



Galeana ROTARY NEWS

Serving Jo Daviess County Dick Laubhan, Editor June 2006

Thanks for Your Help During the Past Year!

I can just hear the happy dollars “ca-chinging” as I remind you all that this is my final President’s message. But I want you to know that I’ve enjoyed every minute of my term, and am gratified that as a club we achieved most of the goals that I set out for my presidency way back in July of 2005. As one Rotarian friend told me then: “If you accomplish half of the things you want to do you will have done a great job!” Thanks, friend, but without your and other club members’ help little would have ever got done.

Our list of accomplishments is impressive:

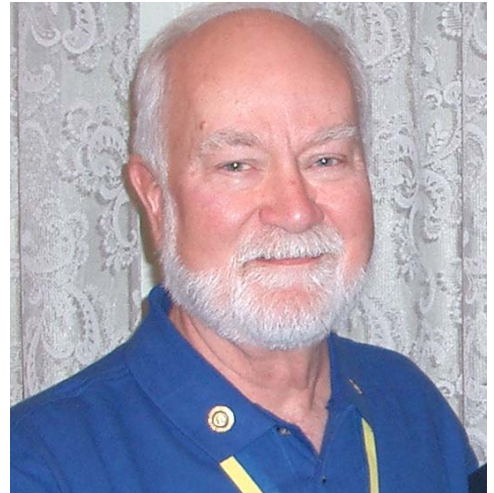
- New Membership Directory
- New Web site--voted best in our district
- Our award-winning monthly newsletter
- Dictionary Project – won district literacy award
- Paul Kindig Student of the Quarter
- World Affairs Conference participation
- Rotary Roars for Youth Auction/Jennifer Purdy Scholarships—our 20th year, and a record-setter
- “Service Above Self” award for non-Rotarians
- Senior’s “Day in the Country”

- Annual Roundtable – also 20th
- Fundraising for community projects
- Seniors Web site
- “Polio Plus” participation
- Rotary International Foundation (Paul Harris) – we can do better
- Twin Club activities
- Youth Exchange program

In fact, our club has been so successful in all these efforts that many other clubs in the district are duplicating our programs. As some sage has said: “Imitation is the purest form of flattery.”

Though not one of my stated goals, I also wanted to improve communications among club members. To this end we started e-mailing board meeting minutes and special notices. For members that don’t have e-mail, other members stepped forward to “adopt” them, passing along hard copies of e-mails. It’s working out well.

My one regret is that our participation in the Rotary International Foundation’s Paul Harris program was not up to our highest standards. Only 18 Rotarians and 5 non-Rotarians made contributions this year. We can do better! Some good news – we did get two new sustaining members – B’Ann Dittmar and Paul Flynn; two new Fellows, Dan Ripley and Dr. Joe



President’s Column

Terry, and a new double sapphire member, Lois Wiene-Knautz.

During the coming year I’m going to keep helping incoming president Duane Grenier with the Paul Harris “paperwork.” I didn’t realize how complicated it was until Jack Morehead left the club. What a job he did! But where we really need most help is in the promotion area, to “build a fire” under club members who are non-participants. Do you have any ideas? Please contact Duane if you do.

Again, a sincere “thank you” to all you members for your help during my term. We have a great club, and it’s not the leadership, but the membership that attests to that fact. Keep up the good work, and keep looking for ways to make our club even better.

Ed Schmit

Membership Roster Heads Toward 90

The Galena Rotary Club roster climbed to the mid-80s mark in May and June as Pastor Dorothy Morizzo, Steven Pfenning and Jerry Bolles were installed as new members. The number stood at 83 in early June, with two other prospective members yet to come aboard. With the hard work of Dan Ripley, Marc McCoy, Mary Kelly-Train and others, the membership committee is making a strong move toward the 90s!

Dorothy (Dottie) Morizzo became pastor of the Schapville Zion Presbyterian Church last September – her first church calling since deciding to become a minister in mid-life. Before taking on her divinity work in Champaign, IL through the Presbyterian Synod of Lincoln Trails, Dottie was a church secretary and also assisted senior citizens in becoming “computer literate.” Earlier in her life she was an art history major at Harper College, Hoffman Estates, IL and also studied art at the Art Institute in Chicago. She and her husband, Dan – who is a funeral director in Roselle, IL – are a “commuter couple” who maintain residences in Elk Grove Village, IL and Schapville. They have one son, a daughter and three grandchildren.

Jerry Bolles, now retired, was formerly corporate director of traffic safety worldwide for United Parcel Service, Chicago. A 30-year UPS veteran, Jerry began his career in 1966 following a three-year stint with the U.S. Army, part of it in Germany. Starting as a UPS delivery driver in his old west-side Chicago neighborhood, Jerry was im-

mediately recognized as a future Rotarian and quickly promoted to a supervisory position. He switched from delivery to human resources in the ‘80s, learning about safety, employment and training.

Then, UPS sent him to Amsterdam, the Netherlands as operations manager for the Benelux countries; later, he switched to Louisville, KY as health/safety manager for UPS Airlines, and finally moved to Atlanta where he completed his career. He and his wife, Ellen Logan, moved to the Galena Territory, where he enjoys golf, gardening and cooking. Jerry and Ellen also are world travelers, visiting more than 50 countries over the past six years. Having missed the “Joe College” years, Jerry is enrolled part-time at Loras in Dubuque, and says he’ll probably get his bachelor’s degree “in six or seven more years.”

Steven (Steve) Pfenning is the new general manager of Galena’s Best Western Quiet House, a 142-room motel located on U.S. Route 20. Steve retired from the U.S. Air Force in 2000 after 20 years in hos-



New members Steve Pfenning and The Rev. Dorothy (Dottie) Morizzo (center) are flanked by sponsors Vicky Vondran and Ken Parrott.



Jerry Bolles is our newest member, installed at the Friday, June 2 luncheon meeting. He and sponsor Mary Kelly-Train were long-time friends and work-mates at United Parcel Service.

pitality services, part of it in Bosnia and the Persian Gulf. He has been in the hotel management field since his retirement, having started with Choice Hotels. Before taking over the Quiet House this year, Steve managed multiple properties in Prairie du Chien, WI, starting in 2002. He and his wife, Kelli, married in 2005. Steve has two sons from a former marriage, Steven, Jr. and Devon.

“Welcome Aboard,” Dottie, Jerry and Steve!

This & That

Jane Newton, Rotarian Carter Newton's daughter and a 2006 graduate of Galena High School, is one of the recipients of the 14th Annual Dubuque Telegraph Herald Scholastic Journalist Awards, presented by the TH in cooperation with USA Weekend magazine. Jane, who will spend the next school year in Mexico a one of our club's foreign exchange students, has also been a participant in other Rotary Club youth programs, including the Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) and the yearly World Affairs Conference.



Seems that our incoming Polish exchange student, Marcin Splocharski and another Polish exchange student from about a decade ago, Anna Czerwinska -- who at the time stayed with Beth and Jim Baranski -- have some things in common. To start with, Anna used to work in the Polish city of Bydgoszcz, where Marcin and his family live. Anna has kept in touch with the Baranskis, and found out about Marcin's coming visit. She e-mailed Carter Newton about it, and offered to clue Marcin in to all the wonders of the Galena area and our Rotary Club. Carter sent her Marcin's e-mail address, and Anna got on the net to him right away. Anna also told Carter that she'd gone through her "memory book" and found many farewell notes



At our June 9 luncheon meeting the club's three exchange students for 2006-07 treated us to their own perspectives on the coming year, when they'll experience a foreign family and school for the first time. From left: Coby Michael, Galena High School, who'll journey to Brazil; Jane Newton, Galena High School, who'll be in Mexico, and Brittany Basten, River Ridge High School, who'll spend the year in northern Germany. The three high school grads are displaying Galena Rotary Club banners, which they'll present to any foreign Rotary Clubs they might visit during their respective stays.

from Rotarians, among them the Jackmans, Jim Darling, Pat and Joe Terry, Ken Parrott, John Cooke (with an e), Ed Schmit, Connie Schireman, Gordie Kilgore and Dwight Bischel. Made her a bit "teary eyed" about an experience that she'll never forget.

The Galena Rotary Club's fourth recipient of the club's "Service Above Self" plaque, awarded to non-Rotarian Jo Daviess County residents who have made outstanding contributions to the county's communities, goes to Tom Winter, Galena, for the past several years president of the county's Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) organizations. As such, Tom coordinates the services of EMT groups from Galena, Stockton, Elizabeth and Warren, and his fast, accurate work in getting EMT squads to accident sites has saved numerous lives. Tom is a native of Galena and attended Galena schools, where his father, Jim was

once a teacher. The two Winters operated The Frame Shop on Galena's Main Street for about two decades. Tom has also served on Galena's Historic Review Board.

Larry Blankenbaker reminds that nominees for the award can be made by visiting the club's Web site, www.galenarotary.org and clicking on the e-mail section: or, by e-mailing Larry at larryb@benjaminsgalena.com. Include your name and contact information. We are "always looking" for deserving nominees.



Larry Blankenbaker, left, presents Tom Winter with the Galena Rotary Club's "Service Above Self" award plaque at a recent meeting of the club at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa.

Upcoming Programs

June 16

“Hurricane Katrina Project”

Phil Jackman

June 23

Open

June 30

President’s Dinner
DeSoto House Hotel
6 p.m. cocktails
NO Noon Meeting

July 7

Emergency Room Crisis?
Dr. Chris Duranceau

July 14

Dubuque City Manager
Mike Milligan

July 21

Open

July 28

“The San Francisco Earthquake”
David Burkhart

August 4

“Victim Impact Program”
Sharon Wand

August 11

Rotary District Governor
Pat Burch

August 18

Illinois State Police
Tony Heindell

August 25

“Police Brutality”
Jim March

Greeters

June 16 – Julie Bruser/Chuck Henle

June 23 – Jeff Hill/Joel Holland

Trivia

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June 23 – Jim Kellar

Finemasters

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To Make Up Missed Meetings:

Attend a Rotary meeting
in a different city.

Attend our board meetings,
second Friday of each month.

Do an hour’s worth of
committee work.

**Tell Rich Austin about any of
the above. He keeps track.**

FYI

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11:45 a.m. - DeSoto House Hotel

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