

August 29, 2013

Editors: Tammy Broderick and

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Meeting Thursdays

at Noon at the

Holiday Inn

Near the University of Michigan

Service Above Self

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Save the Bomber Plant

Gail Scott asked us to help the Yankee Air Museum save the Willow Run Bomber Plant by contributing to their fundraising campaign. Check it out at [www.savethebomberplant.com](http://www.savethebomberplant.com) or set your browser to Save the Willow Run bomber plant. We should all do our part to preserve this important part of World War II history. Gail said she even remembered the sound of the planes as they flew over her house on test runs when she was four years old!

Engage Rotary, Change Lives

Scott Nelson related a recent life-changing experience: working at our Butterfly Garden last Sunday with a group of student volunteers from Concordia University, he was impressed with their willingness to work and their t-shirts, which displayed a quote from the Gospel of Matthew, about “one who comes not to be served, but to serve.” In other words, “service above self!”

Butterfly Garden Needs Workers

Larry Crockett expressed his concern that not enough members of our club are volunteering at the Butterfly Garden and suggested that the board consider inviting the other Ann Arbor Rotary Clubs to tend the garden with us.

Poker Nights Coming Up

Past President and Fundraising Chair Laura Van Steenis thanked everyone who has stepped up to volunteer for poker, September 5-8. We still need some help for a few shifts.

Hazel Proctor Memorial Service

Dutch Nie announced that there will be a memorial service for Hazel Proctor at 7 p.m. next Wednesday at Nie Funeral Home on Carpenter Road. Hazel was a longtime member of the Milan Rotary Club and active with many Rotary committees and initiatives.

Rotary Exchange Student

Dutch Nie asked for ideas to help introduce the US to our latest Rotary Youth Exchange student, Paula, who is from Mexico. Paula is living with the Nie family this year and attending Milan High School with Dutch’s daughter Natalie. The Nies plan to take Paula to Lake Michigan, Greenfield Villlage and other Michigan points of interest. Suggestions for other outings are welcome.

B.A.B.E.S.

Laura blasted Tamra Ward’s and Bryan Schindel’s birthdays and Phil Zepeda’s club anniversary! We even serenaded Tamra with “Happy Birthday!”

50/50

Tammy Broderick sold the winning ticket to Phil Zepeda!

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Rotary Songs and More

Scott led us in singing, Dutch offered the invocation, and Matt Copeland led us in reciting the Rotary Four-Way Test. Thanks, all!

A Resignation

President Keith Krings announced that work commitments have forced Curtis Haesing to resign from our club.

Ann Arbor Rotary West

Bruce and Julie Dunbar, charter members of Ann Arbor Rotary West, thanked us for sponsoring the Ann Arbor West Club. Bruce shared our sister club’s plan for an upcoming fundraiser, the Michigan International Festival, set for November 23 at Saline High School.

Since its founding in late 2012, Rotary West has been all about community service, especially international service. The club supports Grace Children’s Home in Sri Lanka and a school in India. On a recent visit to Grace Home, Rotarians delivered 150 pair of eyeglasses to the girls and seniors living there. Rotary West is helping the home teach computer skills and English schools to the girls. The girls even skype with students from the Washtenaw Intermediate School District. In India, Rotary West has provided white boards for the classrooms in a makeshift school.

Now, our sister club is looking to partner with other clubs in the area to raises funds to secure matching grants from Rotary International. The international event they are planning will bring together dance groups from many different countries. Foods from ethnic restaurants will also be featured, along with a silent auction. Governor Rick Snyder, a proponent of improved international business relationships, may even be the keynote speaker. Tickets are $30/ person. For more information on the gala, visit the website:

[www.mifestival.org](http://www.mifestival.org).

Upcoming Programs

Program Chair Phil Zepeda has lined up the following speakers:

Sep 5 Jerry Moore

 Homeless Veterans

Sep 12 Vijay and Dan Zhoe

 Balance Lab

 Political Polarization

Sep 19 Club Assembly

 No Speaker

Sep 26 Jim Gilmore

 District Governor

Oct 10 William Cowger

 “How I Found Rotary in Africa”



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