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FEBRUARY 8, 1989

SPEAKER. . . . .Robert Pehlke  
 PROGRAM. . . . ."Glasnost & Perestroika -  
 Behind the Urals"  
 Introducer . . . .David Felbeck  
 Song Leader. . . .Henry Johnson  
 Pianist. . . . .Bob Pratt  
 Invocation . . . .Peter Allen  
 Attendance  
 Committee. . . .Naran Bhatia  
 David Blough  
 Visiting Rotarian  
 Greeter. . . . .Dick Benjamin  
 News Update. . . .Peter Greenquist, WUOM

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

February 15 - Tom Petersen  
 "The Common Market & 1992"

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MEETING NOTES:

John Eman announced that our fellow Rotarian and Club Past President, Jim Irwin has been elected a Paul Harris Fellow. The Club then joined in extending their congratulations to Jim.

Our David Krehbiel introduced the speaker, Charles Keffer, Director of the SOS Community Crisis Center and Professor of Social Work at the University of Michigan.

The SOS Center mission is to mobilize community resources to respond to the needs of poverty-stricken people in Washtenaw County.

Problems that arise from poverty include hunger, homelessness, suicide, family conflict, and substance abuse. Since Ann Arbor is an affluent community, it does not want to face these problems. However, 40% of homeless families are single parent families, affordable housing means prices in the \$20-30K range, no higher. The community often blames poverty on the individual but this is simply untrue.

Clients at the SOS Center include working mothers who may work up to 60 hours per week, unemployed fathers, teenage mothers, elderly who are alone and on Social Security, cocaine users, recently released mentally ill. Therefore, the Center works around the clock to respond by providing emergency food, housing for suicidal or drug-related problems, shelter for the homeless, and preventive activities. 60% of calls occur outside of the normal working hours.

The Center is staffed entirely by volunteers who are intensely trained in advocacy, sensitivity, and community resources. There is no fee, no waiting list to get active support in order to guide clients to community resources. Goals are to keep families intact, keep adults out of crime, provide access to drug treatment when necessary. Often the Center is the last source of defense before disaster. This means that the Center not a group of liberals dispensing charity, rather is a working organization doing the work of the community.

(Editorial note - SOS Center is truly America at work, taking care of each other!)

--notes by Bob Buchanan

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RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

The Board of Directos regretfully accepted the resignation of member Bob Wallace.

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THE BRIEFEST PROGRAM

One of our members reported on the shortest Rotary program he ever witnessed:

This elderly gentleman was seated at the head table calmly finishing his dinner when the Club President announced, "And now I want you to all recognize our fellow Rotarian George, who is here to give us his address."

George was obviously startled, and surprised that he would be asked to speak. After regaining his composure, George got to his feet and wryly said, "I live at 3481 Euclid Avenue," and sat down.

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THE EMINENT INVOCATER

From the inimitable and memorable mind of Ann Arbor Rotary's poet laureate Dick Emmons, here is the invocation given by Dick at our January 25 meeting: 1989

To give an invocation is  
For some a joyous chore..  
But it is not the kind of spot  
That I am suited for.

And yet, in Rotary, we don't  
Say no to man or lad..  
But, feeling stress, I must confess  
I rather wish I had.

All qualms aside, I thank the Lord  
For friendships that we feel,  
For life and love and stars above..  
And this six dollar meal.

I pray for health and happiness;  
I pray an end to sin..  
I also pray there'll be no day  
When I do this again.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!

George Hall, February 9  
Ray Chase, February 12  
Joe Edwards, February 12  
Bill Revelli, February 12

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Bill Stegath, Escanaba (2)

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