

Sept 19, 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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Rotary at Cleary Again Next Week for District Governor’s Visit

President Keith Krings informed us that we will be meeting at Cleary University again next Thursday, Sept. 26, because the Holiday Inn will be having a grand re-opening celebration. Please be there to welcome our District Governor, Jim Gilmore, who will make his official visit to our club.

Visiting Rotarian

Our only guest this week was John Rasmussen, of the Downtown Ann Arbor Rotary Club.

Rotary Songs and Traditions

Bryan Schindel offered our invocation; Scott Nelson led us in singing and Brigitte Romero led the Rotary 4-WayTest in French, while we followed her in English!

Garden City Rotary Raffle

President Keith passed around tickets 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.

Upcoming Rotary West Program

Clare Zepeda (Phil’s wife) will be the speaker at the Rotary West club meeting on Monday, September 30. The Rotary Club Ann Arbor West meets at the Quarter Bistro at 6:15 p.m. Mondays. Clare’s presentation is on sailing.

Vern’s Back

Vern apologized for missing his poker shift and missing Rotary last week; he has been under the weather with a virus. Glad to have you back, Vern!

Update on Peg Windsor

Bryan let us know that Peg Windsor begins chemotherapy soon. She is eager to get back to our club. Best wishes to Peggy for complete healing.

50/50

Phil won $15 in this week’s 50/50 drawing. Tammy sold him the winner.

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Club Assembly

President Keith Krings led a club assembly around the theme, “Engage Rotary, Change Lives.” He challenged us to all share our passions and lead a new effort, not just keep on doing the same Rotary jobs we have been doing. The remainder of the meeting time was spent on hearing from each of the members of our club’s board of directors.

President-Elect John Arenz asked us to discover our passion as a club and step up to help RCAAN grow.

Secretary Tammy Broderick said she would like us to focus a little more on state and local causes.

Treasurer Lisa Spaulding said she is honored to serve as our treasurer and asked us to remember that we are a family. (Also, be sure to include your name when you or your employer sends in your dues check, so Lisa will know whose dues are being paid.)

Foundation Director Gail Scott promised to educate us about the work of the RI Foundation and urged us to support Every Rotarian Every Year, by making the $25 voluntary contribution to RI every quarter.

Public Image Director Tamra Ward encouraged us to use social media to promote Rotary and to invite friends to attend meetings and special events.

Membership Director Bryan Schindel echoed that Rotary is a family and that we all need each other’s friendship and support. (Also, let Bryan know if there are any errors on your new name badge.)

Service Director Manish Mehta reviewed our major projects: Project Dignity (sanitation), a new project in Jamaica, the Butterfly Garden and Ronald McDonald House dinners, among others.

Club Administration Director Matt Copeland said he is planning some fun activities for our members and families: Plymouth Whalers hockey, a casino night and perhaps a wine tasting in Traverse City. Stay tuned.

President Keith then asked club members for their ideas:

 Char Luttrell would like to put together a subcommittee to build a sustainability plan for the Butterfly Garden upkeep.

 Sophia Franciscus would like to us to help seniors enjoy the Grass Lake Nature Sanctuary.

 John Rasmussen would like to engage RCAAN members in fighting diabetes through nutrition.

 Don Broderick commented that our club should work toward a good local signature project.

Upcoming Programs

Sep 26 District Governor

Jim Gilmore

Oct 3 RCAAN Foundation

Presidents’ Cabinet

Phil Zepeda

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

