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Neighborhood Senior Services Chore Day is November 3

John Arenz, our club administration chair, reminded us that Senior Chore Day is coming up on Saturday, November 3. Students from our Interact Club at Skyline High School will also be volunteering, and will need rides.

Rotary Foundation Gala

President Laura Van Steenis announced that the Rotary Foundation Gala will be on November 8 at the San Marino Club in Troy. Stephanie Urchick will be the featured speaker. Laura will have more information on tickets soon.

Milan Rotary Hosts Fundraiser

See Dutch Nie for your tickets to Milan Rotary Club’s fundraising dinner, set for 7 p.m. on Saturday, November 3 (after Chore Day!) Tickets for the buffet dinner are $40.

B.A.B.E.S.

Lisa Hudy blasted: President Laura Van Steenis’ birthday (October 12), Dutch Nie’s wife’s birthday (October 16) and her own and Alex’s wedding anniversary (October 17). Congratulations!

We have a new Membership Chair

Bryan Schindel has stepped up to serve our board as Membership Chair, in light of Sunil Thakur’s move to the Rotary Club of Milford. Thanks, Bryan!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Oct 18 Erin Mattimoe

 Jeanine Delay

A2 Ethics

Oct 25 Manish Mehta

 Project Dignity

 Tour of Calcutta

Nov 1 David Blough

 United Bank & Trust

Rotary West Meets Membership Goal

Phil Zepeda reported that the Rotary Club West has met the threshold of 25 members needed to charter the club! The “Westies” are working on their second international service project. Charter Night for Rotary West will be held in November.

Skyline Interact Club Is Active

Bonnie, president of the Interact Club at Skyline High School, visited our club to report that the club’s 25 members have given more than 100 hours of community service, to Ronald McDonald House, to Food Gatherers and to raise funds to have a Halloween party for children at Mott’s Children’s Hospital. They are raking leaves to make money for the party. Brigitte can put you in touch with the leaf rakers.

PROGRAM RECAP

*Program Chair Bryan Schindel introduced our speaker, Ralph Lange, the new city manager of Ypsilanti.*

Ralph Lange has helped many communities achieve long-term financial stability. He enjoys working and living in the Midwest, especially Northern Ohio and Southeastern Michigan. Ralph told us that Ypsilanti has much potential for a great comeback, because:

the city is positioned right in the middle of the I-94 corridor between Ann Arbor and Detroit;

the area is ready for a re-birth, by way of the redevelopment of the former Ford plant and the Water Street project;

 the city has many enthusiastic boosters;

Ypsilantians are very spiritual and spiritually diverse;

 and, Ypsilanti is on a railroad line!

Ralph said that one of the challenges is to downsize city departments to balance the budget yet not eliminate vital city services. He acknowledged that crime continues to be a problem in Ypsilanti. Ralph believes that bringing businesses back to the town will provide a greater tax base, which will allow the city to hire more police officers.

Ralph is busy speaking to community groups (like our club) and working with SEMCOG, Spark East, the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Don Patterson welcomed our guests, Mike Schumacher, guest of Jack Edelstein, and Bonnie, president of the Interact Club at Skyline High School.

Fly Art Center Fundraiser

Mike Vanocer announcer that the Fly Art Center in Ypsilanti is having a “FLYing Circus” fundraiser on Saturday, October 20, 7-9 p.m. See Mike for tickets.

Time to Clean Out the Rotary Closet

President Laura Van Steenis and Tammy Broderick are going to clean out our storage area soon, so if you have anything valuable there, please let them know.

50/50 Winner

Mike Vanover sold the winning ticket to Lisa Hudy!

Songs

Scott Nelson led us in singing the “America” and, as a tribute to the late Andy Williams, “Impossible Dream.”

HAPPY DOLLARS

Scott Nelson happily paid aw!

Dutch Nie happy to report he has tickets for the Milan Rotary fundraiser on November 3

Don Broderick Just wanted to show us that he can be brief when offering Happy Dollars, and he was!

Jack Edelstein happy to bring a guest and to turn the “Rotary coin” over to Dutch Nie to bring the next guest

Need a Good Scare?

Tammy and Don are recommending “The Scream Machine,” a Halloween haunted house in Taylor, MI, next to the Gibraltar Trade Center, at 21207 Eureka Road. For $15, you can be scared out of your mind on the “Hellevator” and enjoy all the ghoulish attractions! The Scream Machine opens this weekend and continues through Halloween, of course. Group rates are available; call 734-309-0758 or email thescreammachine@yahoo.com.