

Galena ROTARY NEWS

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Duane Grenier Takes The Helm At Galena Rotary Annual Dinner

Calling on Bob Hope's old theme song, "Thanks for the Memories," new Galena Rotary Club President Duane Grenier thanked outgoing President Ed Schmit "for his outstanding leadership and vision for the future during his term as president over the past year." The scene was the De Soto House Hotel, where approximately 100 Rotarians, spouses and guests gathered on June 30 to install new officers and board members for the 2006-07 fiscal year.

Duane presented Ed Schmit with a handsome Past-President's Gavel Plaque and a Past-President's lapel pin with .10 carat diamond. Ed followed with the presentation of Duane's President's lapel pin, a President-Elect lapel pin for Bob Wehrle, miniature lapel pins for 2005-06 officers and directors, and gold-framed "Four-Way Tests" for all directors. Ed also announced that our club had been awarded the Rotary International Presidential Citation for its 2005-06 community service activities. "It's a 'first' for our club, and well-deserved," Ed stated.

The coveted Rotarian of the Year Award went to Andy Willis, whose Web site was judged best in District 6420 for the second year in a row, and whose expertise in computers has been invaluable to our club and its members.

There were "fun and games," too, thanks to Rotarian Master of Ceremonies Shirley Leliosh's efforts and the cooperation of The Spice Shop, located in the hotel. The Spice Shop provided spice and herb centerpiece baskets for each banquet table, and free tickets to Galena's Garlic Festival. Attendees luckily seated in specially marked chairs were the big winners of baskets and tickets.

Continuing with his remarks, Duane

Grenier also thanked past Rotary presidents and board members for providing the club with such a rich tradition and heritage, as well as the Rotary rank and file for their work in promoting "Service Above Self."

"As you know, the theme for Rotary International this year is 'Lead the Way,'" Duane added. "But I suggest a slight variation, making our own theme, 'Continue the Way.'

"Let us continue the tradition of moving our club *ahead*."

"Let us continue to maintain our role as the county's *premier community service organization*."

"Let us continue our strong commitment to *education services* and students."

"Let us continue the *tradition of supporting RI, International Service, Paul Harris and the Rotary Foundation*."

"Let us continue to provide and develop *leadership* for community and club projects."

"Let us continue as a club to provide *interesting and informative meetings* that stimulate and challenge us to stay connected and become involved."

"Let us continue the ever-present atmosphere of Rotary *fun and fellowship*."

"Here are the hallmarks of Rotary," Duane concluded: "Service, Commitment, Tradition, Challenge, Leadership and Fellowship."

As a club, let's think not only *what* we have done, but what we *can do!* The past has been remarkable, and the future has no boundaries.

"Lead the Way" and "Continue the Way" are not solely for your president – not just for your board. They are themes for each and every one of us. We can each make a difference, and the best is yet to come. Let's Lead the Way and Continue the Way ... together!"



New Galena Rotary Club President Duane Grenier, left, thanked outgoing President Ed Schmit for his "outstanding leadership and vision" during his 2005-06 term.



MC Shirley Leliosh presented President Duane Grenier, and Past-Presidents Ed Schmit and Carter Newton with bottles of wine, courtesy of Galena Cellars Winery, for their years of service as officers and members of the board. Ed and Duane also received gift certificates for dinner for two at The De Soto House.



Shirley Leliosh "kept the wine flowing" as she presented tokens of the Galena Rotary Club's esteem to Dorte Breckenridge, for her stellar work with our annual Senior's Day in the Country; and, Pat McCarthy for spearheading our very successful Rotary Auction college scholarships fundraiser for many successive years.



Past-President Ed Schmit presents Rotarian of the Year plaque to computer whiz Andy Willis, who put our Galena club "on the map" with his artfully designed Web site, named "Best in District" two years running at the district annual convention.

SHORT TAKES



Assistant District Governor Mark Boyd, right, was on hand at our Friday, July 14 luncheon meeting, and presented Rotary President Duane Grenier with a miniature "Lead the Way" banner in recognition of Rotary International's new theme for 2006-2007.



Last month Dan Ripley became our club's 65th Paul Harris Fellow. Here, club President Ed Schmit, right, recognizes Dan for his contribution, and presents him with his brass nameplate for the Paul Harris Fellow banner in the background. Dan's wife, Joanna, participated in the ceremony at our July 7 luncheon meeting at The De Soto House Hotel.

Deborah Bertucci "Comes Aboard"

Deborah (Deb) Bertucci, Sales/Marketing Manager for the De Soto House Hotel for the past four-and-one-half years, joined our club in May as its 84th member. She and her husband, Robert (Bobby) -- now retired -- live in the Galena Green condo development. The couple has two sons, Trevor, 22, a computer guy who works for Anne Holmes & Associates, Galena, and Tim, 16, attending The Tri-State Christian School.

Before coming to Galena in 2002, Deb and Bobby lived in Holcomb, IL, where Deb was a personal banker associated with the Holcomb State Bank. She is originally from Chicago, where she lived in Bridgeport "close to then-Mayor Richard J. Daley." She also lived for a time in Riverside, a southwest Chicago suburb. Deb has a degree in business from DePaul University, Chicago.

Welcome aboard, Deb! We'll look forward to working with you in whatever areas you select for our club's county-wide community service work.



Deborah (Deb) Bertucci became an official member of the Galena Rotary Club on May 26, 2006. Her sponsor is Rich Austin, at left. Deb is Sales/Marketing Manager for The De Soto House Hotel.

India Polio Plus Progress Noted

A bulletin sent to U.S. Rotary Clubs from District 3110, Uttar Pradesh, India, notes that the Indian Finance Minister has announced a "massive immunization programme" in an effort to make the entire country polio free by the end of 2007. It stated:

"The Polio Plus program in India has seen some major successes, with 33 of the 35 states being polio endemic. The dream seems closer to being realized now, and efforts are being stepped up at various levels to wipe the slate clean.

"Foreign Rotarians from across the world are constantly visiting India and volunteering their time, money and efforts for the polio eradication program. With their presence in the field, enthusiasm amongst Rotarians and government officials always

Upcoming Programs

July 21 -- "Blessings to Share," Main Street Players
 July 28 -- "Earthquake," Author David Burkhart
 Aug. 4 -- "Brazil," Exchange Student Elizabeth Erb
 Aug. 11 -- Rotary District Governor Pat Burch
 Aug. 18 -- "Crime Scene Investigation," Tony Heindall, IL State Police
 Aug. 25 -- "Police Brutality," Jim March
 Sept. 1 -- "Galena Passenger Rail Service," Janet Fischer
 Sept. 8 -- "Garters & Grit," Author Becky Sisco
 Sept. 15 -- "Victim Impact Program," States Atty. Terry Kurt
 Sept. 22 -- Open
 Sept. 29 -- Open
 Oct. 6 -- Open
 Oct. 13 -- Marsha Burke, Director, Friends of Jamaica
 Oct. 20 -- Student of the Quarter, Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa
 Oct. 27 -- Open

Greeters

July 21 -- Gordy Kilgore/Kren Kumbara
 July 28 -- Dick Laubhan/Scott Lawlor
 Aug. 4 -- Shirley Leliosh/Sean Loberg
 Aug. 11 -- Rich Mattas/Pat McCarthy

Aug. 18 -- Marc McCoy/"Santy" Mendez
 Aug. 25 -- Dan Mennenoh/Dan Mitchell
 Sept. 1 -- Carter Newton/Fr. Bob North
 Sept. 8 -- Bill Norton/Bill Orton
 Sept. 28 -- John Osanski/Ken Parrott
 Sept. 22 -- Rudy Pascoe/Don Porter
 Sept. 29 -- Bob Price/Dan Ripley

Fines

July 21 -- Andy Willis
 July 28 -- John Cooke
 Aug. 4 -- Marc McCoy
 Aug. 11 -- Don Gereau
 Aug. 28 -- Rich Austin
 Aug. 25 -- Bob Wehrle
 Sept. 1 -- Carter Newton
 Sept. 8 -- Dan Ripley
 Sept. 15 -- Dave Mikelson
 Sept. 22 -- Josh Jasper
 Sept. 29 -- Chuck Henle

Trivia

July 21 -- Brian Schoenrock
 July 28 -- Dr. Jim Darling
 Aug. 4 -- Rev. "Dottie" Marizzo
 Aug. 11 -- Carter Newton
 Aug. 18 -- Dorte Breckenridge
 Aug. 25 -- Howard Kerr
 Sept. 1 -- Ralph Winkelhake
 Sept. 8 -- John Cooke
 Sept. 15 -- Duane Grenier

To Make Up Missed Rotary Meetings:

Attend a Rotary meeting
in a different city.

Attend our board meetings,
second Friday of each month.

Do an hour's worth of
committee work.

Tell Rich Austin about
any of the above.

FYI

Galena Rotary Club, P.O. Box 52,
Galena, IL 61036. Meets every Friday at
11:45 a.m. - DeSoto House Hotel

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