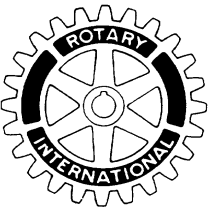


# Galena ROTARY NEWS



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## PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

# Galena Rotary has a chance to shine at the District Governor's Conference

We have an unusual opportunity the weekend of April 26, when our club is the official host of our District 6420 conference at Eagle Ridge Inn. Delegates from Rotary clubs throughout north-west Illinois will be gathering for the annual conference led by our own Jack Morehead, District Governor.

In the past the meetings have been some distance away and required full

attendance for the weekend. This time, with hardly any expense, we can participate in the district activities and meetings, meet fellow Rotarians, find out how we stack up with other clubs and gain expanded knowledge of the Rotary World of which we are a part.

By special arrangement, our club will cover the registration fee for all those who would like to attend any or all of the conference sessions Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Be sure to check to find out which sessions involve your current committee choices and future interests for service in Rotary.

We also appreciate those of you who,

in the true spirit of the Rotary motto: "Service above Self," have already volunteered your services as part of our host responsibilities. Jack could still use more help to really show the other clubs that the Galena Rotary Club is second to none in backing our Governor.

### April is 'push' month

April is also our "push" time to solicit donations for our Galena Rotary Roars For Youth Auction.

Don't wait until the last minute to turn in your Donation Agreement forms. This is our biggest effort of the year and every Rotarian is expected to participate to the

fullest. All donations with their forms should be in by the fourth week of April, before the District Conference! In the past some haven't acted until it was almost too late for inclusion in the Auction program, and put an unforgivable strain on those in charge of the program. This means that you need to not only solicit the donations, but also to follow up to get the donations and the donation forms delivered early. See Pat McCarthy or any member of his committee for details. Let's make this the best Auction ever, for the benefit of the youth of our county!

By Dwight Bischel  
Galena Rotary president

## Rotary Auction May 11 at Victorian Pines Inn & Spa

The Galena Rotary Club has set the evening of May 11, 2002 as the date for the Rotary Roars For Youth Auction to be held at the Victorian Pines Inn & Spa located two miles west of downtown historic Galena on highway 20.

This year marks the 16th year in which the Club has held its auction to raise monies for Rotary's "Jennifer Purdy Scholarship" program. This program now provides \$1500

scholarships for Jo Daviess County graduating high school seniors.

Starting back in 1987, proceeds from the auction allowed the Club to give out 7 scholarships totaling \$4,000. Last year's proceeds made it possible to give out 24 scholarships totaling \$24,000! To date, the Club has given \$271,000 in scholarship monies to 278 high school seniors in the County.

The number of scholarships is determined by the success of the auction. Galena Rotarians are now canvassing the Tri-State area asking for items to auction off on May 11. Items donated may be tax deductible (check your tax adviser), and the Club will provide a letter stating the value of the donation given.

Besides being a successful fundraiser, the Rotary Auction is recognized as a major so-

cial event for the Tri-State area. Tickets purchased in advance are \$30 or \$35 at the door. Admission includes an open bar and fancy hors d'oeuvre and dessert buffet tables throughout the evening. Advance tickets may be purchased from any Rotarian or by also calling Lois Wiene-Knautz at the Galena State Bank at 815-777-0663.

By Dale Freres

## Plans set for District Conference at Eagle Ridge

This year's district conference will be held at Eagle Ridge Inn, Friday April, 26th thru Sunday April 28th. Since this is a conference to be hosted by Galena Rotary Club, by virtue of the District Governor being a member of Galena Rotary, it is envisioned by the Governor that all members be registered at the conference. The club will pick up the registration fee (\$25.00) for all who register. It is then hoped that you will select those meal events that interest you and send your reservation to the registrar. This event is one of wide Rotary information, fellowship and fun. Think about registering for the entire conference.

Thom Brown and his sergeant-at-arms crew

will be dressed in Civil War era costume and will ensure guests will be in their sessions on time. The Plenary sessions begin at 9:30 a.m. on Friday. Friday noon luncheon theme is The Rotary Foundation. Dick Galitz, past District Governor (6450) and past president of Rotary One (Chicago) will be the featured speaker. After a cocktail reception beginning at 5:30 p.m., Friday evening's dinner (buffet) will feature Galena's Main Street Players with their rendition of "Remembering Old Galena" and you don't want to miss Gordie Kilgore's anti-dotes and jokes at the beginning of the Plenary sessions.

Saturday starts with a breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

with its theme on literacy. Featured speaker is Patricia Lorenz, author of Chicken Soup for the Soul. She will speak on "Humor for the Health of it."

The seventh plenary session beginning at 10:15 a.m. will end for lunch at 11:45. Luncheon will feature Galena Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholar Jason Accola, who will speak on his experience in England and what he is doing now in Chicago.

Following lunch about 1:15 pm, the afternoon is divided to accommodate most interests; Doc Darling is heading a nine hole golf scramble on the East course. It is envisioned that clubs will sponsor 4 players to the chal-

lenge of each hole. Prizes will be awarded. At the same time, a Tri-State bus will depart from the Inn for a drive to the Apple River Fort and interpretive center. Sue Gordy and crew will show off Galena Rotary's grand project. From there, the bus will head to Scott Lawler's Galena Cellars Winery production operations and tasting room on Ford Road. The bus should return to the Inn in time to prepare for the evening gala. A third event will feature the District's exchange students with slide presentations from their home countries. At least 6 to 8 countries will be featured from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Saturday evening will begin at a 5:30 p.m. cocktail reception on the ballroom veranda. Dinner will begin at 6:30 with a traditional entrance of the District's past and future leadership. The District's exchange students will present the flags of their countries in a stirring entrance. After dinner we will be honored to hear from Rotary International President's Representative to the conference. Following this presentation, Galena's own, Jim Post, will perform excerpts from "Mark Twain and the Laughing River." If I were to choose one event not to miss it would be Saturday evening.

Sunday will start at 8:15 a.m. with an ecu-

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The Rotary Club of Galena honored seven area high school sophomores as part of its student of the quarter program. The students are (from left) Ashley Ege, Warren High School; Brittini Jones, Scales Mound High School; Randi Roberts, River Ridge High School; Abby Cueno, East Dubuque High School; Lyndsi Steinke, Galena High School; Paul Gothard, Stockton High School; and Jason Irwin, Tri-State Christian School.

## FYI

Galena Rotary Club - P.O. Box 52 - Galena, IL 61036. Meeting every Friday @ 11:45 am - The DeSoto House  
2001-2002 Officers  
President - Dwight Bischel  
President Elect - Matt Taylor  
Past President - Dale Freres  
Treasurer - Rick Vojta  
Secretary - Romer Wilsek

# District conference

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menical service, followed by a sumptuous breakfast buffet. The ninth and last plenary session will convene at 10:15 and end about 11 a.m. in time to head for home or the golf course.

Please sign up for the various short hour segments of support throughout the two and a half days. We'll need two hour shifts at the registration table; enough bar tenders to assist participants at an open bar both Friday and Saturday evenings prior to dinner; assist Susan Michnevitz with hospitality, table assignments, etc.; and its always nice to have a few individuals in reserve willing to run or walk in assisting Rotarians from around the District to Galena's known hospitality. Arrangements are also being made to host members of the Group Study Exchange team from Mexico (5 members) for the weekend in homes rather than the expense of Inn rooms. Please offer to assist in this regard once we know the make up of the team. (Gender wise)

In no way do I want to interfere with the clubs attention to support the auction on May 11th, but I think that your involvement in this, once in a decade event will be rewarded by your appreciation of what Rotary does beyond the local club. I'm planning on your support.  
*By Jack Morehead, District Governor*

## PROGRAMS

### APRIL

- 5--Senior Focus Committee - John Jaeger & Matt Taylor
- 12--Dubuque Airport Manager - Andy Perry
- 19--Rotary Tech Info - Andy Lewis & Matt Taylor
- 26--Tri-State WSJ Program - Mary Jane Thorne & Vicki Vondran

### MAY

- 3--"Helping Our Young People" - Rev. Neal Patel
- 10--"Illinois Wine Explosion" - Scott & Chris Lawlor
- 17--Student of the Quarter - Eagle Ridge Inn
- 24--"Terrorism" - Col. Bob Felderman, Iowa National Guard
- 31--New Members - Becky Sisco and Mary Kelly

### JUNE

- 7--"My Old Friend, King Herod" - Dr. Fred Baltz  
*By Tom Morris*

## APRIL GREETERS:

- April 5--Romer Wilsek & Dick Woodruff
- April 12--Dick Alexander & Jon Allen
- April 19--Fred Baltz & James Baranski
- April 26--Curt Beatty & Gene Bell

## APRIL PLEDGE:

- April 5--Marc McCoy
- April 12--Herb Melnick
- April 19--Santy Mendez
- April 26--Dan Mennenoh

## FINEMASTER:

- April 5--Dick Harmet
- April 12--Lynn Gaber
- April 19--Matt Taylor
- April 26--Joe Terry

## TRIVIA:

- April 5--Matt Taylor
- April 12th--Jon Allen
- April 19--Rick Vojta
- April 26--John Jaeger

## BIRTHDAYS:

- April 7--Richard Weis, Duane Grenier
- April 12--Fr. Bob North
- April 21--Rebecca Sisco
- April 22--Don Gereau
- April 27--Thom Brown
- May 1--Bill Norton
- May 4--Dwight Bischel

- May 6--Jim Denny
- May 15--Roger Eichmeier
- May 20--Mary J. Kelly
- May 21--Chuck Henle, Tom Kelley
- May 22--Joe Terry
- May 30--Susan Gordy

## Thank you for your positive impact

Dear Rotary Members:

I wanted to take the opportunity to write in order to thank you for the positive impact you have made on our school. There have been a number of ways you have supported us in the development of the youth. My awareness of your support and impact began last year when I became aware of your program to award recognition for hard work and improvement among tenth grade students. You have sent a clear message that it is never too late to work hard and improve one's effort toward excellence. We have taken notice of this encouragement. I have become aware of many other examples of your support since that time as well.

The most recent example of your support has been the representation of the Rotary at our Science Fair. I was so thankful for the involvement of the men and women who donated their own time and energy to judge the students' projects. The impact you were able to have on our students and our school as a whole was very significant. There was a clear message sent that the Rotary of Galena cares about the young people who attend school in the community. Our students saw men and women who have traveled the road of schooling and life as a teen encourage them and actively direct them towards excellence in their studies. Furthermore, they saw possible outcomes of their work in the careers and lives of those adult judges. I wish I could more accurately express the impact this had on our students and on the faculty of TSCS. We witnessed and were encouraged by men and women in the community of Galena actively support and foster cooperation and the pursuit of excellence in educating the young men and women who represent a part of the future of this community. For your contributions and commitment to the support of young people we are extremely grateful. We look forward to continued teamwork and collective efforts to build the community through the lives of the students at Tri-State Christian School.

Sincerely,

*K.T. Leverentz, Science Fair Coordinator and Science Teacher*

## Letter of thanks

Dear Members of the Rotary,

My name is Zac Schoenrock and I am currently attending the University of Illinois. After completing one semester at college, I am pleased to report that life at college has been a very enjoyable learning experience for me. I am finding out quite a lot about the greatness of independence and the importance of organization. The experiences and memories I will gain, as a result of attending this university will probably be some of the best in my life. Already there have been certain situations, which I probably should not go into detail about, where I have had to think on my feet and have gained important life lessons as a result of them. The amount of money my family and I will be providing toward this school doesn't even come close to the amount of value I will receive from it.

Thank you once again, though, for the generous donation of \$1000 you presented to me. The financial burden I will receive after college is over, will be somewhat lessened by your nice offer. This college thing is quite amazing in the way that all this knowledge can be organized into one nice, very fun little area. I cannot believe all the things I am capable of doing here and just hope to be able to do many of them in my future. As a computer engineering major, I am certain that the University of Illinois is going to provide me with one of the best educational programs for engineering I can get in this country. The next few years are going to be some great learning years for me. Thank you once again for all you have provided me. I cannot wait to get back to college to meet my old friends and hopefully gain some new ones. Hopefully, you unique people at the Rotary will gain enough money from the auction this year to help more young adults with the opportunities I am receiving now; I wish you all the best of success in the New

Year.

Sincerely,  
*Zac Schoenrock*

## An update

To Whom It May Concern:

Hello again. With semester break coming to an end, I thought you would like to hear from me. Looking back, my first semester was everything I wanted it to be. I found success in the classroom, many new friends, and a place I can now call my second home. A few days ago, I received my semester grade report and was very pleased with the results. I earned a GPA of 4.00 with a challenging lineup of classes. Next semester looks to be even more challenging. I am taking Calculus II, Spanish I + II, Macroeconomics, Speech Communications, and Early American History.

This year's holiday season was especially nice for me. Leaving family and friends to live far away at school is tough, and the month here at home was very relaxing. I hope that you enjoyed your holiday season as much as I have. I want to thank you again for the opportunity that you have given me. I truly appreciate your award.

Sincerely,  
*Jason Schauer*

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS Roger Eichmeier

Was born in Freeport, IL on May 15, 1932. Graduated from Freeport High School in 1950. Went to college at Depauw University, in Greencastle, Ind. from 1950-1954, with a double major in philosophy and religion and political-cal science. Member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Went on to Northwestern University, School of Law, from 1954-1957. JD elected to the Board of Editors of the Northwestern Law Review. Admitted Illinois in 1957. Practice law in Aurora, IL for 30 years. My practice was concentrated in general litigation. Was a judge in the 16th judicial circuit, Kane, Kendall, and Dekalb counties for 13 years retiring in August 2000.

I have been president of the Greater Aurora Chamber of Commerce and its legal counsel for a number of years. I have been active in the state bar association since 1970, serving 2 terms on the board of governors, innumerable terms on the general assembly of the association. I have been active on several association committees and next year will be chairman of its Alternative Dispute Resolution Council. I have taken several continuing judicial education classes at the National Judicial College including 40-hour classes in Civil Mediation and Family Mediation. We have owned property in the Territory for 13 years and have been permanent residents since August 2000. I have served on the Territory board for 9 years and was board president for 3 years. My wife's name is Edie and we have 7 grown children and 8 grandchildren and probably and an additional grandson when you read this. I guess my interests are horseback riding, golf and serving on boards.

## Andy Willis

I was born and raised in Galena, Illinois and attended the Galena Schools. I spent two years in the Iowa Army National Guard "C" company in Dubuque IA as an assistant M60 gunner. After high school, I spent 1 year in Fort Lauderdale, Florida and 4 years in San Diego, California where I had lots of fun in the sun and had the good fortune to meet the love of my life, Lynne. We moved back to Galena in 1991 and were wed in 1994. I worked at several different jobs while studying Computer Science at Highland Community College and the University of Wisconsin, Platteville. Our first child, daughter Macayla was born in 1993 and our second child, son Bailey was born in 1997. In 1997 I co-founded PCC of Galena, Inc. with John Lofstedt. In 1998 Lynne and I purchased our first home in Hazel Green, Wisconsin where we reside happily with our children.

## Mary Kelly

(*"Something about Mary"*)

I grew up in Northbrook, Illinois. Then it was still very rural. While attending high school I worked part time at a cheese specialty store known as Hickory Farms. The owner at that time had about six franchises and later

grew to 26. I learned a lot about retail sales and speaking publicly, as would have to conduct tours of the store and give a brief history of how Hickory Farms began. However, as a child, I had always wanted to be a nurse. My dream was to become a nurse and travel to Australia where, at that time the government was helping professionals establish themselves in that country. So, while working at "the farm store" I went through nurse's training. Upon graduation, I worked at Lutheran General Hospital primarily in medical/surgical areas for experience. However, I learned early on that nursing was not for me.

Everyone has bad spells in their life, and in retrospect I can say unequivocally, my time was in nursing. Blown off course, from a bad marriage, divorce and having to rethink my plan I found myself working for Allstate Insurance as a medical claims examiner with hopes to find a good company in which to work and climb the "corporate ladder." The year being 1975, it did not occur to me that career opportunities where few for women.

Fortunately, I met a young man who after returning from the armed forces, was working his way through college at UIC while working part time as a package handler at United Parcel Service and he suggested I apply for a part time job. My plan was to combine my sales experience with my medical knowledge and get into medical sales with perhaps an Abbott or Baxter labs. Times were tough being on your own. I thought it would be a good idea to have a good paying part time job while I was trying "to break into the business".

I started working at United Parcel Service in the fall of 1975. I applied for part time work but was offered a full time position as UPS was trying to employ more female drivers for diversity purposes. So it was that, I became a package car delivery driver for UPS. I was impressed with them because they promoted from within and promised that with diligence and persistence a person could be very successful. So, I said ok!

After 25 years of persistence, I have retired from UPS to pursue other interests. However, in those 25 years I had the opportunity to gain experience in supervising and managing in distribution operations, industrial engineering and spent the majority of my career, successfully in human resources. In every field one rotates into at UPS one works their way up. When I rotated into human resources, I started as a recruiter, I interviewed, hired, orientated new employees from part time package handlers to full time package delivery drivers. I worked in health and safety and learned about worker's compensation and public accident and liability. Special assignments, such as teaching new supervisors in a Supervisors Leadership School in Bethany, West Virginia, allowed me travel through out the US. I was assigned to a special task force to oversee UPS' relocation of their corporate headquarters from Greenwich, Ct. to Atlanta, Ga. I left UPS as a district career development manager in the Chicago area.

I have now met Eric, and am planning a marriage in the near future. He, as I did many years ago when I participated in UPS planning meetings out here in Galena, fell in love with Jo Daviess County and we have started a new chapter in both our lives here. We have my mother who is 91 years old, living with us and Eric's dad of 97 years is in a nursing and rehab facility in Dubuque. We have opted to slow down a little, take care of our aging parents, "smell the flowers" enjoy each others company, start a small business or two doing what we enjoy and take the time to get involved in the community.

Who knows what the future will bring!

**You still have an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets. Last year the Rotary Foundation netted \$4,908. This year's net will be \$3,300 without added sales.**