



The Spoke

August 17, 2016

Rotary



Young Professionals Summit



Sandy Hemstead introduced our speaker Christine Kobie who was a delegate to the Southland Young Professionals Summit in Atlanta. Christine was selected by a panel of judges in a competitive application process to represent the district. The conferees were from Maryland to Florida, Caribbean, Puerto Rico, French Guiana, Guyana, and Suriname.

There were 100 delegates ages 17 to 45 years old with the median age in the low 30's.

Through a competitive selection process, the Southland Young Professionals Summit gave up to three young professionals per district from Zones 33 & 34 the unique opportunity to share their thoughts, reflect on their stories, and exchange ideas.

In addition, one district-level leader per district, as appointed by each Zone 33 & 34 District Governor, was invited to join this exciting opportunity and help develop a plan for making Rotary more relevant to the needs, desires and purposes of younger professionals.

There were exercises to develop trust and confidence in group members and discussions on branding, cost, diversity, Old Way's of thinking, and retention. Ideas were put forth for improvement in each area.



Song leader Wayne Hemstead accompanied by strumming Jon McLeod led the singing of Summer Breeze.

Bob and Theresa Lombardo will be taking their son Robert to start his college days at Virginia Tech. Bob's neighbor, Roger Brunswick, testified that he is a "terrific young man. It has been a pleasure to watch him grow up."

George Cohan reports that Frank Liles will be undergoing heart surgery August 16th. George also reported that Past President Dr. Steve Kaskie had passed away after a long battle with lung cancer.

Bob Lombardo announced the 4th annual golf tournament and dinner to benefit local veterans will be

held Monday, October 3rd. This is a 9 hole golf event at Raptor Bay followed by refreshments and dinner at Cirella's restaurant.

Roger Brunswick will be looking for volunteers for the annual Dictionary Labeling Saturday morning, September 10th.

Pete Shattuck, Branch Director of the YMCA, thanked the club of the gift of \$5,000 to support the Y Summer Camp. Pete said 340 kids were able to participate. "This Rotary Club makes a difference with the YMCA."

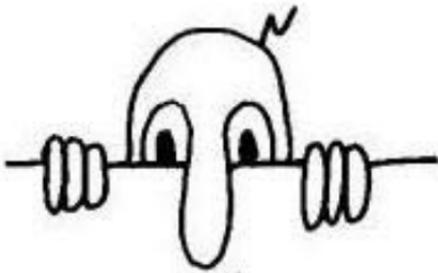
On Friday, September 9th, the Y will hold its annual golf tournament. The event has been named the Hank Hochstetler Memorial Golf event to honor Rotarian Hank. Club members are invited to participate as golfers and/or sponsors. The event will be at Vasari and includes lunch.



The "nice guy" George Cohan showed up to be Sergeant-at-arms. "You were late?..It's just plain nice to have you here. No fine." There was considerable grumbling among the assembled throng at the lack of fining. George promised, "I'll get testier as we get into college football season."

George gave us a little algebra problem before celebrating Carrie Reynolds birthday. It seems that she is one year younger than George was in 1983 when he joined the club. How old is she? He then organized a men-only Happy Birthday serenade to "Dear Lovely Carrie."

Don't forget the BLUE BUCKETS! The CART Fund is dedicated to raising funds to provide "seed" money for cutting edge, high impact research in hopes of finding a cure/prevention for Alzheimer's disease.



The 50/50 is down to 8 cards with 1 Ace and the Joker left. Pot is \$1,792.

This Week Program

Laura Kerckhoff, Shelter Box

Shelter Box's vision is of a world in which all people displaced by disasters and humanitarian crises are rapidly provided with emergency shelter and vital aid, which will help rebuild their communities and lives.

The top priority of many aid organizations is to provide food, water and medical care to help people survive the immediate aftermath of a disaster. Without protection from the elements, survivors are at a higher risk as they await nourishment or medical attention.

We recognized that little or no assistance was given in terms of proper shelter to help them through the first few days, weeks and months as they tried to rebuild their lives.

Today, ShelterBox assists disaster survivors during the critical period following a disaster but preceding reconstruction.

**Jim Dati with counsel
drew the A♣ for \$100**



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Birthdays

None in database

Rotary Sings: Kokomo

Aruba, Jamaica, oh I want to take ya
Bermuda, Bahama, come on pretty mama
Key Largo, Montego, baby why don't we go, Jamaica
Off the Florida Keys, there's a place called Kokomo
That's where you want to go to get away from it all
Bodies in the sand, tropical drink melting in your hand
We'll be falling in love to the rhythm of a steel drum
band

Down in Kokomo

Aruba, Jamaica, oh I want to take you to
Bermuda, Bahama, come on pretty mama
Key Largo, Montego, baby why don't we go
oh I want to take you down to Kokomo,
we'll get there fast and then we'll take it slow
That's where we want to go, way down in Kokomo

This Morning's Invocation

O God, we come humbly into your presence by this avenue of prayer, expressing both our gratitude for gifts received, and our yearnings to be used as gifts to others.

To that end, grant us visions of service yet unrendered, an awareness of goals yet unattained and hopes yet unrealized.

Give us zeal and power to bring to reality the good and worthy things waiting to be done, and confirm our efforts by your assistance without which we labor in vain.

Strengthen us now by food prepared and enjoyed.

Enlighten us through productive conversations, and go with us as we return to waiting opportunities to make the day better for others. Amen.

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