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THE FOUR WAY TEST OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY OR DO:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

The President's Message

Happy New Year! 2003 begins in uncertain times. A weak economy and a possible war make it hard to be confident about tomorrow. Rotary provides us with a solid anchor to keep a positive outlook on the future. The accomplishments of our organization based on fellowship and service remind us that in good times and bad, if we focus on the positive, good things will happen.

Our club is facing a challenge of membership turnover. Peg Boivin has recently resigned because of her retirement. We wish Peg the very best and appreciate all she contributed to our club. She will definitely be missed.

We need to promote Rotary and our Club. January is Rotary Awareness Month. Share our Club with your friends and business associates. Think about those who could benefit from Rotary and how our Club could benefit from the talents of others. Our challenge for this year is growth. We will be holding a New Members Night on Wednesday, March 19th. Let's share our club and the anchor it provides by inviting guests to lunch or to our New Member Night.

Thanks for your support,
Dan Matis

Greetings from Gui



Gui and his friends before leaving on the Winter Ski Trip to Devil's Head Resort in Wisconsin. He reported that he loved the snowboarding but was quite sore after the weekend!

Gui is now staying with the Didiana Family in Palos Park and enjoying the company of 5 brothers and sisters! Remember

Gui as you plan your activities. As his sponsor, we are all responsible for his experience in the United States. Contact Mike Casey (708-829-4690) to make arrangements with Gui.

QUOTES

Middle age is when you've met so many people that every new person you meet reminds you of someone else.

OGDEN NASH (1902-1971)
Poet

Lost time is like a run in a stocking. It always gets worse.

ANNE MORROW LINDBERGH (1906-2001)
Aviator and writer

Don't vote for politicians-it just encourages them.

BILLY CONNOLLY
Comedian and actor

You can't have everything. Where would you put it?

STEVEN WRIGHT
Comedian

At least half of the exercise I get every day comes from jumping to conclusions.

BRUCE DEXTER
Journalist

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face.

BERN WILLIAMS

Every action of our lives touches on some chord that will vibrate in eternity.

EDWIN HUBBEL CHAPIN (1814-1880)
Clergyman

Congratulations

...and Best Wishes

Maureen Niswonger's last day on the job as Com Ed's external affairs director was December 13. She officially began her early retirement on December 31. Maureen had a successful 33-year career at Com Ed. Maureen is taking some time to relax before she decides what her next career will be.

Whatever form her next career takes, though, she knows one thing about it already, she said:

"It will be a way to make new friends."

Good Luck Maureen!

Bumper Sticker Chuckles...

Here are some recent sightings:

- Eat Well, Stay Fit, Die Anyway
- Body by Nautilus, Brain by Mattel
- Boldly Going Nowhere
- CAUTION: Driver Legally Blond
- I'm An Imbecile And I Vote
- If You Lived In your Car, You'd Be Home By Now
- Forget World Peace, Visualize Using Your Turn Signal
- HANG UP AND DRIVE!
- Smile, It's The Second Best Thing You Can Do With Your Lips

January Birthdays

Keloryn Putnam	9 th
Nancy Panozzo	14 th
Bill Grabinski	16 th
Cherry Vujevich	23 rd
Maureen Niswonger	31 st



ROTARY CALENDAR

Date	Speaker
1/09	Board Meeting
1/09	Dr. David Rompala Sertoma Speech&Hearing
1/16	Club Assembly
1/23	TBA
1/30	Kathy Mahoney • PCVA

Crisis Center Honored by President Bush

The Crisis Center for South Suburbia, Tinley Park, was recently honored with the President's Community Volunteer Award (PCVA). The PCVA is the highest national honor given for volunteer community service and is cosponsored by the Points of Light Foundation and the Corporation for National and Community Service.



The Crisis Center was one of the twenty recipients chosen from over 3,500 nominations. They were recognized for their outstanding volunteer program which consists of over 250 volunteers who donate their time and many talents to provide 24 hour-7 day a week domestic violence shelter and all essential services free of charge.

Kathy Mahoney, CCSS Board President, traveled to Washington, D.C. for the Presidential award ceremony on December 13th at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building. President George W. Bush presented the award, a silver medallion.

Kathy said of the experience, "It is a shining moment in the history of the Crisis Center. All our volunteers throughout our 24 year history share in this award. It is a testament to what can be accomplished by a group of dedicated, committed individuals." For more information on the Crisis Center or volunteer opportunities, please call 708-429-7255.

Congratulations, Kathy, on this wonderful recognition.



Rotary International President Bhichai Rattakul

will be the guest speaker at
The Joliet Rotary Club
Tuesday • April 1, 2003 • Noon

The meeting will be held at the
Joliet Renaissance Center
214 North Ottawa Street
Joliet, IL 60432
The cost is \$12.00. Reservations must be
received by March 15, 2003.
Contact Mary Ann Egger, President
815-744-5500

Useful Phrases To Use At Work

It always happens. You're looking for the perfect retort a dimwitted co-worker, and it comes to you. Problem is, it's long after the opportunity has gone. Here are a few phrases that might help you make your point at the office:

- I don't work here – I'm a consultant.
- Thank you. We're refreshed and challenged by your unique point of view.
- I'll try being nicer, if you'll try being smarter.
- I will always cherish the initial misconceptions I had about you.
- The fact that no one understands you doesn't mean you're an artist.
- I'm out of my mind, but feel free to leave a message.
- I don't know what your problem is, but I'll bet it's hard to pronounce.
- Some day, we'll look back on this, laugh nervously, and change the subject.

Save the Date
Wednesday, March 19
NEW MEMBER NIGHT
Make a commitment to bring at least two new people to the New Member Night. Start thinking now of those who are just waiting to be asked to share in Rotary.

****If you have any news or information you would like to see in our newsletter, please contact Kathy Mahoney at 708-671-2575 or Keloryn Putnam at 708-349-2972****

