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Meeting Thursdays

at Noon at the

Holiday Inn

Near the University of Michigan

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Do You Tweet?

‘Jump In’ to Twitter

President Keith Krings introduced Tamra Ward, our board’s public relations chair, to talk about Twitter. Tamra said that Michaelangelo Caruso (Rotarian Extraordinaire) introduced her to the value of Twitter at a recent Rotary event. Tamra said that Twitter is growing faster than facebook and that we should all check it out. Facebook is for socializing; Twitter is for gathering and sharing information. We can promote Rotary and RCAAN on Twitter and direct people to our website. Check out @RotaryA2N or @RotaryAnnArborNorth.

Rotary Leadership Institute

There are still some slots open at the Rotary Leadership Institute, to be held this Saturday in Troy. This Rotary learning opportunity is highly recommended by Gail Scott, Matt Copeland and Laura Van Steenis.

Engage Rotary, Change Lives

President Keith Krings has challenged us to come up with a brief story of a changed life each week. Vern Hutton offered the fact that a employer of his helped him turn his life around. Vern had dropped out of high school at age 17 and his boss helped him get back in school and on track for a successful life.

Songs and Such

Scott Nelson led us in singing “Auld Lang Syne” (for the new Rotary year) and “For (S)he’s a Jolly Good Fellow” in honor of Past President Laura Van Steenis. Bryan Schindel offered the invocation.

50/50

Our visitor, Tim Berry, picked the winning ticket, his own! Tim donated his winnings back to our club (for Ronald McDonald House dinners). Thanks, Tim!

B.A.B.E.S.

Mary Gyorke blasted Char and Karl Luttrells’ 35th wedding anniversary, July 22! Congratulations! ☺

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Larry Crockett was our greeter this week. Larry introduced our guests: Ginger Barrons of Novi Rotary, who was our speaker, and Tim Berry, Laura’s guest.

Mark Your Calendar for Charity Poker Nights

Our next poker weekend is September 5-6-7-8 at The Heidelberg. Fundraising Chair Laura Van Steenis will be circulating a sign-up sheet soon so you can pick your shift. If you haven’t volunteered at poker, you have missed a great time of socializing with fellow Rotarians while helping our club. Poker nights bring in much needed funds for our club’s good works.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Jul 25 Boy Scouts of America

Aug 1 French in Ann Arbor

Happy Dollars

John Copeland (Who? – Just kidding, John.) is back at Rotary after a five-week absence. When John was last at an RCAAN meeting, Laura Van Steenis was still president! John offered his congratulations to new President Keith.

Laura Van Steenis was glad to have John back at our club meeting.

Manish Mehta was glad that Bryan mentioned him in the invocation prayer!

Keith Krings was happy to announce that President Elect John Arenz will be presiding at Rotary next week in his absence. Keith will be at a long-standing golf getaway next week.

Don Broderick was happy to report that Tammy’s trees are growing strong despite storm damage.

Rotary Polio Facts

Did you know …

In 1985, the year that Rotary launched Polio Plus, there were more than 125 polio endemic countries. Polio crippled or killed more than 1,000 people each day, most of them children.

Rotary has helped to immunize more than 2.5 billion children, contributed more than $1 billion to the global eradication effort and helped solicit financial support resulting in more than $9 billion in contributions from donor governments.

Program Recap

Laura introduced our speaker, Ginger Barrons of Novi Rotary, who brought us up to date on the fight to wipe out polio.

Rotary’s involvement with the cause began in 1979 when the District Governor in the Phillipines asked Rotary International for matching funds to help immunize children. From that local project, Rotary’s interest in battling polio has grown to a multi-billion dollar worldwide campaign.

We are partnering with UNICEF, the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The Gates Foundation has recently stepped up with yet another matching gift challenge. Rotary International is asking every Rotary Club in the world to give $1500 to PolioPlus this year and the Gates Foundation will match it. The need is particularly urgent now because polio cases have recently erupted in Somalia. Until then, polio cases had been limited to Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria.

Ginger told us the story of her brother-in-law, Curt Barrons, who was struck with polio in 1952 and survived due to an iron lung. Sadly, Curt was left with a limp and was never again able to run. His younger siblings never saw their brother run until they viewed a long lost home movie of 5-year-old Curt.

This devastating disease can be stopped, but only with our help. Together we can end polio now. We are “this close” !