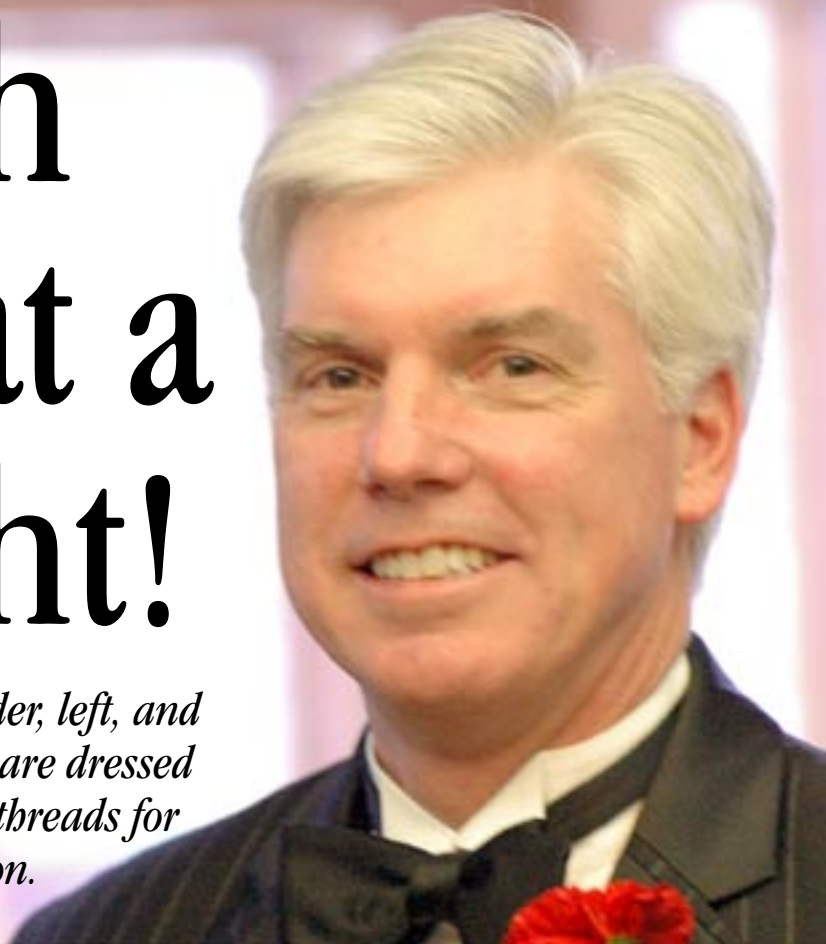




Oh what a night!

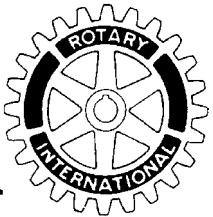
Grant Westenfelder, left, and Dan Mennenob are dressed in their finest threads for the auction.



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APRIL 2006—DICK LAUBHAN, EDITOR

President's column: *Wow! What a super successful auction*

Attendance topped 360, and it looks like we'll net in excess of \$40,000, enabling us to continue our scholarship awards program in fine style.

Many thanks to our auction committee and Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa for their dedicated work in hosting a really first-class event. It was also my pleasure to present "Service Above Self" awards to our chairman for the past 20 years, Pat McCarthy; and, long-time committee member and champion auction item solicitor John Osmanski, as well as auctioneers Terry Funston and Jim Sacia. Thanks, too, to all our good members who purchased and sold raffle and auction tickets, and donated or solicited auction items. You all came through!

I attended our district conference last Friday and part of Saturday, returning in time for the auction. At the conference, Carter Newton and Bob Wehrle presented a summary of their Combarbala, Chile Twin Club trip. In addition to that splendid presentation, our club was further recognized with first place awards for our Web site and ongoing literacy projects, thanks to Andy Willis and Dwight Bischel. The only discouraging note was our club's poor participation in the Rotary International

Foundation program. With several clubs well above 100 percent of their goals, our club was below 20 percent. This year only 17 of our members have contributed. There's still time to reach our goal, but every club member needs to chip in.

May will be a busy month. In addition to our "Day in the Country," May 10 at the Galena Territory Owners Club, we have "Teacher of the Year" at the De Soto House, May 5; "Students of the Quarter," May 12 at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa, and our Jennifer Purdy Scholarship Awards May 26 at Eagle Ridge.

Our next board meeting will be held Friday, May 5 at the De Soto House. Stop in and see us – remember, it's an automatic make-up for a missed luncheon meeting.

*Ed Schmit,
President*



The three amigos—Vince Toepfer, Brian Schoenrock and Larry Blankenbaker—are ready to show off items for the auction.



Many Galena Rotarians dressed in period 1920s clothing for the 20th annual Rotary Roars for Youth Auction. Bob Wehrle decided to make a fashion statement for the event with this brilliant yellow zoot suit!



Ken and Opal Parrott are ready for an evening of fun!

FYI

Galena Rotary Club, P.O. Box 52, Galena, IL 61036. Meeting every Friday at 11:45 am - The DeSoto House

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Club welcomes four new Rotarians

Besides delivering the first day of spring as usual, the month of March also “delivered” six new Galena Rotary Club members, four of whom are pictured here.



Bob Volkommer (with his sponsor Duane Grenier) was born and raised in the New York City metro area. He received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Rutgers University, did graduate work at Iowa State University, then was employed as a research assistant for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and the University of Pennsylvania. He later joined E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., where he spent 35 years in various research, manufacturing, marketing and global business assignments. He retired as director of strategic sourcing for one of his firm's major business segments. Bob and his wife, Marsha built their home in the Galena Territory last year. They have three children – Mia, an artist living in New Orleans; Mara, a soon-to-graduate medical student, and Max, a USAF fighter pilot. Bob chairs the Territory Lake Management and Ecology committee, is VP-elect of the Jo Daviess County Habitat for Humanity and serves on the Vestry of Grace Episcopal Church.

Ralph Winkelhake (with his sponsor Vince Toepfer) and his wife, Kathy are also Territory residents, having become permanent when Ralph retired in 2005. Ralph's career in law enforcement spanned 39 years, starting in the Village of Palatine, IL. Retiring from his Palatine post, he moved to Vernon Hills as Chief of Police, then spent the last 16 years of his career as Iowa City Chief of Police. Ralph holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Roosevelt University, Chicago, and obtained advanced law enforcement training from the F.B.I. National Academy, the Southern Police Institute and the Northwestern University Traffic Institute. He and Kathy have three children and nine grandchildren. Ralph teaches part-time at Loras College, where Kathy also works with learning disabled students.



Dave Mickelson and his wife, JoAnn have lived in the Galena Territory for the past four-and-a-half years. Now semi-retired, Dave served as Regional Director of the Federal Food Stamp Program and the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) for 25 years in Chicago, Boston and San Francisco. He now heads up his own consulting firm, helping states with their food assistance programs. Dave and JoAnn have two sons and five grandchildren. They are members of Grace Episcopal Church, where Dave serves on the vestry and is a member of the choir.



Josh Jasper (with his sponsor Bob Wehrle) grew up in Farley, Iowa with two younger brothers. After finishing high school he attended Kirkwood Community College, receiving an associate degree in criminal justice. Upon graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving four years. He then attended the University of Northern Iowa, earning a bachelor's degree in criminology. Moving to Los Angeles, Josh changed career fields, attending UCLA and receiving a master's degree in social work. He then worked as a child and family therapist in a community mental health center. Late last year Josh and his wife, Sara moved back to Iowa and recently bought a home in the town of Bernard. Josh is employed as executive director of Riverview Center, Inc. in Galena; Sara works as a drafts person at Baranski Hammer & Associates, Galena.



Curt Beatty – 1927-2006

Frank C. (Curt) Beatty, Jr., who died on April 10 after a long illness, will be sorely missed by his tablemates – and all of us – at our Friday luncheons. But one thing's for sure – Curt's spirit and sense of humor will never die among Galena Rotary Club members.

As Sergeant-at-Arms Don Porter stated after visiting Curt shortly before his death: “Curt requested that we make sure our table maintains its reputation as ‘most obnoxious.’” With Rotarians like Don and John Cooke around, Curt's wish is a sure thing!

A long-time active Rotarian, Curt joined the club in 1993, sponsored by the late John Jaeger. Besides his Rotary work, Curt was for many years a member of the Galena Area Emergency Medical Team and Territory Fire Department.

He, along with his wife, Ginny were members of the United Methodist Church, Galena. He loved the outdoors, fished, golfed and also was skilled at woodworking and photography.

Curt served with the U.S. Army paratroops in World War II, was graduated from Iowa Wesleyan College after the war, and spent 43 years in management positions with John Morrell Meat Packing Company, Sioux Falls, SD. He retired as vice president-international sales.

Bert Tower dies

Another long-time Galena Rotary member, Bertram B. (Bert) Tower, was also taken by death recently. Bert was one of our original, 1985 members. He left the club in 2000 when he and his wife, Jean moved to a retirement home in Dubuque. He joined the Dubuque Rotary Club at that time.

U.S. Bank program will zero in on stroke prevention

May is “Stroke Awareness Month,” and U.S. Bank, 115 Perry St. in Galena will be offering preventive screenings for stroke (carotid artery disease) on Wednesday, May 3. Screening for signs of abdominal aortic aneurysm, peripheral arterial disease and osteoporosis will also be available to the public. Rotarian B'Ann Dittmar, president of U.S. Bank, Galena, reminds that stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States.

“Someone has a stroke every 45 seconds in this country,” states Carol Lewis, U.S. Bank's Health Service Coordinator. “That equates to over 700,000 strokes each year, and 20 percent of these die.”

Statistics show that half of the 80 percent of stroke survivors will need some type of assisted-living help, Carol notes. In Jo Daviess County, with a population of over 22,000, that equates to about 450 residents suffering from the affects of a stroke. Medical authorities say that 75 percent of these strokes could have been prevented.

An appointment is necessary to arrange for the stroke prevention test and/or other tests. Cost of individual test is \$45.00; all the three vascular screenings, \$109.00; or, \$129.00 for all four tests. Call 1-800/324-1851 to schedule an appointment.

Upcoming Programs:

April 28 – “United Arab Emirates,” Marie Nadeau
 May 5 – “Teacher of the Year,” De Soto House Hotel
 May 12 – Students of the Quarter, Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa
 May 19 – Rotary International Update, Nora Webster
 May 26 – Jennifer Purdy Scholarship Awards, Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa
 June 2 -- “Africa,” Mary Jane Thorn

Greeters:

April 28 – Don Campbell, Roy Clingman
 May 5 -- John Cooke, Dr. Jim Darling

May 12 – B'Ann Dittman, Randy Downing
 May 19 – Dave Eaton, Larry Eggers
 May 26 – Roger Eichmeier, Dale Freres
 June 2 – Paul Flynn, Lynn Gaber
 June 9 – Don Gereau, Duane Grenier
 June 16 – Dick Harmet, Chuck Henle
 June 23 – Jeff Hill, Joel Holland

Trivia:

April 28 -- Dr. Jim Darling
 May 5 – Bill Norton
 May 12 – Andy Willis
 May 19 – Ken Parrott
 May 26 – Sean Loberg
 June 2 – Karen Kumbera

June 9 – Don Porter
 June 16 – Lois Wiene-Knautz
 June 23 – Gordie Kilgore
 June 30 – Bill Ortman

Finemasters:

April 28 – Romer Wilsek
 May 5 – Don Campbell
 May 12 – Syd Sincok
 May 19 – John Holm
 May 26 – Pat McCarthy
 June 2 – Fred Baltz
 June 9 – Randy Downing
 June 16 – Duane Grenier
 June 23 – Jim Kellar
 June 30 – Rich Mattas