

Galena ROTARY NEWS

Serving Jo Daviess County Dick Laubhan, Editor August 2004

President's column:

We're Off and Running...with Passion!

Already, in the first quarter of our new "work year," the Rotary Club of Galena is moving forward on a number of important community projects, with a good number of club members involved. For example:

Larry Blankenbaker is chairing a new committee charged to honor a non-Rotarian – quarterly – who has made a positive contribution to the residents of Jo Daviess county. The committee will be looking for recommendations from Rotary members, churches and county Chambers of Commerce for the new Galena Rotary "Service Above Self Award." The recipient will be recognized at a Rotary meeting, and will receive a plaque, dinner for two at Benjamin's and a bottle of Galena Cellars wine with commemorative label.

Thank you to committee members Roy Clingman, Gordie Kilgore, Ed Schmit, Vince Toeper and Julie Bruser for taking on this great project. And thanks, also to Benjamin's and Galena Cellars for their contributions.

This new project, budgeted at \$300 for the year, allows us to recognize people whose accomplishments are beneficial to their communities or the county at large; it gives Galena Rotary a higher profile in area communities; and, it may well become an important member-recruiting tool.

Centennial Plans Jell

Meanwhile, various committee projects are taking shape in support and recognition of Rotary International's centennial year:

Bob Wehrle's Twin Club project is picking up speed (see "This & That" items).

Duane Grenier, Centennial Committee chair, is putting together a committee charged with selecting a community-based project for which we can provide a number of volunteers. Many of our projects require fundraising, so we feel it will be interesting to explore the power of Rotary volunteers in the community.

Don Gereau will help us plan a special Rotary event on Feb. 23, commemorating Rotary's 100th anniversary. We are also interested in finding an activity in which Rotary clubs in our area – Freeport (2), Savanna and Mt. Carroll – can participate together.

The Membership Committee is working on a "Bring A Friend to Rotary" event for a February meeting. We could really "pack the house" if all members would participate *with passion!*

Tom Morris, our venerable Programs chair, is also looking for Rotary centennial-related programs for February.

More Good News

Isn't it great? Since July 1, we've inducted two new members – Ron Cadrette, Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa general manager, and Paul Flynn, owner/vice president of Flynn Ready-Mix Concrete Co., Inc. And last week we announced that Barbara Sloan, the new Scales Mound superintendent of schools has applied for membership. She's a former member of the Libertyville Noon Rotary Club. Active, involved membership is the key to our club's success. Please keep your eyes open for potential members who can help keep our club active, alive and fun.

Bob Newlon, our new district governor, will be with us for our Sept. 3 meeting. As noted at our Aug. 6 luncheon,

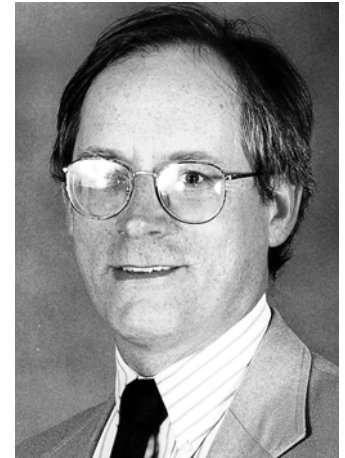
Bob's "pet project" is helping the Mt. Morris elementary school (K through 8) purchase

books for its library, which burned last year. Your board of directors has agreed to contribute \$200 to assist in this endeavor, and we'll also pass the hat at our Aug. 27 meeting. If you have any books to contribute, please bring them to the Sept. 3 meeting.

As of this writing, I'm planning to pick up new Finnish exchange student Petra Linden at O'Hare International Airport on Wednesday, Aug. 11. Then, I'm off to Michigan to see my dear, sweet mother and my stepfather, just home after spending a month in the hospital. On the Michigan jaunt, I'll be "making up" at the Muskegon, MI Rotary Club. A good family friend and golfing buddy is president, and I'm looking forward to seeing him in action.

We're excited to be hosting Petra, our third Rotary exchange student. We've also hosted three AFS exchange students over the years. Petra will be at our Aug. 20 meeting, and I hope you'll be there and take the opportunity to meet her and invite her to take part in some activity with you and your family.

In closing, thanks to all of you who have attended committee meetings or volunteered to help the Rotary cause over the past month. Your efforts are appreciated.



P. Carter Newton, President

Ron Cadrette and Paul Flynn Are New Rotarians

Ron Cadrette and Paul Flynn are the newest members of our growing club. Ron, who was sponsored by Dan Ripley, is the new general manager of United Golf's Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa. Paul, sponsored by Jack Morehead, is an owner and vice president of Flynn Ready-Mix Concrete Co., Inc.

A 20-year veteran of the hotel/resort business, Ron was most recently general manager of Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort & Spa, Farmington, PA. Before that he held management positions at the Grand Teton Lodge, Moran, WY; Sugarbush Ski Resort, Warren, VT and Amelia Island Plantation, Amelia Island, FL. He has also served as president of two hotel associations, was chairman of the Jackson Hole Hotel Association and has been a member of the board of director for a visitors and convention bureau, a development group and a lodging association.

Ron received a bachelor's degree in economics from Johnson State College, Johnson, VT, and a master's in business administration from the University of South Florida, Tampa. He and wife Ellen have purchased a home on Bluff Trail in the Territory. They have two children, Ryan, 17, who will enter Vassar College this fall,



Ron Cadrette



Paul Flynn

and Alicia, 9, who'll be attending River Ridge Elementary School.

Flynn and Kin

Paul Flynn and his three brothers, Thomas, Steve and Dave are the current owners of the company that their grandfather, Thomas founded in 1947. Paul's father, also "Thomas," is retired.

Besides its main offices in Galena and Dubuque, Flynn Ready-Mix has facilities in Elizabeth, Stockton and Warren (IL); Maquoketa, Epworth and Bernard (IA) and Monroe, WI. The Flynns also own and operate Aggregate Materials, Inc., a firm which dredges gravel from the Mississippi

River, for use in Ready-Mix products and for sale to other customers.

Paul received a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from the University of Iowa, Iowa City. He is a past-president of the Illinois Ready-Mix Concrete Association, and also served on that organization's board of directors. He is currently on the board of the Jo Daviess County Workshop.

Paul and his wife, Angela, are the parents of two pairs of twins, Maxwell and Chandler, 11, and Mason and Charlotte, 7. How about that! The couple lives on Golfview Drive, a skip and a jump from the Galena Golf Club.

Welcome aboard, Ron and Paul!

UIC Scholarship Will Honor Former Galena Rotarian

Remember Dr. Viron Diefenbach, who was a member of our club in the 90s, and – among other things – played piano and organ at our annual Seniors Day in the Country? Prior to his retirement in Galena, Dr. Diefenbach performed pioneering research that helped lead to the fluoridation of the nation's water supply. He also rose to the position of Assistant Surgeon General of the United States, and became the second dean of the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health.

To honor the legacy of Dr. Diefenbach, who died last year at the age of

81, a scholarship in his name has been endowed with a \$25,000 gift from his family, combined with contributions from more than 60 friends and colleagues. The endowed fund continues to welcome additional contributions.

An undergraduate music major who in retirement worked as a church organist, Dr. Diefenbach trained as a dentist before deciding to pursue a career in public health. His stepson, Dr. William Henderson, a professor of public health at the University of Colorado, states: "He was a very ethical person and wanted to serve mankind. Instead of practicing dentistry, he

chose the challenges of going into public health, where he could have a larger impact on people's dental health overall."

After leaving the Public Health Service, Dr. Diefenbach served as assistant executive director of the American Dental Association for three years. He then became one of the founding faculty members of the UIC School of Public Health when it was established in the early 1970s. He received a number of prestigious awards for his distinguished service in dental public health.

This & That

Bob Wehrle's hard work on setting up a Twin Club association in a foreign land is bearing fruit! At the Aug. 6 board meeting Bob reported that he'd received a positive response from the Rotary Club of Combarbala, Chile, which is located about 120 miles north of Santiago in the foothills of the Andes Mountains. The economy of the town, population about 5,000, is agri-based, but it's also "touristy" and famous for a semi-precious, multi-colored soapstone – Combarbalite -- which artisans fashion into products like eggs, chess pieces, boxes, glasses and such. The Combarbala club is sending Bob a CD depicting a large variety of such products.

In its e-mail to Bob the Chilean club mentioned -- just in passing -- that it is raising money for much-needed public restrooms in Combarbala. Bob contacted former Rotarian and architect Jim Baranski, who donated blueprints for Galena's Wienen Park restrooms. Bob also suggested that the board approve \$500 in seed money to purchase Combarbalite soapstone products, which we could then re-sell here via local art groups. Bob suggested that we could set up a program to "import" and sell more products, using profits to recover our seed money and to contribute further to the Chilean club's restroom project. Bob's motion passed.

Rotary President Carter Newton was scheduled to pick up our new foreign exchange student, Petra Linden, on Wednesday, Aug. 11 at O'Hare International Airport. Carter reported that in recent correspondence Petra said she'd be recognizable by her "worn blue [Rotary] jacket."

Our board of directors at its Aug. 6 meeting approved plans developed by the club's new Citizen Recognition Committee for a "Service Above

Self Award" to be presented quarterly to a non-Rotarian who has "demonstrated through action and deeds the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" and Rotary's Four-Way Test.

The award recipient need not reside in Jo Daviess County, but must have impacted its residents positively with his/her efforts. Candidates will be chosen primarily -- but not exclusively -- from Rotary member recommendations, and recommendations from county churches and Chambers of Commerce. For solicitation purposes a suggested letter and recommendation form will be made available to Rotary members, churches and chambers.

The quarterly winner will receive a handsome plaque; lunch for himself and guest at the Rotary presentation meeting; dinner for two at Benjamin's Ltd., Galena and a commemorative bottle of Galena Cellars wine.

Thirteen intrepid Galena Rotary linksters took part in the club's Annual(?) Golf Outing, held Friday, Aug. 6 at the Galena Golf Club. Rotarian Jim Darling was in charge.

Participants agreed that the outing was a real hoot, and all players encourage more Rotarians -- talent doesn't really matter -- to sign up for a similar event Friday afternoon, Sept. 10 on an Eagle Ridge course to be announced.

The August outing consisted of a best-shot team "scramble," with the modest entry fee covering greens fee, golf car and a delicious steak dinner. Two teams tied for first place, eight under par for the 18-hole contest.

After much discussion and gnashing of teeth, a complicated tie-breaking procedure was devised, and "The A Team," consisting of Dan Ripley, Dick Harmet, Dick Laubhan and Ron Cadrette prevailed. Second place went to Jim Darling, Carter Newton and Pat McCarthy, who complained bitterly about having only three players. Third, at seven under par, was a team

made up of Don Gereau and John Osmanski, who complained even more bitterly about having only two players! Next was a jolly foursome composed of Phil and Terri Jackman, Lois Wienen-Knautz and Dorte Breckinridge, who won a special award for cacophonous cackling.

We hope we'll be seeing you Sept. 10 at Eagle Ridge following our weekly luncheon meeting. Fore!

We have two "pass-the-hat" donations coming up: Aug. 13, for replacing the Mt. Morris, IL elementary school library, destroyed by fire; and, Aug. 27, to help provide car seats for Joe Terry's assistance in the state's Women with Infant Children (WIC) program. Joe assists Spanish-speaking mothers in getting proper health care for their infants, by "ferrying" babies to Dubuque medical facilities. New rules provide that the infants must be carried in state-inspected car seats. Joe expects about 80 new infants this coming year, so be generous. Car seats run about \$50.

Following a past-presidents' committee recommendation, the board of directors will prioritize fund requests from community groups according to their connection with county youth and education. Other requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Treasurer Vicky Vondran reminds that first quarter dues--July, August, September--should be paid by now. Remember, quarterly dues this year, and through 2008, will be \$135, due to a \$1 per quarter increase levied by Rotary International to help defray costs for 100th anniversary projects. Call Vicky (777-1800, Ext. 2727) if you'd like to have your dues taken from your checking account automatically--also Rotary International Foundation donations.



Katie Cain of East Dubuque High School

Galena Rotary Helps Area Teen To “Life-Changing Experience”

This summer our club sponsored East Dubuque teenager Katie Cain’s attendance at a University of

Wisconsin-Whitewater World Affairs

Seminar. Katie, who’ll be a junior this year at East Dubuque High, was nominated by her school counselor. The theme of the seminar was “Creating Peace by Understanding Conflict.”

Katie has written a column de-

scribing her experience, and it will appear shortly in the *Galena Gazette*. But we thought readers would be interested in some of her thoughts. Katie wrote:

“I have to admit I was scared before going, and had second thoughts on how interested I would be in world affairs. I had no idea what was going in the real world; it seemed [to me] that I lived in a ‘picture-perfect’ world where everything is great.

“My eyes were really opened after hearing stories from people living in fear and war every day. I never knew that there were so many prob-

lems that everyone seems to overlook.”

Katie provides a number of examples, then goes on to say: “I [also] got my taste of other cultures – there were about 900 teenagers from 66 different countries at the seminar. I couldn’t believe how many kids there are who actually care about creating peace.

“I am very grateful to the Galena Rotary Club for sending me on such a great adventure. I want to somehow make a difference and do something with my life. In the words of Mahatma Gandhi: ‘Be the change you wish to see in the world.’”

Upcoming Programs

Aug. 13

New SEC Auditing Rules
Pat McCarthy

Aug. 20

“RX: Service,” Matt Taylor

Aug. 27

Group Study Exchange-
Argentina
Lindsay Whale, Rockford

Sept. 3

6420 Dist. Gov. Bob Newlon

Sept. 10 - Open

Trivia

Aug. 13: Joel Holland
Aug. 20: Gordie Kilgore
Aug. 27: Romer Wilsek
Sept. 3: Member needed!
Sept. 10: Syd Sincock
Sept. 17: Duane Grenier
Sept. 24: Jim Darling
Oct. 1: Stuart Ure
Oct. 8: Bob Wehrle
Oct. 15: Julie Bruser

Oct. 22: Phil Jackman

Oct. 29: Dwight Bischel

Finemaster

Aug. 13: Bob Wehrle
Aug. 20: Dan Ripley
Aug. 27: Ed Schmit
Sept. 3: Gordie Kilgore
Sept. 10: Sean Loberg
Sept. 17: Syd Sincock
Sept. 24: Vince Toepfer



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