God Bless America,” in honor of Inauguration Day. Matt Copeland led the Rotary 4-Way Test.

Happy Dollars

John Arenz happy to have Peggy Windsor back at Rotary!

Vern Hutton happy that Michigan could be Number #1 in basketball after tonight’s game against Purdue!

Kelly Mendenhall happy to see Matt’s son and his classmate at Rotary today and happy that her friend Lisa is now a Rotarian

Virginia Nordby Happy that she and Gordon are leaving for Hawaii soon

Kate Vaughn relieved to be recovering from the flu and celebrating her recovery with a new tablet computer

Jeff Crause happy to welcome Matt and his guests to Rotary

Matt Copeland happy to have wife Katie and son Noah and Noah’s friend Madison with us today, and thankful for Gail’s delicious dinner last night

Don Broderick happy that the furnace at home is finally working again!