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Char Luttrell

Meeting Thursdays

at Noon at the

Holiday Inn

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Rotary West Names Officers

The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor West has a new slate of officers; our own Bob Overhiser to serve as the club’s first president. Stay tuned for more information on an upcoming charter night with presidents of area Rotary clubs. Phil Zepeda will keep us updated.

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.

Quote of the Week

President Laura Van Steenis announced that Eric Tindall, our new webmaster, will post a quote on the website each week, and Laura will offer a prize to whoever can remember the week’s quote. Mike Vanover was close, guessing “Calvin and Hobbs,” but this week’s quote was from Calvin Coolidge!

B.A.B.E.S.

No birthdays, anniversaries or blessed events this week but Manish noted that it was United Nations Day!

50/50

John Arenz sold the winning 50/50 raffle ticket to Gail Scott.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Nov 1 David Blough

 United Bank & Trust

Nov 8 Gregory Ewin

 Pantanal Center for Education Research, Brazil

Nov 15 The Nicaragua Project

 Cultural Exchange Center and

 Ecolodge

Nov 22 Thanksgiving – no meeting

Nov 29 Erin Mattimoe

 A2eithics.com

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.

Night Terrors

The older kids at Green Baxter Court would like to go on a “scary” Halloween outing (instead of a pumpkin patch), so Kelly Mendenhall has made arrangements to drive them in the Community Action Network Green Baxter Court van. Chaperones are needed. If you can help, please contact Kelly.

PROGRAM RECAP

*Our own Manish Mehta, our international service chair, brought us up to date on our Project Dignity, a project to bring sanitation facilities to the Sunderbans area of eastern India, and showed us photos from his recent tour of the area.*

Manish shared some stark statistics with us:

 4 in 10 humans have no toilet facilities.

 90 percent of diarrhea is caused by bad water.

There has been a 40 percent decrease in cases of diarrhea in areas that now have toilets.

Project Dignity places Rotary-funded toilets with selected families who will set a good example for their neighbors, to encourage sanitary habits.

Clean water means that children are healthier and able to go to school regularly. This means that mothers are able to work to improve their families’ lives. Private toilets mean that girls and women can have dignity and freedom.

Project Dignity’s Rotary partners are: our own club and Rotary clubs in Ann Arbor Downtown, Ferndale, Milan and Saline. We are also working with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Midtown and the Sri Ramakrishna Ashram to select which families will receive toilets. (The ashram, an interfaith agency, also loans bicycles to girls so that they can get to school safely.)

Manish explained that Project Dignity is experimenting with a social entrepreneurship model, to enlist local people to sell the toilets to others.

GUESTS AND VISITING ROTARIANS

Virginia Nordby, our greeter, welcomed:

Len Stenger Downtown Rotary

Jane Lumm guest of Manish Mehta

Curtis Hoesing guest of Scott Nelson

Songs

Scott Nelson led “America” and “All Hail to Rotary.”

HAPPY DOLLARS

Char Luttrell has a new job, Development Director for the Ms. Molly Foundation (combating domestic violence), thanks to help from Rotary and from God!

Phil Zepeda remembering Ron Schege, (spelling?) the only RCAAN member who was a charter member of two clubs, and wrote the Rotary prayer book

Mike Vanover happy that the Fly Art Center fundraiser was a success, bringing in $5,000

Matt Copeland proud of his son, Noah, who is student council president and vice president of the National Honor Society at his school

Gail Scott happy to have won the 50.50 and to celebrate Char’s new job

Kelly Mendenhall Char’s news has given Kelly hope in her own job search

Bob Greenough happy that his wife, Faye, is home from the hospital

Don Broderick mentioned that President Calvin Coolidge, called “Silent Cal,” once caused a young woman to lose a bet by replying, “you lose,” when she announced, “I bet I could get you to say more than three words.” Don also reminded us to vote on November 6!

Vern Hutton said he was tired of Don having the last word in Happy Dollars!