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THIS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2007, 11:45 HAMILTON'S 110 NORTH EAST

Volunteers at Rotary for this Friday:

Greeters & Desk: Terry Dennison, Bob Linde, Helen Downey

Sgt at Arms: Jan & Tony Williams

Song Leader: Tom Atkins

Invocation: Allen Stare

Recognitions: Jean Jumper

Rotary Minute: Fred Clinton

Program: Keith Lape

NEXT WEEK: Friday November 9 Veterans Day Program State Rep. Jim Watson

Welcome back to Mike Underwood

Mike is a former member who was very active in our club prior to his taking a position in Springfield, Mike is now back in Jacksonville and we are very pleased to welcome him back to the club.

Mike Underwood - Director of Public Relations, MacMurray College

Birthdate: Sept 4, Decatur, IL

Spouse: Jo Ellen Children: Michael Jr. 18, Matthew 13

Home: 409 Timbercreek Drive, Jacksonville

Mike is a former trustee of South Jacksonville, active in various sports, Jacksonville Soccer Club, Crimson Football pride, coach for Youth Baseball and soccer.

Rotary Last Friday 10/26/2007 - David Atkins

Kevin took over the reigns in Mike and Rick's absence because they were at the district conference.

Announcements

Need people for Rotary Socials

New Rotarian induction (the quick Kevin version)

John Calise presented Mike Underwood- returning Rotarian

Lori Hall- Recognitions

She started with the "10 reasons Trick or Treating is better than sex". It definitely changed many people's minds about trick or treating.

Sharon- library Coca- Cola

IC- Student theatre guild-inductions

Dick Rawlings- accomplishments in government leadership training

Shawn - All pay for pink ribbon on Ferris wheel

Keith Tobin- 57 years of marriage, Congrats!!!!

Axel- academic Heisman for an IC student I think. What I did hear was that it was rare for a Midwesterner to receive.

Sharon- library is having a concert series beginning Sunday, Nov. 11th. The 1st of 4 concerts begins with Dueling harpsichords.

Brian Ganz- Nov. 4th Fall Feast-

IC treats for kids- Octagon house Tuesday?

Todd- Jean Jumper, Helen Downey interviewed- outbound international (Eric Kuhn)

Helen- Son, Eric has the lead in high school play

Program

Al Schmidt defines his degree and job as a sociologist. Apparently, sociologists question the normal standards of society and teach others how to do the same thing. Somebody please tell me if I am wrong. I won't feel bad if I am wrong because according to Al even sociologist majors don't know what they do for at least 2 years.

Myths about suicide

Common spoken statistics about suicide containing who, when, where and why are all wrong. Economics, ethnicity, alcoholics, age are just a few areas of misconception. A clear fact that was reiterated many times is that newspapers lie. No offense to the editors, publishers, and photo journalists. Present company accepted.

In 1982 Ann Landers said the rate of suicide increased 3 times in the last 100 years as opposed to us just hearing more about it in the news. This was clearly a completely false statement when the facts could easily be found in the local library. But the question remains would a well known columnist actually lie for sensationalism purposes?

4 types of suicide

Egoistic- Most Common- lack social interaction (causing depression and/or apathy)

Altruistic- In behalf of social values (kamikaze, suicide bombers)

Anomic- Abrupt social change/ normal is gone (stock market crash 20's, lost job)

Fatalistic- Least Common - Hyper regulation (Slaves- least likely/ nuns most likely)

Myths

Teenagers have the highest rate - false

Older the age the higher the rate - true

People who talk about suicide are more likely to do it or try - true

Talking to individuals about suicide who show signs that they might try it will increase the likelihood of suicide - false

Suicide highest in dismal weather – false

Suicide highest while the birds are chirping and the rest of the world is happy except the individual in June - true

Suicide runs in families - false

Men over the age of 80 have the best or worst rate at over 50 depending on how you want to read this. It is believed that they have lost purpose so they know not what to live for.

White men have the highest rate- 19.6

Black women have the lowest rate - 1.8

Men are 4 times more likely than women to commit suicide. Women are more likely to attempt suicide for attention according to Al (no stats). Men have a higher success rate. The moral of the story is if you want to get something done right the first time...

Comparisons:

Sweden 18%

Lithuania and Eastern Europe countries have the highest rate (unknown stat)

US 11%

Alaska @ 25%

Illinois @ 8.5% According to the peanut gallery this stat must have been taken before the last legislative changes.

50/50 Larry Kuster

Too bad!

See you at Rotary This Friday - Bring a Guest
