October 18, 2012

Editors: Tammy Broderick and

Char Luttrell

Meeting Thursdays

at Noon at the

Holiday Inn

Near the University of Michigan

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Please Pay When You RSVP

President Laura Van Steenis announced that the club’s board has passed a resolution requiring that members pay the admission cost of club events (such as our holiday party) when we sign up to attend. This will save money for the club because we will no longer have to pay for “no shows.”

Rotary Foundation Gala

President Laura reminded us about the Rotary Foundation Gala, on November 8 at the San Marino Club in Troy. Stephanie Urchick will be the featured speaker. You can register on our website. Start time is 5:30 p.m.

Sign Up for RCAAN Yahoo Group

Eric Tindall reminded us to join the Rotary North Yahoo group to stay “in the loop” regarding events, service projects, announcements, etc. Eric will send out the invitation again.

B.A.B.E.S.

Bryan Schindel blasted two wedding anniversaries: Lisa and Alex Hudy (on October 17) and Laura and Dan Van Steenis (on October 22). Congratulations!

Rotary Youth Exchange

Bob Overhiser announced that the youth exchange program is looking for families to host in-bound exchange students from overseas, as well as local students who would like to spend a year abroad. Families must commit to housing a student for 4-5 months. Host families do not have to be in Rotary.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Oct 25 Manish Mehta

 Project Dignity

 Tour of Calcutta

Nov 1 David Blough

 United Bank & Trust

Two Events on Nov. 3

Remember Fall Chore Day on Saturday, November 3, and, after that, the fundraiser for the Milan Rotary Club. See John Arenz for Chore Day and Dutch Nie for the Milan event.

50/50

Jack Edelstein sold the winning 50/50 raffle ticket to Jeff Crause, who donated his winnings back to the club. Thanks, Jeff!

Shout Out to Eric

A special “welcome back” to Eric Walz, away from our club on official Rotary business for a while, and back with us today!

PROGRAM RECAP

*Peggy Windsor, former member and past president, introduced our speaker, Dan Weiss, another former member and past president. Dan now runs a medical clinic in Brazil.*

Dan began his remarks by congratulating our club on the amount of work we do for a small to medium sized Rotary Club. He said the club he now belongs to in Brazil likes to drink beer; he is trying to get them involved in some service projects!

Dan shared some slides and comments about an orphanage in Brazil where he and his wife are donating their time. He told us that the goal of the orphanage is to provide a true home for children up to 12 years old, a permanent place for them to live. Many will never be adopted. The organization has many needs; among them is the need for industrial-sized washing machines to keep the children’s clothes and diapers clean.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Bryan Schindel, our greeter, welcomed:

Jim Fink guest of Dutch Nie

Claudia Petrescu guest of Char Luttrell

Sammy DeMarco guest of Char Luttrell

John Rasmussen Downtown Rotary

Peg Windsor Former club member

Dan Weiss (speaker) Former club member and

 Now a Rotarian in Brazil

Geli Weiss Dan’s wife welcomed our guests,

Dutch Nie introduced Jim Fink, a recipient of our club’s Vocational Service Award in 1998. Jim is now retired and is running for election as a judge on the non-partisan section of the November ballot. Dutch handed over the “bring a guest” Rotarian coin to Manish Mehta.

Sammy DeMarco, a master’s candidate at EMU and president of the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance at EMU, told us about the Student Funders group, which gives students the experience of allocating funds to nonprofits.

Songs

Brent Lofgren led us in singing “America.”

HAPPY DOLLARS

Vern Hutton voted by absentee ballot today. Don’t forget to vote on November 6!

Char Luttrell happy to have two guests today from Eastern Michigan University

Jeff Crause glad to be back at Rotary, glad that Eric took the ribbing for being absent for such a long time, so he (Jeff) didn’t have to

Manish Mehta also glad to be back at Rotary, will be speaking about Project Dignity a various meetings soon

John Rasmussen thanks to Rotary North for our support of a grant for Jamaica

Virginia Nordby glad to be back home after visiting daughter in Austria. Gordon and Virginia did not attend a Rotary meeting there because women (not even a past district governor) were not welcome!

Gail Scott shared two poems written by her mother about autumn and baseball

Phil Zepeda glad that the last tax return is finished!

Don Broderick happy to see former members and returning members today, happy that last Tuesday is over, when the Brodericks had a flat tire on their mini-van