

Sept 5, 2013

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Meeting Thursdays

at Noon at the

Holiday Inn

Near the University of Michigan

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Poker This Weekend

Lisa Hudy, on behalf of Laura Van Steenis, reminded us to show up for the poker shift we had signed up for tonight through Sunday. Be sure to sign in at the beginning of your shift and sign out at the end. Shift captains should be sure to bring cash for the first shift of the day.

Engage Rotary, Change Lives

Don Broderick told of a time when a note of encouragement he had written to someone made a very positive difference in that individual’s life. Don’s gesture meant so much to his friend that, ten years later, the friend still carried Don’s note with him.

Ronald McDonald Dinner Saturday

Brigitte Romero reported that we are fully staffed with RCAAN members and Interact and Rotaract members for Saturday evening’s dinner at Ronald McDonald House. Dinner is at 6 p.m.

Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Today’s guests were: John Rasmussen, of Ann Arbor Downtown Rotary; Vineet Katial, of Ann Arbor Rotary West; and our speaker, Gerry Moore, of Troy Rotary.

New Name Badges

Please see Bryan Schindel, our membership chair, for any updates to your name badge. We will be getting new badges soon, and donating our old badges to Rotary West.

50/50

Our speaker won the 50/50 and donated his winnings back to our club. Thanks!

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 Gyorke saluted Phil Zepeda’s club anniversary (32 years) and Bryan Schindel’s birthday (also 32 years !)

Michigan International Festival Nov 23

Rotary West is hosting this fundraiser for their service projects in Sri Lanka and India at Saline High School on November 23. We are invited to participate as attendees and sponsors.

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Cleary University Next Week

President Keith Krings announced that we will be meeting at Cleary University next week, right across Plymouth Road from the Holiday Inn. Keith will email us with details. Do make sure to sign in and sign up for the lunch next week!

Happy Dollars

Larry Crockett wished a Happy Rosh Hashanah to our Jewish friends.

Jeff Crause was happy to be alive and well after his bike was hit by a car. Bike is destroyed; Jeff is okay.

Troy Rotary’s Homeless Vets Project

Gerry Moore, commander of District 2 of American Veterans (AMVETS), told us about the work his Rotary club is doing to help veterans in the Detroit area.

The Troy Rotary Club solicits donations of cash, clothing and personal care items for homeless veterans living in shelters throughout the region. The Rotarians also reach out to community groups such as high school service clubs to assemble care bags for the men, many of whom have very little clothing and no toiletry items when they arrive at a shelter. The Troy Rotary Club has collected winter coats for the men since December of 2011, when Gerry delivered the first 34 coats on Christmas Day. Other partners are the Knights of Columbus, who have donated 700 coats. Gerry also challenged all Rotary Clubs in the area to “hire a vet” and asked Rotary leadership to help him find a way to make that goal a reality.

Upcoming Programs

Program Chair Phil Zepeda has lined up the following speakers:

Sep 12 Vijay and Dan Zhoe

 Balance Lab

 Political Polarization

Sep 19 Club Assembly

 No Speaker

Sep 26 Jim Gilmore

 District Governor

Oct 10 William Cowger

 “How I Found Rotary in Africa”

