

December 9, 2013

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Meeting Thursdays

at Noon at the

Holiday Inn

Near the University of Michigan

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Editors’ Note: This issue of the Northstar is a compilation of notes from the December 5th club meeting and the December 9th board meeting.

Holiday Party Set for December 19

Our annual holiday party will be Thursday. December 19, at the Holiday Inn. Cost is $25 per person. Food choices are (a) steak kabobs, (b) chicken marsala or (c) vegetarian. Don’t forget: bring a “white elephant” gift for our annual gift exchange. Remember: no noon meeting that day and please pay in advance!

Holiday Gifts for GBC Families

Laura Van Steenis has ordered sleds for the kids at Green-Baxter Court and sent around a sign-up sheet for gifts for the families. See Laura if you would like to contribute. We must have the gifts by December 19.

Michigan International Festival HUGE Success

Bob Overhiser reported that the first fundraiser hosted by the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor West, the Michigan International Festival, was a great success, netting $20,000! Some 600 people attended the international celebration at Saline High School on November 23. Congratulations, Rotary West, and thank you to our members who helped. The silent auction brought in $5400!

50/50 Drawing

Phil Zepeda won $17.50!

Butterfly Garden Plans

The Butterfly Garden committee will meet again on Thursday, January 9, after our regular club meeting.

New Member Proposed

Stephanie Oliver, branch manager of Key Bank on Plymouth Road, is a prospective Rotarian. Laura Van Steenis brought her application to the board and it was approved on December 9. Stephanie will be inducted into our club in January. Please welcome her and get to know her. Stephanie was formerly a member of the Milan Rotary Club.

B.A.B.E.S.

Dec 2 Keith Krings birthday

Dec 2 Dan Van Steenis birthday

Dec 8 Char Luttrell club anniversary

Congratulations, all!

District Conference News

The Rotary District 6380 Conference will be held on Mackinac Island next May. All Rotarians are encouraged to attend. Our board voted to help pay for five Rotary Youth Exchange students to attend with a $250 grant. If you are interested in going, be sure to get your reservation in early.

International Service Update

Manish Mehta, international and community service chair, is working on three international projects.

Manish expects to have a proposal for Project Dignity (toilets for Eastern India) ready to go to Rotary International in about two weeks.

Manish will also research the best way to help with hurricane recovery efforts in the Philippines.

Thirdly, Manish is working with a donor to support a tuberculosis prevention effort in Indore, India. More details to come.

Upcoming Social Event

Matt Copeland, our club service chair, is planning a fun evening for club members at the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase on January 24, 2014. Tickets are only $12. Matt will have details in the upcoming weeks. He would also like to plan a casino night for February.

Eastern Michigan University

Women’s Soccer

Mike Miller, who is in sports management at Eastern Michigan University, was our speaker on December 5th. He focused on the women’s soccer team at EMU. He told us that Eastern is particularly proud that, for the past three semesters, EMU’s female athletes have had the highest grade point averages in the university’s history.

EMU is the only college or university to have an alumnus/alumna in the Summer Olympics every year since 1960.

EMU has 21 sports teams, a record number for schools in the MAC Conference.

Miller showed a short video on the women’s soccer program and explained that the university is now raising funds for improvements to the soccer field, including a press box and bleachers. Cost of the improvement project is $60,000; about half has already been raised.

The women’s soccer team is offering soccer clinics to local soccer clubs to raise money for the project.

Upcoming Programs

Dec 12 Trinity Health Breast Care

 Janet Burns

Dec 19 Holiday Party No noon meeting

Dec 26 No meeting