

March 21, 2013

Editors: Tammy Broderick and

Char Luttrell

Meeting Thursdays

at Noon at the

Holiday Inn

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Keith Krings: Update from PETS

In preparation for becoming our 2013-2014 President, Keith attended PETS training in Kalamazoo and brought home some great ideas: using Twitter to get the word out about our activities and videotaping the world’s largest polio eradication commercial. Thanks for handling the day’s meeting in President Laura’s absence, Keith!

RonMcDonald House Coming Up

Brigitte Romero announced that we will serve dinner at Ronald McDonald House three times this year: June 1, Sept 7 and Nov 2. We provide a meal for 35-40 family members whose kids are hospitalized. See Brigitte to sign up to cook, serve or just share the meal!

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Char Luttrell helped us welcome: Marc Cooper, Waterford Rotary; John Hammond, Lake Shore Rotary; Dick Rosenfield, Jackson Rotary, Bob Overhiser, Ann Arbor Rotary West; Stephanie Luttrell, Dr. Steven Modell, Michael Ford (guest of Bryan Schindel), Brad Bowersox, Ann Arbor Downtown Rotary Club, and Don Faber, our speaker and a member of Ann Arbor Downtown Rotary Club.

Quote of the Week

Brent Lofgren knew that this week’s website quotation was from Emily Dickenson and, for “extra credit,” he read one of Dickenson’s poems, something about a fly and being dead. Uh, thanks, Brent, we think.

Have a Beer & Change the World

… is the motto of the new Ann Arbor West Rotary Club, according to President Bob Overhiser. Visit Rotary West for a make-up any Monday evening at the Quarter Bistro.

50/50 Winner

Virginia Nordby was our lucky winner!

UBT Supports Nonprofits

John Arenz announced that United Bank and Trust is awarding $1200 to nonprofits who get the most votes on UBT’s facebook page. UBT is 120 years old.

District Conference April 25-26

The District Conference is at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester. Our board is subsidizing club members’ attendance by $150.

Poker Days April 26-28

Our next poker fundraising weekend is the same time as the district conference. Please sign up for a poker shift. Matt Copeland will have a sign-up sheet.

B.A.B.E.S.

We saluted Gail Scott’s birthday and Matt Copeland’s club anniversary, again! ☺

Back to the 80s April 20

Our Back to the 80s fundraiser is set for April 20 at the Holiday Inn ballroom. The chocolate fountain will be back, thanks to Rick Jarzembowski’s sponsorship! Also, we will have an old fashioned photo booth this year. We are looking for a photo booth sponsor, Post posters, invite friends, sell raffle tickets, and reserve your spot today!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Mar 28 FLY Art Center

Apr 18 Claire Zepeda

Apr 25 Sean Reed

 Clean Energy Coalition

PROGRAM RECAP

*Don Faber, a Michigan historian and former editor at The Ann Arbor News, shared the work and life of Stevens T. Mason, Michigan’s first and youngest governor. Faber has written a biography of the young leader. Program Chair Kelly Mendenhall introduced our speaker.*

During Mason’s short life, he served as territorial governor of Michigan, then governor of the new state, at age 24. Mason was known as a principled young man who moved Michigan forward by:

Co-founding the University of Michigan;

Spearheading the state constitution;

Leading Michigan in the Toledo War, which gave the state the Upper Peninsula; and

Advocating the appropriations for the state’s Soo Locks, which made Michigan a key player in arming the United States for World War II, over a century later.

Songs

Brent Lofgren led us in singing “My Country

‘Tis of Thee.” John Arenz led the Rotary 4-Way Test and Bryan Schindel offered the invocation.

Happy Dollars

Virginia Nordby A Rotary Peace Fellow, now working for Amnesty International, will be a speaker at the District Conference. The Peace Fellowship is a program close to Virginia’s heart.

Char Luttrell Char was happy to have her daughter, Stephanie, visiting Rotary today.

Gail Scott Gail was happy to see Marc Cooper at our meeting and happy to be able to walk without a cane, thanks to one of Keith’s physical therapists.

John Arenz John shared an article about the award his wife recently received.

Dick Rosenfield Dick complimented our speaker, Don Faber, on his writing and his work as an historian.

Bryan Schindel Bryan was happy to have fellow Canadian, Michael Ford, as his guest at Rotary today.