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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

It's hard to believe that this is the last month of my presidency. I want to thank the club for the cooperation and support that I have received. The new officers and board members are ready to make next year a great one, and your continued support will make their plans a reality.

This is a good time to look back, reflecting on the events and accomplishments of the year. The Golf Marathon was a great success. The Club had fun and the donation to "Hearts For Hope" exceeded our expectations. Chris Gary is certain that this next Golf Marathon will be more successful. The raffle sold out in a "tough economy". Membership is down slightly. We need to remain focused on the need to bring in new Rotarians to strengthen the club and Rotary International. The club is in excellent financial condition. Next year's challenge is to identify new areas to put the excess funds to work in the community. Lastly, I think the club had fun together. The 30th Anniversary Dinner and returning to the "old format" for the Progressive Dinner were the highlights. It has been a good year for our club.

I want to extend a special thanks to the club officers, Bob Straz, John Schaeffer, and George Harris for their time and support. The Board Of Directors directed and counseled. Thank you Hal Gurgone, Quentin Kling, Keloryn Putnam, Patrick Zomparelli, Chris Gary, Richard Topps, and Lonnie Guzzino for your time and effort. Steve Salvina and Howard Warady tested our brain power and teased us out of our dollars to build the fine treasury, thank you. Kathy Mahoney and Keloryn did a great job with the club bulletin, in spite of my constant tardiness with these comments. To Russ Lamantia "Thanks for the Memories", the programs from Kathy Mahoney's special award from President Bush to the presentation on Iwo Jima, have entertained and informed us. I know more thank yous are required, but my memory is showing its years.

I hope this year was a great Rotary Year for all.

Sincerely,

Dan Matis

ROTARY RAFFLE 2003

Congratulations to the lucky winners listed below:

- \$20,000 Jim Madros**
- \$2,500 Ed Kosteck/Jerry Kosteck**
- \$1,000 Tom Halwax**
- \$ 500 David Viglielmo**
- \$ 500 Fr. Mike Nacius**
- \$ 500 Dan Rimkus**
- \$ 250 Mike Herlihey**
- \$ 250 Bruno Petrauskas**
- \$ 250 Stoiber/Fisher**
- \$ 250 Wippman, Greenberg & Goldberg**
- \$ 250 Staff @ Force Enterprises**



Camp Quality USA
Letting kids be kids again.

Save the Date: August 11, 2003

Camp Quality is a summer camping experience and year-round support program for children with cancer. Many difficult physical and emotional challenges face a child, and their family, when battling cancer. Last year, Orland Park Rotary supplied dinner for campers and will do the same on Monday, August 11. If you are interested in helping prepare or serve dinner please contact Keloryn at 708-349-2972. Camp Quality is also looking for a portable refrigeration unit for the week. If you know of a source for this item, please contact Chris Nowaczyk at 708-895-1070.

QUOTES About DAD

"It is a wise father that knows his own child."
-William Shakespeare

"It doesn't matter who my father was; it matters who I remember he was."
-Anne Sexton

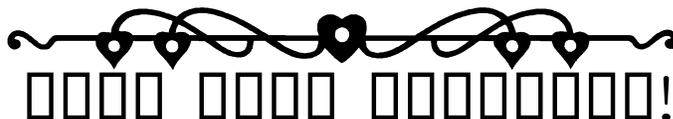
"A man knows when he is growing old because he begins to look like his father."
-Gabriel Garcia Marquez

"I cannot think of any need in childhood as the need for a father's protection."
-Sigmund Freud

"I watched a small man with thick calluses on both hands work fifteen and sixteen hours a day. I saw him once literally bleed from the bottoms of his feet, a man who came here uneducated, alone, unable to speak the language, who taught me all I needed to know about faith and hard work by the simple eloquence of his example."
-Mario Cuomo

"If the new American father feels bewildered and even defeated, let him take comfort from the fact that whatever he does in any fathering situation has a fifty percent chance of being right."
-Bill Cosby

"Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father!"
- Lydia M. Child



Rotary Installation Dinner

Friday • June 27

Silver Lake Country Club

Cocktails at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.



Hearts for Hope & Orland Park

Rotary Golf Marathon

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003

Last year nearly \$45,000 was raised at this marathon. Over \$30,000 was donated to Hope Children's Hospital and another \$10,000 went to other charities. If you want to have the opportunity to golf 100 holes or help out during the day, contact Chris Gary at 708-712-9200. Help is needed to assist golfers raise \$20/hole, so if you can't golf, your help is certainly needed in obtaining pledges. Let's all participate in this great event.

ROTARY CALENDAR

Date	Speaker
6/5	Scholarship Winners
6/12	Club Assembly
6/19	TBA
6/26	No meeting
6/27	Installation Dinner

SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW

Elias Gordan

Name: Elias M. Gordan

Birthplace: East Chicago, Indiana

Childhood: East Chicago, Indiana

High School: East Chicago Washington H.S., Class of 1979

College: Northwestern University (B.S., Civil Engineering), 1983; DePaul University (MBA), 1990; John Marshall Law School (JD), 1994. Professional Engineer and attorney in IL, IN.

Present Home: Palos Park (wife Athena, son Panagiotis (Peter), second child due December)

Employer: My clients – I have my own law practice, concentrating in construction law, patents/copyrights/trademarks, government-agency regulation, and related matters. Before that, I worked as a construction engineer for IDOT for 15 years, overseeing a variety of road and bridge projects, including a number of bridges built near the Plush Horse in Palos Park.

Position: Advocate, advisor, defender, counsel

What does your job involve? Doing work I love for clients I like, and helping my clients achieve success, maintain success, or take their success to the “next level”

Hobbies: Gardening, reading, Byzantine (Greek Orthodox) chant

I'd give anything to meet: Abraham Lincoln, or an Orthodox saint from the past

How many years involved in Rotary? One, going on two

Why did you join Rotary: To give back to the immediate community

Favorite Rotary Memories: Meeting a lot of interesting people at the various meetings

Most memorable life event(s): Watching my son grow up; watching my practice grow and take root; and seeing my bridges rise from out of holes in the ground.

Involvement with other Service/Civic Organizations: IL Road and Transportation Builders Association, ABA, IL State, IN State, Chicago, South Suburban, and Will County Bar Associations. Also Calumet Builders Association (IN) and Associated General Contractors of Indiana.

June Birthdays

Robert Straz	1 st
Bob Pasqualoni	12 th
Patrick Zomparelli	18 th
Margaret Boivin	22 nd



Orland Park Rotary 2003 College Scholarship Winners

The 2003 Orland Park Rotary
Scholarship Winners are:

Nicole Spanczak – Alan B. Shepard High School

Elizabeth Linde – Carl Sandburg High School

Jaimin Amin – Carl Sandburg High School

Beth Samonski – Alonzo A. Stagg High School

Elizabeth Dabrowski – Mother McAuley

Katherine Healy – St. Ignatius College Prep

Farmer's Market

Our Club will be selling lunch at the Orland Park Farmers' Market on Friday, June 27th, July 18th and August 22nd. No cooking skill is necessary but bring your sense of humor! It's a great way to be outdoors, is cheaper than golfing and we spread the word of Rotary.

We will also have a Rotary Information Table at the Palos Heights Farmers' Market on Wednesday, August 13th. Contact Ken Reilly at 349-9307 to let him know when you can participate in these events.

Night Vision

Having trouble seeing while driving at night? Before you have your eyes checked, clean your headlights. Auto experts say dirty headlights can reduce night vision by as much as 75%.

Wrist Saver

Here's a quick to relieve wrist pain and strain that can result from typing and other repetitive motions: Rest your elbow on a desk with your hand hanging over the edge. Stretch your fingers as far back as you can with your hand and hold for five seconds. Repeat for the other hand. Try it!

Smile... It's Much, Much Easier

Fact: It takes 43 face muscles to frown, but only 15 to smile.

First-Rate Calorie Cutter

Here's another reason to boost fiber intake: It helps reduce the calories your body absorbs from what you eat. In a recent study, women and men who doubled their fiber consumption absorbed 90 and 130 fewer calories a day, respectively.

Bet you didn't know...

Men are 20 % more likely than women to sneeze in a dusty room... A cup of coffee flavored yogurt contains about as much caffeine as a 12-ounce can of cola...Dandruff is not caused by dry scalp—fact is, it's more common with oily scalps...Whispering when you're hoarse is actually worse for your vocal cords than speaking normally...“Rx,” the symbol appearing on prescriptions, means “take,” from the Latin word for recipe.

****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****

