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THIS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2007, 11:45 HAMILTON'S 110 NORTH EAST

Next Tuesday, November 20, Joint Meeting at Hamilton's

Workers for this Friday:

Greeters & Desk: Jan Williams, Helen Kuhn, David Fisher
Sgt. at Arms: Mike Halsne, Tony Williams Song Leader: Tiffany Warmowski
Invocation: Allen Stare Recognitions: Jean Jumper Rotary Minute: ??

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Greeters & Desk: Mike Ludvigsen, David Atkins, Kevin Heitz
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Recognitions: Jean Jumper Rotary Minute: ??

PLEASE MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO ATTEND ON TUESDAY AS WE ARE HOSTS

Franklin School Bring items or cash - Collection of outerwear - gloves mittens, etc for needy Franklin School kids.

Youth Exchange needs your involvement in our hosting of Rotary Youth Exchange, per note sent out from Tiffany earlier this week.

Valentines Dinner Dance - not that far off, need to get committee organized, if you can help with this give Kristen Heaton a call.

Rotary Last Friday David Atkins

I would like to start by saying thank you to Helen Kuhn for writing the minutes last week in my absence. It is interesting that since I began writing the minutes I seem to receive compliments every week that I didn't write them. On another occasion about one month after writing the minutes somebody was telling Todd how much they missed reading the minutes when he did them while I was sitting at the table. I know this is service above self so I was never looking for any recognition for my efforts. My job is to be observant and to share the events of rotary with everyone as they happen. I thought this irony was entertaining so here it is. Also, all pity compliments are currently being accepted at www.areyoutalkingatme.com

Mike began the meeting with his accustomed warm greeting of "It's a Great day to be a Rotarian and a Great day to be in Jacksonville"

Announcements

(There are always more announcements given that I don't record because by the time you read this the event is already over.)

Noel reminded us the season for giving is upon us with the opportunity to help ring bells for the Salvation Army coming very soon.

Kristen invited all who are not otherwise engaged to join the publicity committee Thursday 12:00 at the 3 Legged-Dog.

Thanks to all the Rotarians who surprised our interact club with immediate support for their first international project of the year. Eva, their president, was confused at first by the items brought to the podium for the Operation Christmas Child Project. Jim Watson began to try and recruit her for motivational speaking when it came time for campaign financing.

Lynne wants everyone to remember to either bring money, hats, or gloves for Franklin school kids.

Mike wants to be different and have his board meeting at 5PM instead of Noon on Wednesday the 14th at Barton Stone.

Veterans Day weekend for Rotary was very patriotic. When all veterans were asked to stand no less than a dozen was presented with a pin from Dick Rawlings in recognition for their service. Thanks to all Veterans for serving above self both yesterday and today!

Fred lead the music- I believe that I wasn't the only one who was winded after all verses of Battle Hymn of Republic.

Rotary Minute

Tiffany Warmowski - Friendship Exchange- This is another Rotary program to help us remember that it's a small world after all. I believe it is more of an individual opportunity to learn about cultural throughout world with the connections of rotary to help.

Rotations

Jean Jumper reminded all of us, very patriotically, of our freedoms including but not limited to: voting, bear arms, freedom of speech, etc; all brought to us and defended by the Veterans of this country. The many peaceful interactions we have today were created and defended by boys shooting at boys in the midst of war.

Keith Lape graciously offered \$20 to clean out Jim Watson's tab. I am assuming that Keith might have been in a similar predicament when he was serving in District duties and was away from club for awhile.

Tiffany Warmowski is providing opportunities for getting custom Christmas cards through her church. She needs/wants to sell them soon.

Mike Ludvigsen's son Chris is a Navy Seal candidate along with the rest of his unit.

John Power was very excited to see his wife enjoying her new vacuum cleaner.

Shawn McCombs praised the teachers and our school district for a job well done. Apparently his Parent/Teacher Conference went well. Thank a teacher, trust me they deserve it.

Craig- Next week is National Education week

Program

Jim Watson introduced Ron Stevens. Jim was prepared to talk if Ron was called away. JFK quote: "One man can make a difference and every man should try." Ron Stevens is a Vietnam Veteran. He served as an army paratrooper. He received the Purple Heart for actions causing him serious injury while in duty. He is currently one of Illinois's representatives in the state legislature

Ron spoke about Veterans and Jim Watson and his decision to reinstate himself into active reserve listing for the military. Ron offered, as well as other representatives, to cover some of Jim's district while he is off on duty. Currently about 1/2 of the Reserves or National Guard are serving in field. He continued to edify Jim Watson as an important leader in the State of Illinois. Questions from the group were many. One in particular was about the capital bill currently being debated. Both Ron and Jim replied. Ron said "Yes" there is progress, and gave some examples about how each side has conceded points to get the bill to pass. Jim clearly doesn't like the idea of borrowing more money but would vote in favor for other reasons.

Kristen Heaton sold and bought the winning ticket for the 50/50 but was unable to pull the Ace of spades. In her defense, as I was a direct witness, she told almost everyone that buying a ticket was a slim chance they were going to win. Apparently working at HMR increases your chance in the slim department

See you at Rotary This Friday - Bring a Guest
