

June 27, 2013

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Meeting Thursdays

at Noon at the

Holiday Inn

Near the University of Michigan

Service Above Self

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Presidents’ Night Edition

We gathered at Eagle Crest at the Ypsilanti Marriott for an evening of looking back and looking forward, reviewing President Laura Van Steenis’ year and previewing the upcoming Rotary year of our new president, Keith Krings. Congratulations to Laura for a wonderful, fun-filled year! Congratulations and best wishes to Keith for another great year coming up!

Highlights of the evening were Laura’s PowerPoint presentation with photos of our service projects and fellowship opportunities (especially those Back to the 80s photos with Keith as Richard Simmons !) and our new president in his royal robes and crown.

Paul Harris Fellows

Laura presented Paul Harris Fellowship pins to the following RCAAN members: Gail Scott, Manish Mehta, and an honorary Paul Harris to Matt Copeland, for all of his help and for an outstanding fundraiser in our 80s party, which brought in over $10,000 for our good works.

 Renee Zepeda received a Paul Harris Fellowship, given by her dad, Phil Zepeda. Manish honored wife Varsha by accepting his Paul Harris award and giving it to her! Congratulations to all of our Paul Harris Fellows!

Highlights of 2012-2013

We welcomed the following new members during the past year: Tamra Ward (who was inducted at the Butterfly Garden), Mike Vanover, Lisa Spaulding, Eric Tindall and Curtis Hoesing. Other high points of the year included our service projects for Green Baxter Court and Neighborhood Chore Day, our support of the Boy Scouts, the FLY Art Center and the Ms. Molly Foundation and special events such as the Rotary Peace Walk and the District Conference. We also succeeded in chartering the new Ann Arbor West Rotary Club on 12-12-12

RI Convention

Manish Mehta gave a recap of the recent Rotary International convention in Lisbon. He spoke about Project Dignity on World Water Day and he and wife Varsha got to meet Jane Goodall!

Thank Yous

Laura thanked her outgoing board members:

Matt Copeland, fundraising chair;

John Arenz, club service;

Gail Scott, secretary;

Mary Gyorke, treasurer;

Bryan Schindel, membership chair;

Manish Mehta, service chair;

Tamra Ward, public relations chair;

and Bob Overhiser, who served as Rotary International Foundation chair even though he was also president of Rotary West.

Laura also presented a special plaque to Eric Tindall in appreciation of his fantastic work keeping our website up-to-date each week.

Laura thanked her husband, Dan, for his support during the past year and promised to get the Rotary stuff off of the dining room table, tomorrow!

Remember:

 No Rotary meeting next week, July 4th!

Engage Rotary, Change Lives

New President Keith Krings announced that incoming RI President Ron Burton has chosen “Engage Rotary, Change Lives” as his slogan for 2013-2014. President Keith encouraged us all to use our imaginations, stretch and do more than we have done before for Rotary and RCAAN.

Keith would like to see us initiate a new fundraiser, perhaps a 5K run or a golf outing. He will be looking for ideas from us as well.

Keith made a contribution to Project Dignity and presented his check to Manish Mehta. Manish announced that Larry Crockett and Kathy Richards have also supported Project Dignity, as has the Saline Rotary Club.

 New District Governor Jim Gilmore will be visiting our club on September 26. Be sure to be in attendance for this important visit.