NorthStarMastFinal

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Meeting Thursdays

at Noon at the

Holiday Inn

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Bowling at Colonial January 17

John Arenz distributed tickets for 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

Greeter Brent Lofgren introduced our guests: Dick Rosenfield, Jackson Rotary Club; Lisa Spaulding, guest of Kelly Mendenhall; Ryan Beatty, guest (and son) of Tamra Ward; and our speakers, Drs. Judy Culberg and Richard Stanier-Sholk.

B.A.B.E.S.

Lisa Hudy blasted our B.A.B.E.S. (Birthdays, Anniversaries and Blessed Events). Bob Greenough’s birthday is January 8.

Quote of the Week

Dutch Nie and Brent Lofgren knew this week’s quote on the RCAAN website Rotarians, please remember to check our website each week, to see what’s new and to be in-the-know about our weekly inspirational quote. Thanks, Eric, for keeping our website updated!

50/50 Drawing

Mike Vanover sold this week’s winner to Kelly! Mike (in Phil Zepeda’s absence) shared some trivia as well: On this day in 1938, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt started the March of Dimes.

Greeter Sign-up

Don Patterson sent around a sign-up sheet for Greeter duties. Thanks, Don, for being so faithful about organizing this before you head down to the Sunshine State!

Holiday Gifts a Hit at GBC

Kelly announced that we had a very successful Christmas gift drive for the kids at Green Baxter Court and Hikone Center. Thanks to all who participated and to Kelly for shopping!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Jan 10 Susan Lackey

Legacy Land Conservation

Jan 17 Open

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 our speakers, Drs Judy Culberg and Richard Stanier-Sholk, two of her professors at Eastern Michigan University, who spoke to us about global poverty.*

Drs. Culberg and Stainer-Sholk told us that poverty is the central problem connected to all of the world’s major problems. Their classes at Eastern Michigan University expose students to both the theory and the personal experience of poverty. Each year they take students on trips to El Salvador and Cuba, where the group interacts with local people who are struggling with poverty.

In El Salvador, the students are introduced to Salvadorans who have suffered because of the civil war of 1980-1992. Many Salvadorans are the sole surviving members of their families, all victims of war.

The classes visit schools, community centers and hospitals, to see the effects of poverty on the population. They also stay in local people’s homes, where they are welcomed very warmly.

As a result of their travels and studies, the EMU students become citizens of the world.

HAPPY DOLLARS

Laura Van Steenis Our president was happy that it is a new year and that she is feeling better after getting a pain-relieving injection in her hip. Here’s to a happy and healthy new year!

Jack Edelstein Happy to be home after traveling to Seattle and Vancouver. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Kelly Mendenhall Happy to have won the 50/50 drawing and to have our speakers here

Brent Lofgren Brent said he went dog sledding with his nephew and found out why you have to hang onto the sled at all costs!

Virginia Nordby Happy to be cheering on Stanford!

Matt Copeland Happy that his son, Noah, came through surgery okay and is recovering. This should be his last surgery.

Don Broderick Happy for a great holiday celebration and no fiscal cliffs!