

TRANSMISSION

Rotary Club of Hammond (Indiana)
Rotary District No. 6540 - Rotary Club No. 3362
www.hammondrotary.org

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Rotary Int'l Pres. Ray Klingensmith
District Governor Steven VanScoik

(Terms end June 30)

ROTARY FOUNDED
FEB. 23, 1905

MEETINGS:
Purdue Calumet Student Union
Tuesday - 12:05

HAMMOND ROTARY CHARTERED
MAY 1, 1920

Meeting Notes From May 24, 2011

Hammond Rotary honored a “truly inspiring individual” in awarding the Robert Heinze Award to John Loxas. With many guests present, we were proud to recognize a Hammond resident (and former Rotarian) who epitomizes the American dream.

Our own Cal Bellamy served as MC, noting that John came from Greece with nothing except the desire to succeed. The program opened with a tribute from U.S. Rep. Peter Visclosky, given by his chief of staff Mark Lopez. Lopez noted the inclusion of laudatory comments in the Congressional Record, and added Visclosky’s praises of Loxas and of Hammond Rotary for sponsoring the award.

President Chuck Sanger introduced Rev. Bassam Abadallah, who provided an appropriate invocation.

After lunch, Cal described Robert Heinze, our longtime member who had 43 years of perfect attendance as well as patents in the oil industry.

Cal quoted John Loxas’ philosophy – “if something’s worth doing, it better be done right.” John has obviously done right, since he came from Greece at the age of 20, settled in Hammond, then went about creating numerous “turnaround” opportunities in businesses. John had a 12-day journey by boat, then a train from New York to Chicago, where an uncle he had never met picked him up. John started at Republic Steel until being laid off, then volunteered at a grocery store, then learned enough to buy a grocery in 1958. From there followed J&M (for John and wife Margaret, married 49 years), which became Reliable Supermarket on Hammond’s north side. In 1985 he opened Olympia Lanes bowling center, followed by Dynasty Banquets in 1993. Along the way he acquired and renovated what are now the Ramada Inn and Johnel Restaurant.

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 31	Purdue Motor Sports, Travis Fischback
June 7	Kenwood School, Marybeth Nichalou
June 14	The Pork Industry, Tim Belstra
June 21	Club Assembly, Chuck Sanger
June 28	IVDiagnostics, Frank Szczepanski

John’s son, Nick, spoke about the good family times of working in the family businesses. Children had the chance to try other vocations, but were drawn to the Loxas enterprises. Nick expressed his pride in his father.

Lakeshore Chamber Exec Director Dave Ryan presented the Key to the City on behalf of Mayor Tom McDermott Jr. Ryan told about the superior entrepreneurship of John Loxas, in buying and turning around businesses. It’s due to hard work and dedication, not a Midas touch.

President Chuck and Cal presented John with the Heinze Award, personally designed by Michelle Golden. John then spoke briefly, telling us, like House Majority Leader John Boehner, he might cry during his remarks. John said the award would not have come without the support of his family, many of whom were present. He is justly proud of them. He mentioned asking an employee of the supermarket to come to the award presentation, but was turned down because the employee had “too much work to get done.” That kind of loyalty and support from your staff speaks volumes about the kind of boss that John is. Hammond Rotary was fortunate to be able to recognize John Loxas, a “self-made man who has served his community by bringing new life to an older part of Hammond.”

Thank you to Rich Schumacher for the meeting notes and to Lisa Woodruff for the attendance figures.

Rotary Attendance May 24, 2011

Bassam Abdallah, Tim Anderson, Bud Baker, Cal Bellamy, Andy Brennan, James Buchanan, Tom Donovan, Linda Fullilove, Michelle Golden, Nancy Machnikowski, Stephanie Madison, Dan Magura, Chuck Marlowe, Mark McLaughlin, Jim McNabney, Rocharda Moore-Morris, Chuck Pintar, Jim Prisby, Linda Randolph, Charles Sanger, Rick Schumacher, Irma Torres-Cantu, Lisa Wein, Thomas White, Lisa Woodruff Guests – Cathy Bellamy, Monica Rubio, Angela Moore, Dave Ryan, Tom Keilman, Jeff Williams, Monica Garcia, Corey Frank, Monica Ruiz, LaTysha Sanders, The Loxas Family – 9 members.

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 34

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Service Above Self

2010- 2011 COMMITTEES

A SCHOLARS LUNCHEON	Nancy Machnikowski, Chairperson
AMBASSADOR SCHOLARSHIPS	Mary Kaczka, Chairperson
.....	Michelle Golden; Nancy Machnikowski
ATTENDANCE	Lisa Woodruff, Chairperson
BUDGETS & FINANCIAL REPORTS	Tim Anderson, Chairperson
CHAPLAIN	Bassam Abdallah, Chairperson
CHRISTMAS PARTY	Chuck Pintar, Chairperson
CLASSIFICATIONS	Lisa Woodruff, Chairperson, Cal Bellamy
CLUB PICNIC	Jeff Oesterle, Chairperson
CURRENT EVENTS CHALLENGE	Tom Donovan, Chairperson
.....	Jim Prisby, Hans Enderlin
DOLLARS FOR DICTIONARIES	Nancy Machnikowski, Chairperson
.....	Andy Brennan, Lisa Woodruff
FELLOWSHIP	Hans Enderlin, Chairperson
FRIENDS OF ROTARY	Mark Goldsmith, Chairperson
GOLF OUTING	Jim Prisby, Chairperson, Tom Donovan
.....	Hans Enderlin, Chuck Pintar
.....	Chuck Sanger, Lisa Woodruff
GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE	Linda Randolph, Chairperson, Mary Kaczka
.....	Judy Walker
INTERACT	Rocharda Moore-Morris, Chairperson
.....	Linda Randolph
MEMBER PRE-INDUCTION	Cal Bellamy, Chairperson
MEMBERSHIP	Jim McNabney, Chairperson, Tim Anderson
.....	Jeff Oesterle, Rick Schumacher
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Jim McNabney, Chairperson, Lisa Woodruff
NOMINATING	Rick Schumacher, Chairperson; Jim Prisby
PROGRAMS	Michelle Golden, Chairperson
PUBLICITY	Diane Arias, Chairperson, Chuck Sanger
ROOM SETUP	
ROTARY FOUNDATION & PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIPS	Jim Prisby, Chairperson
ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS	Nancy Machnikowski, Chairperson
SERGEANT AT ARMS	Irma Torres-Cantu
TRANSMISSION	Mark Goldsmith, Publisher, Editors, Rocharda Moore-Morris
.....	Jeff Oesterle, Jim Prisby, Linda Randolph
.....	Rick Schumacher, Lisa Woodruff
VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON	Larry Meyers, Chairperson, Jim Buchanan
.....	Bill Robinson
VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD	Cal Bellamy, Chairperson
WATER PROJECT	Bassam Abdallah, Chairperson, Bud Baker
WEB SITE	Jim Prisby, Chairperson
WORLD AFFAIRS CONFERENCE	Mary Kaczka, Chairperson, Rocharda Moore-Morris

48 members as of May 1, 2011

ABDALLAH, Bassam	Clergy	932-3866
ANDERSON, Tim	Accountant-Certified Public	864-7300
ARIAS, Diane	Educational Fundraising	932-9058
BAKER, Bud	Accounting & Tax Service	845-5400
BELLAMY, Cal	1979 Investment Banking	227-6101
BOLANOWSKI, Steve	Chemicals	937-2356
BRENNAN, Andy	2004 Machine Shop	865-3897
BUCHANAN, Jim	1974 Retail Lumber	865-3673
COHEN, Howard	Education-Administration	306-2984
DEDELOW, Duane	Business Development	670-0818
DONOVAN, Tom	Electronic Equipment and Supplies	931-6850
ENDERLIN, Hansjeorg	2006 Restaurants & Hotels	616-8213
FULLILOVE, Linda	Education - Services	934-2400
GOLDEN, Michelle	Customized Recognition Awards	937-3737
GOLDSMITH, Mark	Office Machines & Systems	934-2800
GRYZBEK, Tom	Hospital Administration	933-2094
HENRY, Dick	Attendance-excused (Vacuum Cleaner Retailing**)	845-6800
HOLLINGSHEAD, Martin	Recycling	937-3960
KACZKA, Mary	2005 Business Planning & Development	808-2700
KARNS, Ted	-- Youth Services	836-1720
KELLY, Tim	1986 Labor Law	791-0606
MACHNIKOWSKI, Nancy	Education-Community Relations	933-2400
MADISON, Stephanie	Credit Union Manager	659-5800
MAGURA, Dan	Commercial Loan Officer	753-7500
MARLOWE, CHUCK	Attorney	844-6372
MCLAUGHLIN, Mark	-- Government, Municipal	853-6399
MCNABNEY, James	Insurance-Consultants	924-5070
MEYERS, Larry	1991 Insurance-General	865-1777
MENTGEN, John	Hospital Administration	932-2300
MOORE-MORRIS, Rocharda	Education, -Public Affairs	218-2703
NAU, Peter	Machine Shops	933-0479
OESTERLE, Jeff	Real Estate Investor	865-6275
PINTAR, Chuck	Banking	972-7412
PRISBY, Jim	2003 Banking	865-2649
RANDOLPH, Linda	Education Consultant	742-7122
RECTOR, Clyde	1981 Attendance excused (Insurance-Fire**)	574-658-9372
REPAY, Mike	Realtor	313-3911
ROBINSON, Bill	1992 Higher Education	989-2538
SANGER, Charles	-- Physical Fitness	895-0706
SCHUMACHER, Rick	1989 Utility Law	923-6617
SMIDDY, Harry	1961 Banking Investment Trust	865-2846
SUGGS, Michael	Public Affairs	568-5655
TAILLON, Phil	Local Government	853 6334
TORRES-CANTU, Irma	Banking, Business Relations	853-3850
WALKER, Judith	Music	513-0549
WEIN, Lisa	Community Services-General	931-2090
WHITE, Thomas	Insurance-General	972-7575
WOODRUFF, Lisa	-- Education-Development	932-4137

* Past President

** Previous Classification

Current e-mail listings may be found at www.hammondrotary.org/members

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Multiple Fellows

Cal Bellamy	A.C. Colby Jr.	Bob Evans
* Andy & Sarah Brennan	Cabe Davies	Richard E. Gardner
* Jim & Corene Buchanan	Richard Devine	Sally Gasser-Amber
Duane Dedelow	Ray Elledge	Frank Gorham
Mary Kaczka	Jack Fox	June Hansen
Jim McNabney	Joe Glotzbach	Hank Henkhaus
Jeff Oesterle	Robert Heinze	Kay Dell Knarr
Jim & Donna Prisby	Al & Helen Kaye	Dennis Kolacinski
Judith Walker	Emil Krejci	Bob Krumwied
	John Kuppinger	Bruce Lindner
	Burnham Lanham	Kevin McCarthy
	Jim McHie	Terry McCullough
	Ed Meyer	Ed McHie
	Clare Oesterle	Chris Morrow
	Bill Parson	Jim Oesterle
	Leo Pottlitzer	Ken Osborne
	Jack Rogers	Susan Rehrer
	Henry & Helen Rosevear	Don Slattery
	Fred Rowley	Bob Sweet
	Sam & Lilyan Sax	Cassel White
	Paul Stewart	Tom Yamada
	Theodore Thomas	Phil Zoladz

Former Members

Dave Allard
Dale & Helen Anderson
Mark Bader
Rex Bucher
Nate Carras
Frank Chlebek
Ave Colby
Bruce Cook
Lance Dodson
Jim Donovan
Gary Edwards

Sustaining Members

Michelle Golden
Mark Goldsmith
Rochard Morris
Linda Randolph
Chuck Sanger
Lisa Woodruff

In Memoriam

A.C. Colby, Sr.

* PHF Continuing Giver

** PHF Benefactor

CONVENIENT MAKE-UP CLUBS

MONDAY

LaPorte	5:30	Ramada Inn
Valparaiso	12:15	Strongbow Inn

TUESDAY

Chicago	12:00	Union League Club.
Hobart	12:00	Brentwood Senior Com. Ctr.
Munster	12:00	Center/Visual Perform. Arts
Schererville	12:00	Briar Ridge Country Club

WEDNESDAY

Crown Point	12:10	Youche Country Club
Highland	12:00	Michael s

WEDNESDAY

Merrillville	12:15	Radisson Hotel
Portage	12:00	Miller s Assisted Living

THURSDAY

Gary	12:15	Miller Bakery Cafe
Griffith	12:15	Bridge s Scoreboard
Michigan City	12:00	Lubeznick Center.

FRIDAY

Lansing	12:15	Papalano s
Lowell	7:30 a.m.	Nellie Jaynes Cafe