

TRANSMISSION

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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 SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

Song: America the Beautiful
Pledge of Allegiance: led by Andy Brennan
Prayer: Bill Robinson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nancy Machnikowski passed around a sample of the dictionary from the Dictionary Project with its custom book plate in it designed by our very own Michele Golden. Mary Kaczka announced that we are still accepting applicants for group study leader for the group that will go to Ankara, Turkey. Jeff Oesterle donated \$125 to the Water Project in honor of one of his nieces getting married this past weekend.. Han apologized for any errors in the Roteract brochure that was distributed last week. Chess set being silent auctioned is up to \$120. Bidding continues.. Extractions – Bassam led and was assisted by Lisa Woodruff. The topic was Saddam Hussein. The questions were challenging. For a final group challenge question, Bassam asked, "What was the biblical name of Ankara?" We were stumped and everyone paid an additional dollar. Raffle- Jeff Oesterle had the winning number but did not draw the joker. He donated the weekly winning to the Water Project.

SPEAKER

Andrew Nowake with Methodist Hospitals

Many challenges are facing our healthcare institutions; the uninsured, the movement of medicare/aid to managed care and the demand for technological advancements. Are we in a crisis as so many think? Yes we are. We are experiencing the diminishing of services as our population ages.

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

September 16 Gail Rodovich, Hammond Education Foundation
September 23 John Balvich, District Governor
September 30 Rocharda M/Linda H, Classification Talks
October 7 Jeff Casey, Towle Theater
October 14 Club Assembly

The challenges fall into the afore mentioned categories —

The uninsured – why are there so many of them? Rising unemployment, decline in workforce demands and the rising costs of premiums that employers and individuals cannot pay.

The underinsured are growing too as many employers and individuals are raising co-pays and deductibles, limiting coverage etc.

Has the move for medicare/aid to managed care saved the gov't money? The answer is a little. But as the gov't has only saved a few dollars so to speak, the people receiving the services may find their choices for doctors or hospitals limited and their access too. The managed care corporations are producing record profits while our hospitals are showing significant double digit increases in their bad debt percentages.

Hospitals now are giving 10-22% of their NET revenues back in community services. Not a sustainable figure. So, what are our choices? Universal healthcare as some have suggested? That can result in long waiting lines, fewer choices and even lower quality.

While there are many question there are currently few answers. This is a problem that will affect us all more and more in the coming years.

Thank you to Lisa Woodruff for taking these notes, and to Jim McNabney for providing the attendance figures.

Rotary Attendance September 9, 2008

Bassam Abdallah, Bud Baker, Cal Bellamy, Jim Blackwood, Greg Boyan, Andy Brennan, James Calaway, Hans Enderlin, Michelle Golden, Mark Goldsmith, Barbara Homolka, Mary Kaczka, Ted Karns, Nancy Machnikowski, Ed McHie, Jim McNabney, Rocharda M. Morris, Jeff Oesterle, Chuck Pintar, Linda Randolph, Bill Robinson, Chuck Sanger, Harry Smiddy, Judy Walker, Lisa Wein, Thomas White & Lisa Woodruff.
Rotary Guests: Phil Mallors, Crown Point (Chuck Sanger)
Guests: Dennis Terry, City of Hammond (Kaczka)
Speaker: Andy Nowake, Methodist Hospitals.

Total Attendance 30

