

TRANSMISSION

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

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(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 NOVEMBER 13, 2007

Meeting started at 12:25.

Phyllis and Lisa collected a lot of "happy bucks"
2 of 4 tables answered Phyllis' "November questions" correctly

There are 46 cards left with \$116 in the pot. **Andy Brennan** picked
the 2 of Diamonds

Hans will be taking pictures for the directory next week beginning at
11:30 am.

Mary Kaczka passed around a child's book (ages 6-10) that dis-
cusses the 4 way test. It is \$12. The Crown Point Rotary club is sell-
ing them. Mary will see if she can get some for our Club.

Jim McNabney congratulated the following on perfect attendance
for October: **Bud Baker, Clyde Rector, Michelle Golden, Nancy
Machnikowski, Phyllis Mamula, Terry McCullough, Bill Robin-
son, Rick Schumacher** and **Duane Dedelow**. Thank you for your
dedication to the Club.

Rotary Governor Al Cypress and Alejandro Navarro from Mexico
will be in Northwest Indiana from 11/27 to 12/30. On 11/27 they will
be at the Munster Rotary meeting. It was approved for **Duane** to talk
to the Munster Rotary to see if we can combine our meetings on
11/27/07. Duane will let us know.

Duane and **Mary** attended the Foundation and Membership meeting
at Swan Lake. Great information on what the Foundation does
worldwide. Everyone is reminded of Duane's goal of \$100 per mem-
ber commitment. Please talk to Chairman Tom White or Assistant
Julie Lavin regarding your Foundation Contribution.

Don't forget about the Membership goals for the remainder of the
year as discussed at the last meeting.

Mark Goldsmith asked everyone to note an error in the November
6th Transmission. The date of the Pearl Harbor Luncheon is Decem-
ber 7.

Terry McCullough introduced our Guest Speaker, Larry Grudzien.
Larry is an Indiana University graduate. Law graduate of Valparaiso
University. LLM at Boston University and a Hammond High School
Graduate. He is an Employer Benefit Attorney. His discussion was
on Developments in Universal Health Care.

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

November 20 NWI Hospitality, Speros Batistatos
November 27 Theatre at the Center, Chuck Gessert
December 4 No Meeting
December 7 Pearl Harbor Luncheon, Dynasty
December 18 Christmas Party, PUC

Why discuss Universal Health Care? The cost rises around 6-12%
every year, 45 million people are uninsured, many employees are
dropping employed and retired medical, increasing deductibles, co-
payments and co-insurance. There are national proposals, state ac-
tion and presidential candidate proposals.

National proposals-the current system is 60% publicly financed.
The US spends considerably more than other countries and spends
the highest proportion of GDP on health care. H S A's have been
created to help expand coverage. Current proposal allows for stan-
dard tax deductions if a taxpayer has health insurance. A report
shows that in 2010 about 7 million people will be insured instead of
uninsured if the proposal was implemented. Preliminary cost esti-
mates it will cost the taxpayers around \$333.6 billion through 2017.
Other national proposals have not gone anywhere.

State action is different with a variety of states. There has been a
huge push/pull between the legislature and the Governor in Califor-
nia with regards to health care. Nothing has happened with their
proposals. Other states have created authorities to develop health
care reform plans, have brought numerous proposals for both pri-
vate and single payer health care, some are looking to use private
providers and require health care (similar to auto insurance) or offer
a plan for all uninsured with premiums based on income.

Some of the Presidential Candidate's proposals include-Republican-
Expand by private, tax credits and no mandated coverage required.
Democrat-Require coverage, but no one is proposing a single payer
coverage.

Some questions to consider include the fact that 60 million baby
boomers will be using Medicaid soon. How can we reduce this
health care cost? There are a lot of cost drivers that include technol-
ogy; all hospitals want to be the best and have the best technology.
There is no way to do a "cost comparison" when it comes to hospi-
tals and the services they provide. In addition, fraud is one of the
biggest arguments against a single payer plan.

Rotary Attendance for November 13, 2007

24 Active

3 Attendance Excused

1 Speaker, Larry Grudzien (McCullough)

2 Guests: Bassam Abdullah (Dedelow), Kathy Tobin (Enderlin)

Total Attendance - 30