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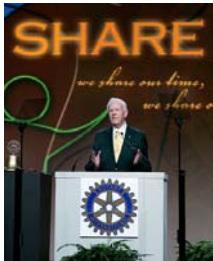
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"Listen with your heart"

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All, led by President Sandy

INVOCATION

Bob Shepard

VISITING ROTARIANS & GUESTS

VR: None

GUEST: Pat Todd (Bill Stableford), Andy Stephens (Craig Yerkes), Ceil Jones (Larry Appleton), Dr. Bob White (Mike Sinclair), Mark Gennette (John Murphy), Elizabeth Braun (Linda Zalkowski), Dave North (John Stax), Florence Sordi (Janie Patrick), Jennifer Pensa (Mike Ganci), Mike Negron (Paul Heeren), Doris Andrews (Sandy Ruoff)
All in all a great showing for our Bring-A-Guest Meeting

BIRTHDAYS AND ROTARY ANNIVERSARIES

B/D: Spence, Tony, Riefe, Bob H. and guest Florence Sordi (song lead by table #4B)

RA: None announced

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

Pat Todd has been proposed for membership in the category "Musical Director" by Bill Stableford.

ROTARY FOUNDATION MINUTE

Kathy Forseburg (Hamden Club) and her husband have been involved in going to Southern India and promoting bio-sand water filters. Their trips just happen to tie into District Governor Erni Louise's bio-filter fund raising project. The DG would like each club to raise \$100 by June 2008, At \$25 each, many filters will be provided if all district clubs meet the goal. All of these self-sustaining, appropriate technology filters will go a long way to providing clean water in poor areas of India where unhealthy sanitary conditions cause considerable illness and suffering.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Holiday Luncheon: Al reminds us that it is two weeks and counting 'til the big event on Weds. Dec 12. A signup sheet was passed around and Al asked for help preparing the stockings that will be given to each senior. Luncheon counts as a regular meeting.

Caroling at Fowlers: Riefe calls all carolers to Fowlers, Dec 12, 6 pm; warmup at Chips at 5 pm; no vocal skill required; optional dinner and mudslides at Chips following caroling (see Sandy).

Frosty 5K: Mike thanked Bob & Ellie Hartmann, Donald, Tony, Steve and Rick for their help labeling 1,500 event mailers. Tony interviewed (with Donald on camera) for a Frosty 5K video which will appear immediately on GCTV. Steve passed around a signup sheet for the Frosty 5K. New computer chip timing will require more people to help at registration.

Rose Sale: Riefe is looking for all outstanding rose money. He'll start with 1995...

Interact: On Dec 8 the kids will be helping out at a New Haven homeless shelter.

Rotarians who want to participate should contact Cosmo.

Warm the Children: Wrapping up a successful year; purchased clothing for 168 children.

Great job, Larry and the Rotarians who shopped.

Club won't meet: There will be no meeting on Dec. 26. There will be a meeting on Jan. 2.

KING OF CLUBS II - BENEFITTING THE GUILFORD FOOD BANK

In place of card raffle this week Bill Fatula offered to auction two tickets to the UCONN women's b-ball game. The tickets were offered by former Rotarian Dick Fucci. Unfortunately, because the game was the next day, there were no takers.

HAPPY & CARE \$

Mike S.: Guest, trip to client in Idaho, \$200 million contribution by Rotary and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to polio eradication

Tony: OK b-day song for 61st, club is getting old

Bob S.: Bea's b-day: lunch at Russian Tea Room, dinner pizza at Pepe's

Craig: Ed Osterman, former DG, has died

Bob H.: B-day song; has become sustaining member

Gene: Ed Osterman, Spense (recovering at Fowlers) celebrated 93rd b-day!

SPEAKER: Our own members

Program Chair Craig Yerkes developed a special program to inform guests and members about the scope of our club's activities through five-minute briefings on the four Avenues of Service plus the Rotary Foundation. The following participated in the program:

Vocational – Bill Stableford

International – Gene Bishop

Community – Al Jacobs

Club – Mike Sinclair

Foundation – Craig Yerkes

Bob Shepard, filling in for David O'Connor, was to talk briefly about how to propose a new member, but time ran out. A copy of his talk follows.

PROPOSING A NEW MEMBER

by **Bob Shepard**, Membership Services Chairman, 1999 - 2006

Proposing new members is essential to achieving Rotary's goals of providing exceptional community and international service. As Rotarians, one of our primary responsibilities is to help identify and propose for membership, qualified business and professional leaders who are interested in and committed to advancing the mission of Rotary.

A qualified candidate is an adult of good character with a good business and professional reputation who holds or has held an executive position with discretionary authority in any worthy and recognized business or profession.

Any active member can propose a new member by completing "Part A" of the Member Proposal Form and returning it to our Club Secretary for submission to the club's Board of Directors. The Board ensures that the proposal meets all classification and membership requirements of the club constitution. To avoid any possible embarrassment, it is suggested that the proposed member be informed of the proposal only after the Board has approved it. The club secretary will notify the proposer and the Membership Chairperson of the Board's decision, which should come within 30 days of the submission.

The proposed member is invited to attend several regular meetings to get acquainted with the club and to give club members a chance to get to know the proposed member. After the proposed member has attended at least three meetings, the Membership Chairperson will schedule an information session with the proposed member to present Rotary information and answer any questions about Rotary the proposed member may have.

At the information session, the proposed member will be asked to complete and sign "Part B" of the Membership Proposal Form, pay the admission fee and a portion of the annual dues and give permission to publish his/her name and classification to club members. Club members have up to ten days from this publication to file objections. If no objections are received, the proposed member becomes a Rotarian, an induction ceremony is scheduled and the Club Secretary reports the new member to Rotary International.

Adding a steady stream of qualified new members strengthens our club and ensures its growth and longevity. It takes a strong Rotary Club to provide top notch community and international service... Service Above Self.

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