

July 11, 2013

Editors: Tammy Broderick and

Char Luttrell

Meeting Thursdays

at Noon at the

Holiday Inn

Near the University of Michigan

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Rotarian of the Year

Past President Laura Van Steenis presented the coveted “Rotarian of the Year” Award plaque to Tammy Broderick! Congratulations to Tammy, who certainly deserves the honor for her tireless work in so many capacities. Tammy, you are an asset to our club!

Before Tammy knew that she was to receive the honor, she stepped up once again to share a life-changing moment, in response to President Keith Krings’ request to for stories about changed lives. (“Engage Rotary, Change Lives “is this year’s Rotary theme.) Tammy shared with us the example of her father, who was blind, and her brother, who asked for a dictionary as a gift so that he could expand his knowledge. Tammy said that she found a business opportunity that has changed her life.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Eric Tindall helped us welcome Matthew Leight, a Rotarian from Fort Wayne, Indiana; Sarah, a guest of Phil Zeped; and Anu, a guest of Manish Mehta.

Keith Begins Presidential Year

Keith Krings presided over his first official meeting as club president and thanked the club, and especially Past President Laura, for all the support shown at Presidents’ Night. Keith announced that Phil Zepeda has stepped up to be our program chair.

Friends In Deed

Phil’s guest Sarah from Friends In Deed announced two upcoming FID events: a golf outing on Monday, July 22, and a 30th anniversary gala on November 8 at Washtenaw Community College.

50/50

Char Luttrell won, first time in ten years!

Rotary Leadership Institute

The next Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) will take place Saturday, July 20 in Troy. All club members are invited to attend. The $70 attendance fee will be covered by our club treasury. This event is a collaboration with Rotary districts in Michigan and Indiana and is highly recommended by Laura, Matt Copeland and Gail Scott.

B.A.B.E.S.

Char Luttrell blasted John Copeland’s birthday (July 1), Virginia Nordby’s birthday (July 9) and Bob Greenough’s club anniversary (July 11 – today). Congratulations, all!

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Happy Dollars

Laura -- happy to be -at Gail’s table, Char -- happy to win the 50/50 Manish -- happy to have Anu with us. Don Broderick -- happy that wife Tammy is Rotarian of the Year! Phil Zepeda -- announced the marriage of his daughter Andrea and new son-in-law Jeremy!

Upcoming Programs

Jul 18 Ginger Barrons

 Polio Plus

Jul 25 Tiffany Sims

 Boy Scouts of America

Aug 1 Mijo Pappas

 French in Ann Arbor

Rotary Foundation Presentation

Gail Scott, our new Rotary Foundation chair, gave a very informative presentation about the workings of the Rotary International Foundation (TRF) and promised to keep educating us about the foundation throughout this Rotary year.

Gail explained that TRF is the charitable arm of Rotary International, just like the RCAAN Foundation is the charitable arm of our club. Our club’s foundation supports local projects and requests from other Rotary clubs for their projects. The Rotary Foundation (TRF) supports worldwide humanitarian efforts. Contributions to TRF also earn points toward Paul Harris Fellowships. Rotarians worldwide are asked to give EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) whatever amount they can to support TRF. A gift of $100 per Rotarian is suggested, but not required. (That’s only 27 cents a day.) We are asked to give $25 per quarter to TRF and $10 per quarter to the RCAAN Foundation. In our case, our club makes up the difference to TRF by giving $100 per club member if our membership does not give the suggested amount.

Income from the investments of the Rotary World Fund goes to the administration of TRF. After three years, the money is spent on service projects, so that the principal has to be raised again.

Half of the money that we give to TRF is credited to our Rotary District (6380). Local Rotary Clubs can initiate service projects and ask other clubs to help fund them. Then the district can authorize District Designated Funds. Previously, DDF monies had to go to far-off projects; now those funds can be put to work locally.

Global Grants are given for projects that are initiated in one country and carried out in another county, like our own Project Dignity, spearheaded by Manish Mehta. Through the power of matching grants, a small seed investment can be leveraged four or five times to produce a significant amount of money to do good works.

Our own contributions to TRF can be designated to various funds within the foundation. (For example, we could designate our donation to the Rotary Peace Scholars program, which was created by our own Virginia Nordby. So far, the program has graduated more than 700 scholars who are working for peace and global understanding.)

We can write in our designation on our dues invoice.

TRF now has six focus areas for grants:

1. Clean Water and Sanitation
2. Women’s and Children’s Health
3. Literacy
4. Peace and Conflict Resolution
5. Disease Prevention
6. Economic Development.

Songs, Prayer and 4-Way Test

Thanks to the following club members for leading: invocation and Canadian National Anthem, Bryan Shindel; Rotary 4-Way Test, Don Broderick; and United States National Anthem, Phil Zepeda.

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