

Galena ROTARY NEWS

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DICK LAUBHAN, EDITOR

President's column:

Over 50 members have already volunteered!

We're off to an outstanding year! Over 50 club members have signed up as volunteers to serve on various committees - and that's



great. The Rotary "Lend a Hand" spirit is taking hold! If you haven't volunteered yet, there's still time, and you'll find it a rewarding experience. Contact any of the committee chairpersons, and they'll fill you in on

committee activities and needs.

The goal for this year is to build on the excellent programs that our club has established thus far, while focusing on member retention and new member recruitment. Each of us should continue to act as ambassadors, enjoying club fellowship and developing potential new club members from the young and diverse leaders in our community.

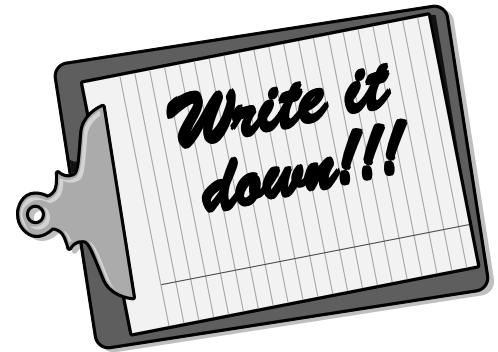
Many Galena residents, including a number of Rotarians, took the opportunity to wish Rogier and his family well on their return to the Netherlands, and to welcome Noah back from his year in Brazil. The party held in their honor at the Elks Club was very special, and reinforced the extraordinary good will and value of the International Youth Exchange Program for both students and the community. A new foreign exchange student—from Mexico—will be arriving Tuesday, August 11, and a Rotary Club representative will be on hand at O'Hare International Airport to greet the student. Phil, David, Doc Darling and the committee and host families are doing a really fine job with this program.

The club's Centennial Project is well under way, and the committee has 300 raffle tickets available for the 50/50 drawing in prizes (\$10,000 first prize). See Duane for tickets.

The club's first special events are coming up in October — "Excellence in Education" awards, and "Student of the Quarter." Dates will be available soon, so don't forget to mark your calendars.

I predict that it's going to be a wonderful year. Each of us as active Rotarians will play key roles in making this a Rotary year of special value to our community and Jo Daviess County.

*by Romer Wilsek
president*



Attendance counts! Are you getting proper credit?

Are you getting credit for the meetings you attend - or, for committee or other work you do that could count as "makeup" time for meetings missed?

More than a few Rotary members forget to initial the sign-in sheet at regular meetings, and others aren't reporting - in timely fashion - their extra time put in on Rotary business.

To receive full credit for your service to Rotary, make it point to "Sign In, Please" at our Friday luncheons, and let the Attendance Chairperson Mary Kelly know about meetings you attend in other locations. Also, two weeks before or two weeks after the fact, you can get credit for any 45-minute (or more) activity you undertake that directly concerns Rotary Club business. Again, report it to Mary.

"Our monthly attendance and makeup statistics are no doubt better than they appear on paper," says Mary.

FYI

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

2001-2002 Officers

President - Romer Wilsek

President Elect - P. Carter Newton

Past President - Dwight Bischel

Treasurer - Vicky Vondran

Secretary - B'Ann Dittmar



Programs on tap

The following programs are scheduled for the month of August (subject to change):

On Aug. 8—Club members John Cooke, Don Gereau, Duane Grenier and Jack Morehead provide an update on “Grand Excursion 2004” and our club’s planned participation in the project. Be sure to get the lowdown on this important fall project.

On Aug. 15—Jean Scallon, Director of the Southwest Health Clinic, Cuba City, will describe some of the problems of aging in a talk cleverly entitled: “Am I Losing My Mind - or Just Misplaced My Keys?”

On Aug. 22—Jim Miller, Chief Pharmacist, Mercy Hospital, Dubuque, will tell us about “New Pharmacy Services” that will improve filling of prescriptions.

On Aug. 29—Jane McCall, Executive Director of the Dubuque Humane Society, will provide a rundown of that organization’s funding, some of its programs and how strays and other incoming animals are tested for “adoptability.”



Getting kids tuned into the world

Are Galena and other Jo Daviess County youths up to speed on what’s going on in the world?

The Dubuque-based Committee on Foreign Relations is asking for help in interesting area high schools - including Galena and East Dubuque - to each select a student to attend the committee’s monthly meetings, September through May. The cost for sponsoring a Galena High student

would be \$200 for the year. Member comments on the project at the August 1 Board meeting were generally favorable, but some suggested that other Jo Daviess County high schools - such as Warren and Stockton - might be included. The idea will be discussed with the Committee on Foreign Relations.

More than 60 tickets for the Rotary
GALENA CELEBRATES



GRAND EXCURSION 2004™ Galena Rotary begins fund raising for its centennial project

Club’s Oct. 31 raffle - in support of the Galena Grand Excursion 2004 celebration - are already spoken for, and they’ll probably go “like hot cakes” once they go on sale to the general public. For a \$100 “investment,” you could pick up a cool \$10,000, \$3000 or \$2000!

The supply is limited - only 300 will be made available. Of the \$30,000 collected, \$14,000 has been approved for providing interpretive signage, benches and waste receptacles for the Grand Excursion’s “Pathway on the Levee” project. After the prize money is paid, there’ll be \$1,000 left for our club’s treasurer. Contact Duane Gereau, Dorte Breckenridge or Curt Beatty now to reserve your tickets!

What are your thoughts about changing our club’s name, to the Rotary Club of Jo Daviess County? The subject came up again at the August 1 Board meeting, and discussion was lively. One comment from the floor: “When you try to sell tickets to our annual auction in Stockton, ‘Galena’ is a turn-off.”

Actually, our club is deeply involved in the entire county, especially in com-

munity schools. But, there are those who’d like to start a new Rotary Club in Stockton. What might be best - two clubs, or one county-wide club? What do you think? A member vote might be in the offing.

Know your editor...

I appreciate the club’s invitation to become editor of our newsletter for the coming year. I’ll try my best to live up to the high standards set by former editors.

If you missed my recent “classification” talk - I’ve always been a writer, and always will be. Like most writers, I get a big kick out of seeing my words on the printed page, and hopefully getting positive feedback. But if it’s negative, I’m always open to suggestions.

I’ve handled a number of newsletters during my 50-year (so far) career in journalism, and from years of experience I know I’ll never get many tips “over the transom.” Still, I encourage any Galena Rotary Club members to contact me in case they think they have something of interest that might make a good “item.” The number: 777-1165, Fax 776-0167 or, lizndick@galenalink.com.

Miscellany:

We recently accepted the resignations of two stalwart Galena Rotary Club members: Thom Brown is moving to Florida, where he’ll be joining the Sun City Center Rotary Club; and, long-time member Gene Bell also has left the club. Both Thom and Gene will be missed, and we trust we’ll see them as guests from time to time.

Your editor understands that Gordie Kilgore recently was chided for telling a “Lutheran” joke. I can’t help wondering where he got the joke. The pages of the Official Lutheran Joke Book are all blank!

