

November 14, 2013

Editors: Tammy Broderick and

Char Luttrell

Meeting Thursdays

at Noon at the

Holiday Inn

Near the University of Michigan

Service Above Self

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RCAAN Board Announces Grants

President Keith Krings reported that our club’s board has approved the following grants:

$2000 to Grace Care Center orphanage

$ 300 to Huron High School Model

 United Nations program

$3,000 Philippine hurricane relief

(This may be for Shelter Box or other relief efforts.)

$10,000 for our signature project, Project

 Dignity (toilets in eastern India)

The board also agreed to allow our club foundation to be an avenue for contributions to John Rasmussen’s Jamaican diabetes prevention program.

Visiting Rotarians and Guests

We welcomed the following guests: John Rasmussen, Downtown Ann Arbor Rotary; Dick Rosenfeld, Jackson Rotary; and Quentin Turner (a guest of Char Luttrell), the Adopt-A-Park director for the City of Ann Arbor.

Michigan International Festival Coming Up Nov 23 at Saline High

The Ann Arbor Rotary West fundraiser, the Michigan International Festival, is set for November 23 at Saline High School. Our club is a Gold Sponsor for the event and our Tamra Ward is helping with the silent auction. Tickets are $15/person, or $50 for a family four-pack. The first 15 people who purchase a ticket will be upgraded to a VIP ticket, which includes the food tastings.

Rotary Songs and Traditions

Bryan Schindel offered our invocation; John Arenz led the Rotary 4-Way Test and Scott Nelson led our songs: “America” and “Somewhere Over the Rainbow.”

Holiday Party

Our annual holiday party will be Thursday, December 19, at the Holiday Inn. Get your white elephant gifts ready!

50/50

Tammy Broderick sold the winning ticket to Mary Gyorke (who picked her own ticket!)

Date Set for Fundraiser

Our annual spring fundraiser will be a “Hollywood” party on Saturday, March 29, at the Holiday Inn. Mark your calendars and get ready for another great RCAAN fundraiser, under the direction of fundraising chair, Laura Van Steenis!

Rotary Coin

The Rotary Coin is back! Our original Rotary Coin is a.w.o.l., so Gail Scott has supplied a replacement. John Arenz accepted the coin and will bring a guest to Rotary.

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Presidential Assistant to Speak on Faith-Government Partnerships

Manish Mehta announced that Joshua DuBois, former aide to President Obama, will speak about faith-based governmental partnerships 4 p.m., Monday, November 18 at the Ford School of Public Policy, 1120 Weill Hall, 735 St. State Street, Ann Arbor.

Gail Scott:

The Rotary International Foundation

Gail Scott, our own RI Foundation Chair, presented the second in a series of talks on the work of the Rotary International Foundation. Gail showed us two videos to illustrate the impact of our gifts through the foundation. Rotarians from California were able to secure an RIF grant to work with local Rotarians to rebuild a school that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. In Haiti, an RIF grant purchased a jeep to take a nurse midwife to her patients for pre-natal check-ups.

Gail reminded us that we can donate to RIF through our dues statements. “Every Rotarian Every Year” is the slogan; it means that every member should give something; give $100/year if you can. Gail urged us all to consider a year-end gift to the foundation.

No other organization can leverage your contribution like Rotary International. RI’s global network of volunteers and technical experts is committed to the highest ethical standards, ensuring that your investment of time and money is put to good use.

Service areas include:

Peace and conflict prevention and conflict resolution

 Disease prevention and treatment

 Clean water and sanitation

 Maternal and child health

 Basic education and literacy

Economic and community development

Happy Dollars

Gail Scott happy to have enjoyed her trip to the Outer Banks islands, but sad because she had to leave her car in Beckley, West Virginia, when the transmission gave out.

Mary Gyorke happy for winning the 50/50

Manish Mehta

 heading to Singapore

happy that the Milan Rotary Club raised $17,000 at their Hawaiian Night Fundraiser

World Toilet Day is Nov 19th!

Don Broderick

enjoyed visiting Crystal Bridges in Arkansas on his recent vacation

John Rasmussen

thanked the RCAAN board for support of the Jamaican project. The septic tank is now installed!

Upcoming Programs

Nov 21 Solar Energy Research

 Rachel Goldman

Nov 28 THANKSGIVING

 No Meeting

Dec 5 EMU Women’s Soccer

 Michael Miller

Dec 12 Trinity Health Breast Care

 Janet Burns

Dec 19 Holiday Party

 No noon meeting

Dec 26 No meeting