



The Flame



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LOCAL 1950 NEWS

Membership Meeting
Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Menu

Potato Bar
Steamed broccoli
Cheese sauce
Bacon bits
Onion
Tomatoes
Sour cream
Assorted
Fruit Tray/Dip
Bars
Coffee/tea/milk/pop/
water



Meeting Schedule for
2004-2005

May 11
Spring Luncheon
Great Lakes Rooms

Household Hint...

Put your leftover dryer lint outside where the birds can find it. They'll love to use it in their nests.

ELECTION RESULTS

Election for bargaining team were held Monday, February 21 - Wednesday, February 23.

Thursday, the results could not be posted because there was a tie for third place.

The results were:

Grace E. Albert 57
Kelly A. Doré 25
Gary R. Jerry 97
Jeffrey E. Roo 80
Margarete C. Salinger 9
Karen K. Smith 47
Patricia A. Woods 57

Pat Woods conceded to Grace Albert so a run-off election was not needed.

Our Bargaining Team this year will be Gary Jerry, Jeff Roo, and Grace Albert.

An election was held March 28 and 29 for alternate. Results were: **Pat Woods (46)**, **Karen Smith (27)**, or **Kelly Dore (28)**. Pat Woods will be the alternate.

Thanks to all who voted.

Like fast cars? How about Jeff Gordon's Chevrolet Monte Carlo, which sped to victory in yesterday's Daytona 500, traveling nearly 190 miles per hour?

Chevys dominated NASCAR's biggest race, finishing in five of the top seven slots. But that's taking nothing away from old Ford—Henry Ford, that is, the automotive pioneer and manufacturing whiz who changed the way the world moves.

Today's Knowledge

Henry Ford Puts the World on Wheels

Henry Ford was born in 1863 in Dearborn, Michigan, four weeks after the Battle of Gettysburg. As a boy, he had an instinct for gadgets and machines but little use for literature or history, (0555) which he considered "more or less bunk." He quit school at the age of 15 and soon headed for the big city.

By the 1890s, Ford had a good job as chief engineer for the Edison Illuminating Company in Detroit, but the ambitious young workaholic had his eye on even bigger things. The Roaring Nineties were the decade of the "bicycle craze," and the sight of millions of people zooming around the country on wheels was giving Ford ideas. So did the "Silent Otto" internal

2004-2005 Officers

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Design, Gries Hall, McClintock,
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Yvonne Niemi	April 2	Kristine Bartkowiak	April 18
Diane Rodgers	April 3	Sheri Suckow	April 18
Pat Wood	April 3	Lisa Mattson	April 19
Jeff Roo	April 5	Sally Olsen	April 21
Jean Schultz	April 5	Christy Johnson	April 24
Randy Karttunen	April 11	Jeannie Wratschko	April 27
Cindy Robare	April 13	Lorilee Weiger	April 30
Jan Marana	April 16		

Have a wonderful day!

**Good and
Welfare**

Sympathy card to Vicki
Hedstrom for the loss of her
father.

Employment Changes

Cindy Robare accepted the Principal Secretary II 4A position in the College of Professional Studies effective 3/14/05.

Jennifer Lauren was placed on short-term disability effective 2/22/05.

LuAnne Thurston accepted the Senior Clerk III (4C) in Admissions effective 3/17/05. She replaces Lisa Mattson.

Effective 4/1/05, Kristi Harvala will increase her hours to 20 hours per week in her Senior Secretary 4D position in the Seaborg Center and reduce her hours to 10 hours per week in her Secretary 4E position in Sociology/Social Work. Effective 4/30/05, her Secretary 4E position in Sociology/Social Work will terminate.

Karen Davis' position was reclassified as a Senior Account Clerk II 4A in the Human Resources Department effective 2/23/05.

Mother's Day

Senior Corner

Some of the artists from the '60s are starting to revise their hits with new lyrics to accommodate us aging baby boomers. They include:

Herman's Hermit — Mrs. Brown, You've Got a
Lovely Walker

The Bee Gees — How Can You Mend a Broken Hip

Bobby Darin — Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' a Flash

Ringo Starr — I Get by with a Little Help from
Depends

Roberta Flack — The First Time Ever I Forgot Your
Face

Johnny Nash — I Can't See Clearly Now

Paul Simon — Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver

Commodores — Once, Twice, Three Times to the
Bathroom

Marvin Gaye — I Heard it Through the Grape Nuts

Procol Harem — A Whiter Shade of Hair

Leo Sayer — You Make Me Feel like Napping

The Temptations — Papa's Got a Kidney Stone

Abba — Denture Queen

Bob Dylan — Like a Kidney Stone

Queen — (7823) We WERE the Champions

Beatles — With a Little Help from My Meds

Dion — Limparound Sue

The Rolling Stones — Drooping-jack Flash

Tony Orlando — Knock 3 Times on the Ceiling If
You Hear Me Fall

Helen Reddy — I Am Woman, Hear Me Snore

Willie Nelson — On the Throne Again

Lesley Gore — It's My Procedure and I'll Cry If I
Want To

MY FORGETTER

My forgetter's getting better,
But my rememberer is broke
To you that may seem funny
But, to me, that is no joke

For when I'm "here" I'm wondering
If I really should be "there"
And, when I try to think it through,
I don't have a prayer!

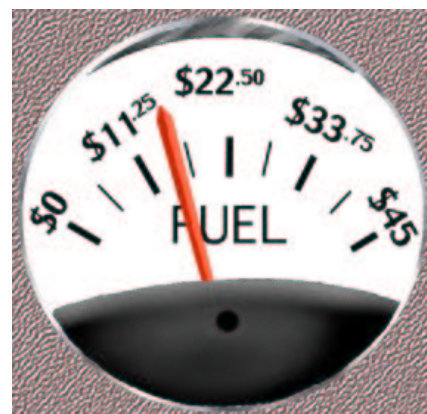
Oft times I walk into a room,
Say "what am I here for?"
I wrack my brain, but all in vain!
A zero, is my score.

At times I put something away
Where it is safe, but, Gee!
The person it is safest from
Is, generally, me!

When shopping I may see someone,
Say! "Hi" and have a chat,
Then, when the person walks away
I ask myself, "who was that?"

Yes, my forgetter's getting better
While my rememberer is broke,
And it's driving me plumb crazy
And that isn't any joke.

Fuel Gauge in 2006 Cars



Thanks to *Sue Tollefson*

Thanks to *Pat Woods*

THANK YOU

I just received the gift certificate from Mares-Z-Doats the UAW, Local 1950 membership sent on the occasion of my retirement.

I'm enclosing a picture of my new darling daughter, Diva, who will be the beneficiary of this thoughtful gift.

Diva is a Scottish terrier, 6 months old, & has just gotten her grown-up haircut. Hopefully, the replication of this picture will do her beauty justice. Do I sound like a proud mother? Ya think?

A sincere & heartfelt "thank you".

Kay Harrington

P.S. Oh yes, I forgot to mention how smart Diva is. As a matter of fact, Jerry requested I call the breeder & trade her in for a dumber one. He believes the owners should be smarter than the dog.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Thank you very much for awarding me your scholarship. I plan to use it to pay for my books this semester.

I appreciate your consideration of me for this award.

Sincerely,
Kelly Reed

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Thank you very much for your donation of various food items. We provide all of the food for our clients in the shelter, and sometimes other clients are in need of food. We really appreciate this kind gesture because it is a big job and we can use all the help we can get!

Sincerely,
the Women's Shelter & Harbor House Staff.

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Dear Local 1950:

Thank you so much for awarding me the UAW - Local 1950 Scholarship.

My major is Art & Design. I spend a lot of money on art supplies. This scholarship helped me with these costs.

Thanks again for your generosity.

Natalie Robare

FWIW ---

1. The next time you order checks have only your initials (instead of first name) and last name put on them. If someone takes your checkbook, they will not know if you sign your checks with just your initials or your first name, but your bank will know how you sign your checks.

2. Do not sign the back of your credit cards. Instead, put "PHOTO ID REQUIRED".

3 When you are writing checks to pay on your credit card accounts, **DONOT** put the complete account number on the "For" line. Instead, just put the last four numbers. The credit card company knows the rest of the number, and anyone who might be handling your check as it passes through all the check processing channels won't have access to it.

4. Put your work phone # on your checks instead of your home phone. If you have a PO Box use that instead of your home address. If you do not have a PO Box, use your work address. **Never** have your SSN# printed on your checks. (DUH!) You can add it if it is necessary. But if you have it printed, anyone can get it.

5. Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine. Do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place. I also carry a photocopy of my passport when traveling either here or abroad. We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed on us in stealing a name, address, SSN, credit cards.



In January and February, we contributed **35** inkjets to Redeemer's youth program. The total is now 341. Please continue to send them to CD.
Thanks.



Stress Management

A lecturer, when explaining stress management to an audience, raised a glass of water and asked, "how heavy is this glass of water?" Answers called out ranged from 20g to 500g. The lecturer replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it." "If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. "In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes." He continued, "And that's the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden." "So, before you return home tonight, put the (3631) burden of work down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow. Whatever burdens you're carrying now, let them down for a moment if you can."

"Relax; pick them up later after you've rested. Life is short. Enjoy it! And then he shared some ways of dealing with the burdens of life:

* Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

* Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

* Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.

* Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

* If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.

* If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.

* It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.

* Never buy a car you can't push.

* Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.

* Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.

* Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.

* The second mouse gets the cheese.

* When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

* Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

* You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

* Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

* We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.

* A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Thanks to *Sue Tollefson*

Each issue of the Flame contains a 4 digit number of the member's choosing. This month there are 5 hidden in the newsletter. If you see your number, call Rita Leppanen @2495, who will issue a \$5 check to you. Randy Karttunen, Terri Mattson, Ray Liubakka, Della Dheney, and Patty Cooke were the March winners.

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combustion engine, which he saw demonstrated in Detroit at the decade's start.

Behold, The Quadricycle!

Ever since the debut of the locomotive, inventors had been dreaming of a practical horseless carriage, and Ford was determined to create his own. In fact, plenty of others beat him to the punch. Ford didn't even build the first gasoline-powered car in Detroit. A Detroitier named Charles Brady King gave the world "Tootsie" in March 1896: a rickety wooden wagon with a four-cylinder engine and a top speed of five miles per hour.

Three months later, at about 4 a.m. on June 4, 1896, after a continuous 48-hour stretch of final adjustments and banging away in the shed, Ford unveiled his "Quadricycle" to a bleary-eyed assistant and his wife, Clara. Weighing in at 500 pounds, the little beauty had a two-cylinder, four-horsepower engine, four bicycle wheels, two driving speeds, no reverse gear, no brakes, and a modified doorbell buzzer for a horn.

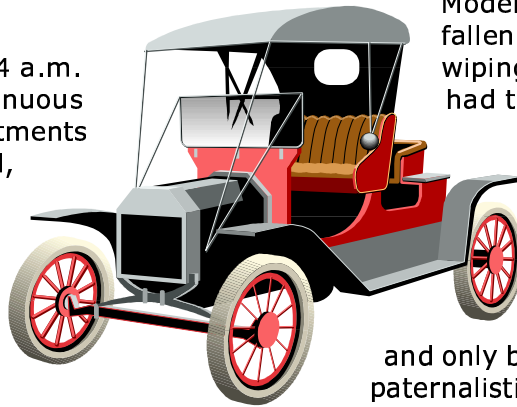
Ford's Quadricycle could burn rubber at speeds undreamed of by Charles King: a blistering 20 miles an hour. Elated with his creation, Ford hopped into the driver's seat and prepared to take it for a spin. Unfortunately, it was then that he noticed the shed door was too narrow. No matter. Ford hopped out, grabbed an ax, smashed a hole in the brick wall, hopped back in, and trundled out. (His landlord was so impressed with the car that he refused payment for the damage.)

Two months later, at the concluding banquet of the 1896 Edison Illuminating Companies Convention, Ford was thrilled to meet his idol, Thomas Edison, whom he considered "the greatest man in the world." Edison asked the young man to explain his machine, and Ford obliged by sketching out the particulars on the back of a menu. Impressed, Edison banged his fist on the table and exclaimed, "Young man, that's the thing! You have it. Keep at it." Later in life, Ford recalled, "That bang on the table meant worlds to me."

Behold, The Model T!

Ford started the Ford Motor Company in 1903 with a group of associates, after an earlier business venture turned sour. By 1907, he and his family controlled the business. The next year, Ford started manufacturing the car that would change the speed, look, and nature of American life: the Model T.

Up to that point, cars were viewed as road-hogging toys for the idle rich. But the Model T was designed to be practical and affordable for everyone. (7653) Billboards read, "Even you can afford a Ford." One of the original prophets of mass production, Ford designed an innovative assembly line that helped him keep the Model T's price down. By 1927, its price had fallen steadily from \$850 to below \$300, wiping out many of the car companies that had tried to compete.



The Model T had a 20-horsepower engine and a top speed of 40 to 45 miles per hour. Until 1914, it came in several colors, but after that date, the speed of the assembly line required the paint to dry very rapidly, and only black would do. Ford, famously paternalistic, is supposed to have said customers "can have any color they want, as long as it's black."

Ford made about 17 million Model Ts, and quickly became the largest automobile manufacturer in the world. At one point, a new Model T rolled out of the factory at Highland Park, Michigan, every 24 seconds. Americans now had a vastly increased sense of mobility and independence. Filling stations, parking lots, and highways spread rapidly across the country—and hitching posts, carriages, and trolley cars began to disappear.

Eventually, Ford's decision to stick to making one model of car allowed other companies to pass him by. By 1936, the Ford Motor Company was third among automakers. Still, his ingenuity and business acumen helped drive the world into the 20th century. He wasn't always a pleasant man, but in the words of Will Rogers, Henry Ford "changed the habits of more people than Caesar, Mussolini, Charlie Chaplin, Clara Bow, Xerxes, Amos 'n' Andy, and Bernard Shaw." More than anyone else, Henry Ford put the world on wheels.

Jeff Vail, February 21, 2005

WHY GOD CREATED CHILDREN ... AND IN THE PROCESS GRANDCHILDREN

To those of us who have children in our lives, whether they are our own, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or students...here is something to make you chuckle. Whenever your children are out of control, you can take comfort from the thought that even God's omnipotence did not extend to His own children After creating heaven and earth, God created Adam and Eve. And the first thing he said was "DON'T!"

"Don't what?" Adam replied.

"Don't eat the forbidden fruit." God said.

"Forbidden fruit? We have forbidden fruit? Hey Eve..we have forbidden fruit!!!!!"

"No Way!"

"Yes way!"

"Do NOT eat the fruit!" said God.

"Why"

"Because I am your Father and I said so!" God replied, wondering why He hadn't stopped creation after making the elephants. A few minutes later, God saw His children having an apple break and He was ticked! "Didn't I tell you not to eat the fruit?" God asked.

"Uh huh," Adam replied.

"Then why did you?" said the Father.

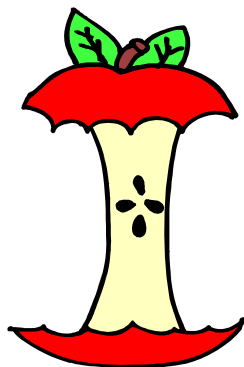
"I don't know," said Eve.

"She started it!" Adam said

"Did not!"

"Did too!"

"DID NOT!"



Having had it with the two of them, God's punishment was that Adam and Eve should have children of their own. Thus the pattern was set and it has never changed.

BUT THERE IS REASSURANCE IN THE STORY! If you have persistently and lovingly tried to give children wisdom and they haven't taken it, don't be hard on yourself. If God had trouble raising children, what makes you think it would be a piece of cake for you?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT!

1. You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. (6732) Then you spend the next sixteen telling them to sit down and shut up.

2. Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your own children.

3. Mothers of teens now know why some animals eat their young.

4. Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.

5. The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children more awful than your own.

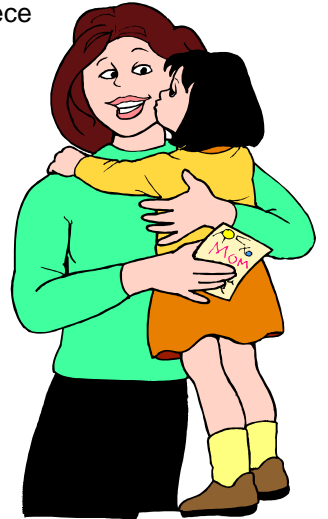
6. We childproofed our homes, but they are still getting in.

ADVICE FOR THE DAY: Be nice to your kids. They will choose your nursing home one day.

AND FINALLY:

IF YOU HAVE A LOT OF TENSION AND YOU GET A HEADACHE, DO WHAT IT SAYS ON THE ASPIRIN BOTTLE:

"TAKE TWO ASPIRIN" AND "KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN"!!!!!!



Happy Mother's/Father's Day!