

October 3, 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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Best Wishes to Katie Copeland

Matt Copeland announced that his wife Katie is undergoing an aggressive round of chemotherapy to treat her recently diagnosed case of acute myeloid leukemia. Katie’s diagnosis was made last weekend. She will be in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for 30 days. Matt asked us for prayers and thoughts. The Copelands are very hopeful! Katie has a good prognosis. Laura Van Steenis passed around a card for us all to sign. Matt himself is feeling better after physical therapy.

Visiting Rotarians

Our guests this week were John Rasmussen, of the Downtown Ann Arbor Rotary Club; John Hammond of Lake Shore Rotary Club and Ebru Mansfield, a Rotarian from overseas.

Rotary Songs and Traditions

Bryan Schindel offered our invocation; Scott Nelson led us in singing and Laura led the Rotary 4-WayTest.

Garden City Rotary Raffle

President Keith still has a few tickets left for the Garden City club’s fundraising raffle. The top winner gets two tickets to the Michigan-Ohio State game on November 28, and two night’s accommodations at the Holiday Inn Express. Second prize winner receives $500; the third prize is $300. Tickets sell for $10, or three for $20, and our club keeps half of what we sell. See Keith for tickets.

Green Baxter Halloween Party

We will be taking the kids from Green-Baxter Court to a pumpkin patch to pick out Halloween pumpkins on Saturday, October 26, from 1 to 3 p.m. Tamra Ward is looking for volunteers to chaperone the trip.

Fall Chore Day

President Keith Krings reminded us that Fall Chore Day is coming up and we will be participating again this year. Stay tuned for details.

B.A.B.E.S.

Bryan Schindel blasted:

Gordon Nordby’s birthday, 10-3;

Dutch Nie’s birthday, 10-6; and

Scott and Magali Nelson’s wedding anniversary, 10-7. Last week we noted: Don and Tammy Broderick’s wedding anniversary on 9-30; Magali Nelson’s birthday on 9-27; and Rick Jarzembowski’s club anniversary.

50/50

Laura won this week!

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Happy Dollars

Laura was happy to be celebrating her grandson’s 8th birthday. Phil Zepeda announced the feast day of St. Francis. Jack Edelstein is happy that his father-in-law, aged 90, is recuperating. Bob Greenough enjoyed his trip to Nova Scotia. He also stopped in Boston where he discovered an ancestor, also named Robert Greenough, who was a selectman (councilman)! Don Broderick praised the help he received from a therapist at President Keith’s physical therapy practice.

RCAAN Foundation Presidents’ Club

Our own Phil Zepeda was our speaker this week. Phil said our investments are performing well. He encouraged us to consider donating insurance policies to the RCAAN Foundation to become a member of the Presidents’ Club. In 15 years, our endowment has grown to about $500,000.

Vern Hutton explained that our club’s foundation benefits when the investment in Plymouth Road Mall prospers. Vern encouraged us to all patronize the stores and businesses at Plymouth Road Mall; our club owns a five percent interest.

Lisa Hudy, foundation treasurer, reported that our money comes from Vern’s investments, charity poker earnings, our fundraising events, such as the 80’s party, and donations for specific projects, such as Project Dignity (sanitation in Eastern India).

These funds go to support local, national and international projects. Last year, for example, we supported Green Baxter Court with backpacks and school supplies for adult learners, we took the kids pumpkin-picking and we adopted families for Christmas.

We also gave funds to the Ms. Molly Foundation (domestic violence shelters),Interfaith Hospitality Network – Alpha House; Nicole Krings’ Girl Scout Gold Award project; FLY Children’s Art Center in Ypsilanti; and Huron Trails Boy Scouts. All these organizations had ties to club members.

We supported Rotary International’s focus on clean water with a contribution to the Sterling Heights Rotary’s bio sand water filter project in the Dominican Republic. We also supported water filters in Guatemala, Peru and Haiti. We are currently holding funds for our signature project, Project Dignity.

District Governor’s Visit

Last week, Jim Gilmore, our District 6380 Governor, paid his official visit to our club. Jim related the “Rotary moments” that made him a Rotarian and urged us to “Engage Rotary, Change Lives.” Jim reminded us to:

1. Wear our Rotary pins every day.
2. Be prepared to share our own Rotary stories of Engaging Rotary and Changing Lives.
3. Slow down and enjoy the fellowship!

‘No Club Is An Island’

--Jim Gilmore

DG Gilmore invited us to Mackinac Island for the District 6380 Conference next May 16-18 at Mission Point Resort. The conference will feature a “no tie zone,” and a chance to make new friends and acquire new tools we can bring back to our club and put to work. Have fun, reconnect, bike, hike, shop, eat fudge!

Upcoming Programs

Oct 10 Bill Cowger

“How I Found Rotary in Africa”

Oct 17 Michael Caruso

 Social Media

Oct 24 RI Lisbon Convention

 Manish Mehta

Oct 31 Auto Industry Update

 David Cole

Nov 7 Media/Communications

 Geoff Larcom

Nov 14 RI Foundation

 Gail Scott

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 Cancer

 Janet Burns

