

# Galena ROTARY NEWS

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## President's Message:

### It's Always a Good Time To Seek New Members

#### **Guess what?**

According to Rotary International, August is officially "Membership Month."

My advice, though, is as follows: as a concerned, active Galena Rotary Club member, make *every month* Membership month! Always remember the importance of looking for good new members; it should be a vital full-time quest, if only to keep up with the inevitable attrition within our ranks.

With that in mind, please consider bringing a guest to one of our luncheon meetings in the next few weeks. And be sure to read this month's article by Membership Chair Marc McCoy, providing tips on how to proceed in introducing possible new members to the club.

On another important note, August also marks the beginning of school and the high school football season. Will Galena have another powerhouse and state championship!? As club members we'll have the "inside track" on our town's gridiron fortunes, thanks to Assistant Football Coach Dave Eaton. As a special feature of our meetings this fall, Dave is going to give a weekly update on the Pirate's pro-

gress and fortunes on the field. Thanks for the valuable service, Dave!

In other news, I'm pleased to report that your board of directors has done an excellent job of assigning members – new and old -- to various committees. A big "thank you" is in order to those members who have volunteered for committee assignments. We appreciate your enthusiastic participation. If for some reason you'd like to join a committee other than the one to which you've been assigned by the board, please contact the director in charge of that committee and we're sure we'll be able to accommodate you.

At last Friday's board meeting we had a lengthy discussion about club dues. As of this writing, Treasurer Jim Kellar lists 21 members who are delinquent, and the club has more than \$6,000.00 in dues outstanding. This is a sizeable amount that can impact our many programs, so please remit the amount you owe as soon as possible – that's ASAP! We are working on several ideas to streamline the dues-paying process. Meanwhile, we appreciate your understanding about the problem. By

the way, my thanks to President-Elect Barb Sloan for filling in for me at the board meeting.

Speaking of "delinquency," there's another one that we'd like your help in resolving – it's members' regular attendance at our weekly meetings. Some members – actually too many – are becoming just a bit wayward in their attendance. Your board and the Membership Committee are working diligently to turn this situation around, but you can help. If you are aware of a member whose attendance has been "slipping," speak to him or her and encourage their active participation. Remember, 60 percent attendance or you are "on the cusp" of leaving the club – not of your own free will!

Lastly, District 6420 will be holding a special Rotary Club Committee Chair Training Session on Thursday, Oct 21 in Deer Valley. If interested in attending, please contact me for details.

Have a very good rest of the summer!

Best Regards,

*Joel*

Joel Holland, President

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# A Constant Search For New Members Is Everybody's Job!

By Marc McCoy

As concerned, active members of The Rotary Club of Galena, we all are actually "ex officio" members of the Membership Committee, and have a responsibility to seek out possible new members from Galena's and our nearby communities' professional and managerial ranks.

Our membership is in the healthy mid-80s now, but without a fairly steady flow of "new blood" you'd be surprised how quickly our rolls might nosedive, leaving "out there" many potential good new members who simply weren't asked if they'd be interested.

Keep your eyes and ears open, check the newspapers for new arrivals and promotions in the professional/managerial arena, and speak up about Rotary! As a review, here's what you do next:

Bring a guest /prospective member to three meetings before discussing possible membership. We encourage you to pay the guest's \$10 meal fee when registering. Prior to "guesting" the prospect, be sure to discuss –

- The International scope of Rotary's Service and Fellowship;
- Rotary's 4-Way Test – High Standards of Character & Integrity;
- Attendance and Financial Requirements.

Application forms are available at the Greeter Table; from our Galena Rotary Web site, or by calling Dan Ripley (777-9546) or Marc McCoy (777-1302).

## If He/She 'Bites'

After the prospect has attended three club meetings within six-weeks, help him or her complete the application form and volunteer to be his/her sponsor. But always remember – our club is only as strong as it's weakest link, so be sure to propose only strong links! Forward the application form to the Membership Committee (Marc McCoy or Dan Ripley).

A member of the committee will schedule a

meeting with you and the prospective member to discuss our club and Rotary International, with emphasis on participation, attendance and financial requirements. The application will be forwarded to the board for reading at the next regular club luncheon, thus initiating a 10-day member discussion period. The sponsor should continue to invite the prospect to regular meetings as their guest.

If approved by the membership, at the second Friday meeting following application presentation to the club, the new member will be formally introduced by the president, Membership Committee chair and sponsor. The new member should be prepared to say a few words about him or herself.

## That's Not All!

As a sponsor or club member, beware of "dropping the ball" at this particular point! Besides providing a warm welcome, there's considerable follow-up in order to assure the success of the new member within our club. It's called, "**mentoring.**"

Explain to the neophyte the tasks of our club's committees, and suggest a committee assignment that's compatible with the new member's skills. From time to time, monitor the new member's "comfort level" with our club's and Rotary International's goals. Monitor the new member's attendance, reminding about the 60 percent requirement.

And – *very important* – encourage the new member to take an active part in our many programs and projects. If the opportunity arises, accompany him or her to our Rotary Roars for Youth Auction; Rotary Roundtable; Annual Meeting/President's Dinner; our February special event, and a board meeting.

All of the above is a "big order," but following the tips will assure that, as a club we'll be every bit as successful in accomplishing our local goals as Rotary International has been over the years in its worldwide pursuits.

# ~ This & That ~

**O**ur three outgoing exchange students, along with their parents, recently joined other outgoing students from Illinois and other north central states, along with 2007-08 exchange students and those just returning from abroad for a conference at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI.

At the confab, from Jo Daviess County, were Brian McAuliff, Galena; Josh Erb, Lena and Anna McNally, East Dubuque, with their folks.

Phil Jackman, who accompanied the students, reports that the conference went off "without a hitch; everyone had a great time a learned a lot. They all came home exhausted!" Phil stated.

**I**n a recent report Bob North stated that there'd been little or no news about either public bathrooms use or our club's looking into the possibility of a used tractor for the Combarbala, Chile High School's ag program. In case our Combarbala relationship goes "by the

boards," Bob stated that we are looking into a possible connection with a Rotary Club in northern Mexico. Stay tuned for developments.

Bob also said that the International Services Committee has decided that club funds destined for international youth education efforts will be better spent in promoting the Rotary Youth Education Awards program (RYLA) than funding the usual week-long Foreign Affairs Seminar usually held each year in June – but which was not held this past year. Bob explained: "With the RYLA weekend conference in May, more kids can attend because it does not conflict with summer jobs."

## Exchange Student Jozef Laurincik Arrives in Galena

Jozef Laurincik, our 2008-09 exchange student from Nitra, Slovakia arrived in Galena on Wednesday, Aug. 20 -- just in time for the opening day of high school. Jozef, who goes by "Joe," will

initially be staying with the Steve McAuliff's, whose son, Brian is heading off this month to Thailand for his own foreign exchange experience

Joe Laurincik is a multi-talented young man who speaks not only Slovak, but fluent English and German. In his home town of Nitra, Slovakia's fourth largest city, he sings and plays guitar in a dance band.

Joe has visited the United States before, accompanying his father, a professor of bio-technology at Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra -- which boasts two other universities. At the time Joe's dad was in the U.S. on a speaking tour of a number of colleges and universities, and to attend Joe's sister's graduation from the University of Pennsylvania. Joe's mother is a deputy headmaster at Constantine the Philosopher.

Let's all give Joe an enthusiastic "welcome aboard!" when he attends his first Galena Rotary Club luncheon.



## Upcoming Programs

Aug. 15 – Chief Deputy Sheriff  
Colin Fulrath  
Aug. 22 – "Rehab," Physical  
Therapist Matt Taylor  
Aug. 29 – Pending  
Sept. 5 -- Open

## Greeters

Aug. 22 – Dick Harmet/Roger  
Higgs  
Aug. 29 – Phil Jackman/ Jeff Hill  
Sept. 5 – Josh Jasper/Jim Kellar  
Sept. 12 – Mary Kelly-Train/  
Howard Kerr  
Sept. 19 – Helen Kilgore/Steve  
Kreiser  
Sept. 26 – Chris Larson/Karen  
Kumbera

## Trivia

Aug. 22 – Dottie Morizzo  
Aug. 29 – Don Porter  
Sept. 5 – John Cooke  
Sept. 12 – Rich Mattas  
Sept. 19 – Dwight Bischel  
Sept. 26 – Julie Bruser

## Finemasters

Aug. 22 – Karen Kumbera  
Aug. 29 – Ken Parrott  
Sept. 5 – Joe Terry  
Sept. 12 – Phil Jackman  
Sept. 19 – Rich Mattas  
Sept. 26 – Howard Kerr  
Oct. 3 – John Cooke  
Oct. 10 – Dave Mikelson  
Oct. 17 – Roger Eichmeier  
Oct. 24 – Helen Kilgore

## FYI

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