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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

Rotary is not one person; it is a number of people acting as one. We have seen great examples of that teamwork so far this Rotary year.

We have community involvement in such things as the Orland Park Farmers' Market. We have been to Camp Quality, the Palos Heights Farmers' Market and involved in the Palos Heights Adopt-a-Tree Program.

We had members step up with the Gift of Life Program when Keloryn opened her home to Jamersson and his mother when he was here for heart surgery. Other members have pitched in, too. When we needed people to assist at RYLA, you answered the call.

George Harris has devoted an enormous amount of time to causes and has given our Club the ability to contribute time and resources in the name of Rotary. Mike Casey has worked endlessly with Rotary Youth Exchange. Chris Gary organized the Golf Marathon.

With all of that, we still have made time for fellowship and comraderie...that is what Rotary is all about.

In the coming months, I am planning to have a couple of off-site meetings. Two places on the drawing board are the Paul Harris Memorial in Mount Hope Cemetery and Trinity Christian College. We all need to work to get the name of Rotary out.

The great news is that we have four prospective members to add to our Rotary team. Lets all keep up the good work.

Bob Straz

QUOTES

“Contentment springs not from an absence of problems, but rather from having chosen how to respond to them.”

“The greatest of faults is to be conscious of none.”

-Thomas Carlyle

“Well done is better than well said.”
-Benjamin Franklin

“Attitude is your paintbrush; it colors every situation.”

-Ann Turnage

“Our character is determined by what we do if every restraint were removed.”

“Selfishness makes Christmas a burden, love makes it a delight.”

“Best of all, Christmas means a spirit of love, a time when the love of God and the love of our fellow men should prevail over all hatred and bitterness, a time when our thoughts and deeds and the spirit of our lives manifest the presence of God.”

-George F. McDougall

RYLA Weekend

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) weekend encourages and assists young people in their development of leadership skills. The following is a letter from Sarah LaMantia after her participation in this event.

RYLA was a weekend I will never forget. I know no one I met will forget it either. Last weekend I went to the RYLA weekend up in Wisconsin. At first I was very nervous, I mean 100 students here for a whole weekend and I only know a few. I thought that everyone might not be nice, and that we wouldn't all get along, but was I wrong.



Everyone in my group got along the first few minutes we met, we were able to work together and use all of our ideas to get through challenging activities including moving mice trap with key rings while part of the group was blindfolded. When one is able to accomplish something of that sort, it made all of us feel so good and proud. So many emotions were flying around at RYLA, all positive and supportive. I believe this weekend was the most supportive I have seen anyone be to any other in along time. Showing that we need leaders that OWLS was going to make us become.

By the end of the weekend we all were getting emotional and had met so many new friends and companions. Each group had gotten through so many struggles and we were able to trust each other enough to fall from about 5 feet into the arms of the other members of the group. Knowing that we were only together for a weekend and were able to build that strength, that trust, and that powerful impact on others, shows us all how we can all build these relationships at home. RYLA was the best weekend of this year, and maybe even my life, being able to connect with over 100 kids makes me very proud and amazed with myself.

Sarah LaMantia 10/27/03



Terese with the LaMantia Family at The Center

Hello from Terese

I've now been in the U.S. for two and a half month. I have had the chance to go on the architectural tour on the Chicago River and to go on a sailing trip on Lake Michigan with about forty other exchange students, both organized by Rotary. I have also been to Wisconsin on a leadership weekend with about 90 other students, both exchange students and students from the school in district 6450. It was a very nice weekend, the weather was perfect and I met a lot of new people. I have made a visit, with my host family, to the Art Institute, the zoo and to the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago.

Terese Lindholm

As the holidays approach, please consider sharing your family's traditions with Terese. Contact Terese at (708)361-0122 or Mike Casey at (708)829-4690 to make arrangements.



Exchange Students Terese Lindholm and Natsumi Seto with Megan Gill and Sarah LaMantia at The Lion King, Cadillac Theatre, Chicago

Rotary Meeting at The Center

Many thanks to Dave Sanders, Lois Lauer, and all the staff at The Center, Palos Park, for providing a wonderful lunch and program for our Club. Joe McGee took photos of our group and is selling prints to all who are interested. He is covering the cost of production and all proceeds will benefit the Gift of Life Program. Please contact Joe if you're interested in receiving a copy of the photo.

Rotary Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
11/20	District Governor Chuck Johnson
11/27	Thanksgiving • No meeting
12/10	Rotary Holiday Party
12/11	No meeting
12/18	Club Assembly
12/25	Merry Christmas
12/30	Open Board Meeting at George Harris' home
1/1/04	Happy New Year!

Save the Date:


The District Conference will be held from Friday, April 30, 2004 - Sunday, May 2, 2004. Details will be available soon.

**SOMEONE YOU
SHOULD KNOW**

Nancy Panozzo

Name: Nancy Panozzo
Birthplace: Chicago
Childhood: Chicago-Roseland
High School: Fenger High School
College: Bradley University
Present Home: Orland Park/Bonita Springs, Florida
Employer: I retired recently after thirty years of operating Mat Summers Flowers, Inc. I currently work as a substitute teacher at Sandburg High School and in the Jewelry Department at Marshall Fields.
Hobbies: Travel
I'd give anything to meet: Jacqueline Kennedy
How many years involved in Rotary? 20 years - I was the first female member.
Why did you join Rotary? Ralph Caron ask me to join because the Club needed a woman member due to a new Rotary International ruling. In 1989, women were first admitted to Rotary.
Favorite Rotary Memories: The many friendships made in the Club as well as the warm welcomes I've received in clubs in Florida and Italy.
Most memorable life event: My marriage and raising our three sons. I love to be able to participate in their lives with their wives and my grandchildren.
Involvement with Other Service/Civic Organizations: Past President, Orland Park Area Chamber of Commerce, Organist for St. Michael's Church and member of the American Association of University Women.

November Birthdays

-  Tom Murphy 1st
- Norm Buillaume 4th
- Bill Kacerovskis 12th
- Jack Hornbeck 15th
- Frank Christiano 21st
- Dr. Phillip Morreale 22nd
- Melanie Jones 30th

Gifts for the Giving

Here are some ideas for gifts that won't cost a thing (except perhaps your pride).

- Patch up a quarrel.
- Find a forgotten friend.
- Write an overdue love note.
- Keep a promise.
- Release a grudge.
- Lessen your demands on others.
- Apologize.
- Point out the one thing you appreciate most about someone you work with or live near.



Adapted from *The Finishing Touch*,
Charles R. Swindoll

Should You ...

Should you find it hard to get to sleep tonight, just remember the homeless family who has no bed to lie in.

Should you have a bad day at work, think of the man who has been out of work for the last three months.

Should you despair over a relationship gone bad, think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return.

Should you grieve the passing of another weekend, think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week, for \$15 a day, just to feed her family.

Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance, think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.

Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror, think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had hair to examine.

Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities, remember, things could be worse...

you could be them!

December Birthdays

- Dan Harris 4th
- Madeline Hanson 6th
- Joyce Streng 9th
- Terry Kunes 10th
- Dr. Steven Svalina 16th
- Neal Anderson 29th



It was the end of the semester and time for the final exam of the year. The professor made an interesting proposition to his students. "I know that many of you dread taking this exam. If you are satisfied with your grade in this class up until now and are willing to have that as your final grade, you are free to skip the exam."

Half of the class collected their belongings and promptly left the room. "I am completely serious," the professor reassured. "You do not have to stay for the final if you feel confident about your standing in this class."

Several more students walked out of the room, yet three students remained in their seats. "What is keeping you here?" the professor asked a young man seated in the back of the room.

"I was hoping to use the final to bring my grade up," was the reply.

"I can understand that," the professor replied. "What about you?" he asked of a young woman seated in the front row.

"I spent a great deal of time preparing for this final," she said. "The test is the only tool I have to measure my comprehension of the course."

"I agree with you," said the professor. "And you?" he asked of another young man seated in a far corner of the room.

"Good enough just isn't good enough for me," the student responded.

"Well," said the professor. "I have to say that you three have just passed one of life's biggest tests. Never settle for what is good enough when you want more. You are now excused. Each of you will receive an A."

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



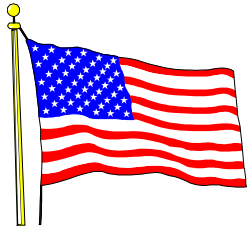
**Rotary Family
Christmas Party**
Silver Lake Country Club
Wednesday • December 10 • 6 PM

Be sure to let Nick Trevor (708-429-8000) or Rich Topps (708-671-0635) know if you plan on attending! Please bring an unwrapped children's book to be donated to the Crisis Center.

Open Board Meeting

Please join the Board of Directors for fellowship and ideas as we plan for the upcoming year and set the direction for our Club. An open meeting will be held at George Harris' home (14926 Westwood Drive, Orland Park) on Tuesday, December 30th at _____ pm.

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