

Galena ROTARY NEWS

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New President Ed Schmit Sets Club's 2005-06 Goals



Ed Schmit

At our Friday, July 8 luncheon meeting new President Ed Schmit outlined what he termed to be top Galena Rotary Club goals for 2005-06, reminding Rotarians in attendance of the overriding service goals of Rotary International:

1. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
2. Fostering high ethical standards in business and professions; recognizing the worthiness, dignity and usefulness of all Rotarians' occupations as avenues to community service.
3. Making the ideal of service a part of every Rotarian's personal, business and community life.
4. Advancing international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

"The year ahead is going to be a challenging one," Ed stated, as he presented his ideas on what our club should accomplish during the next 12 months.

"First of all," Ed reminded, "we have two very important open positions to fill as quickly as possible – our Rotary International Foundation chair, replacing Jack Morehead; and , the open Community Services position on the board of directors, with Mary Kelly-

Train stepping down."

Ed then went on to offer a virtual "laundry list" of worthwhile objectives and tasks for our attention the remainder of this year and first half of 2006, including:

- Increasing member participation in the Rotary International Foundation "Every Rotarian Every Year" program;
- Increasing member participation in local Rotary events, such as the Annual Auction, Roundtable, Variety Show or substitute project, the Christmas Party, Presidential Dinner. Also, building attendance at our public events like the auction, Roundtable and Day in the Country;
- Getting every club member to serve on at least one of our 41 committees;
- Increasing club membership by a net of one person by the end of the fiscal year;
- Including at our regular meetings:
 1. At least two "club forums" during the year;
 2. Having two guest speakers address Rotary International projects;
 3. Having each director discuss the work of his/her committees.
- Establishing a Presidential Citation chair;
- Creating a Past-President's flag, similar to the Paul Harris flag;

- Participating in two community projects – possibly the Julia Dent Grant statue being contemplated for Grant Park; and, signage for the new Galena River bike path;
 - Creating a new "designated fund" (possibly a foundation) to provide a source for charitable giving, to be supported by new fundraisers;
 - Reviewing our scholarship program, with a joint meeting of the Auction, Charitable Foundation and Scholarship committees;
 - Working with the Charitable Foundation for participating in an annual audit fee;
 - Realigning our committees as needed, continuing appropriate existing committees;
 - Encouraging all club members to visit one other club during the year.
- Ed concluded: "In all we do this coming year, we should all put added emphasis on the Rotary Four-Way Test:

- Is it the TRUTH?
- Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Wry Humor, British Visitors

Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa hosted an evening of fun and fellowship on Friday evening, June 24 as Rotary Club of Galena members and guests enjoyed the club's annual Presidential Dinner, toasting outgoing President P. Carter Newton and welcomed incoming President Ed Schmit.

In his farewell remarks, Carter reviewed the club's past year's goals and accomplishments, centered on: Celebration of Rotary International's Centennial; increased giving to the Rotary International Foundation; establishing a defined role for every Galena Rotarian; continuing to move the club forward, adhering to Rotary's founding principles; appreciating the work and dedication of our members, and HAVING FUN in the process!

"On a personal note," Carter said, "I want to thank all of you for the things you have done this year. What's it like to be president of this Rotary Club? It's a wonderful experience, because when members say they'll do something, they do it!"

Carter ticked off an impressive list of 24 club accomplishments for 2004-05, then presented bottles of wine – thanks to Scott Lawlor and the Galena Cellars Winery – to 40 Rotarians who were instrumental in the completion of the many programs and projects undertaken during the year.

Wehrle Named Rotarian of the Year

Special recognition as Galena Rotarian of the Year went to Robert (Bob)

Wehrle, who spearheaded our Rotary Centennial Twin Club relationship with the Rotary Club of Combarbala, Chile.

Carter noted: "Bob stepped up to the plate to initiate our club's involve-

ment in the Twin Club project, working hours and hours to help the Chilean club raise \$11,000 for construction of a downtown public restroom. How? Through the sale of Combarbalite gift items in Galena and at other Rotary Club sites in our district, as well as from grants and other help from the Rotary International Foundation and our own district. Bob worked with Jack Morehead and the Foundations, translated e-mails, kept track of Combarbalite shipments (two of which are still 'out there'), yet also found time to run our Rotary silent auction for the millionth time in a row." Congratulations, Bob!

Following the introduction of three visiting Rotarian couples from England who had attended the Rotary International 100th Year Celebration in Chicago, Carter turned the dinner meeting over to Gordon "Gordie" Kilgore, who was in charge of entertainment for the evening.

Under Gordie's skilled direction, the Galena Rotary Non-Prime Time Players presented what Gordie identified as "the first broadcast of a Galena Rotary board of directors meeting, aired live over local radio station WROT." Other "board members" were portrayed by Mary Kelly-Train, Romer Wilsek, Phil and Terri Jackman, Joe and Pat Terry and Ed Schmit. But fea-



As he assumed the presidency of the Galena Rotary Club Ed Schmit normally would have received the club's gavel from outgoing president Carter Newton – but the gavel and bell had been "temporarily" misplaced.



The Galena Rotary Non-Prime Time Players presented "Galena Rotary in Retrospect," the first and last "live broadcast" of a Rotary Club board meeting from The Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa. From left: Joe and Pat Terry, Romer Wilsek, Dick Woodruff, Gordie Kilgore, Ed Schmit, Mary Kelly-Train and Phil and Terry Jackman.

Highlight Presidential Dinner

tured in the skit was Richard “Dick” Woodruff as P. Carter Newton, delivering his farewell remarks and instructions to a newly elected board.

“I, P. Carter Newton, now past-president of the Galena Rotary Club, want this to be the high water mark for the club. Be alert, and above all try to sound intelligent.”

That said, “P. Carter” waited for Gordie’s signal to continue, but found that the crayons he always used to highlight his most important points seemed to be missing. “I can’t run a meeting without my crayons,” “Carter” wailed.

In desperation, Gordie called on President-elect Ed Schmit to take over, and Ed called on board members to make suggestions on how to improve the club’s performance. Among the suggestions: eliminating Gordie’s lawyer and dumb blonde jokes; doing away with classification talks; more group singing – with Pat and Joe Terri doing an “oldie” and Phil and Terri Jackman singing a diddy about Ol’ Rattler the Coonhound. Also suggested, more honesty from “Chocolate Charlie” about the true value of his fishing guide auction item, and the donation of a full tank of gas from the Hickie Mobil Station in Elizabeth.

Unfortunately, it all went over the head of “Carter,” who continued to be obsessed with the loss of his crayons. Good news, though! He found them on the last page of the script.



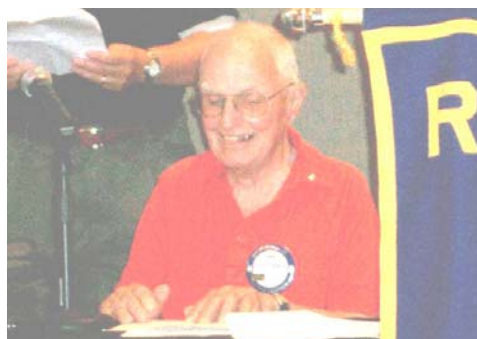
In-coming President Ed Schmit welcomes two out-of-town notables who attended the President’s Dinner – 2004-05 District Governor Bob Newlon, left and the famous former Galena Rotarian Jack (Cap’n Jack) Morehead, now living in obscurity in Indiana.



Outgoing President Carter Newton had the pleasure of introducing Bob Wehrle as Galena Rotarian of the Year for Bob’s outstanding work in the club’s Twin Club Project, undertaken as a part of Rotary International’s Centennial Celebration.



Three couples from England attended the President’s Dinner following their participation in Rotary International’s Centennial Convention in Chicago. Pictured with Past-President P. Carter Newton are (back row, from left) Keith Higgin, John Shield, Brian Cole and Carter. Front, from left: Carol Shield, Jean Higgen and Sylvia Cole. John, Carol, Sylvia and Brian are all members of the Wearside Rotary Club, and Jean and Keith are members of the Seaburn Rotary Club. John Shield took the podium briefly as the Brits’ spokesperson.



Dick Woodruff starred as P. Carter Newton in the Non-Prime Time Players production, but was hampered by the disappearance of his crayolas. We wondered if the crayons had gone the way of the club’s gavel and bell?



Responding to a “we should sing more” suggestion, Joe and Pat Terry crooned a tune that celebrated the trials and tribulations of intra-spousal (man/wife) relations.

Short Takes

Here's the heart-warming story of a negative turned into a positive – for The Rotary Club of Galena! Jon and Betty Kabara, close personal friends of Rotarian Pat McCarthy, were tiring of seeing their Kabara Charitable Remainder Trust shrink because of a stock market “going south.” They decided, instead, to distribute the funds and generously gifted our club with a donation of \$5,877.00 to be used exclusively for our Charitable Foundation’s educational projects. Dr. Kabara, a chemist by training, was a professor of chemistry at Michigan State University prior to his retirement. Jon and Betty live on Wachter Road in the Territory. They attended our July 8 luncheon meeting to present a check and accept out heartfelt thanks.



Three Rotarians representing two Palos Verdes, CA Rotary Clubs visited Galena following their attendance at the Rotary International Centennial Celebration in Chicago. From left are Debora Rosen, Marylyn Ginsburg and Ethel Gross. The three women stayed at the Goldmoor on June 23, then visited with then-President P. Carter Newton. Debra was in Galena last year and followed (by car) the route of the Grand Excursion from the Quad Cities in Iowa and Illinois, to the Twin Cities in Minnesota.

Did you know ... that the Rotary International Centennial Celebration in Chicago attracted some 40,000 Rotarians from more

than 100 countries throughout the world? But, reported a Chicago newspaper covering the event – 7,000 other Rotarians were denied travel visas by the U.S. govern-

ment. We can't be too careful these days, it seems.



Upcoming Programs

July 22 – Jo Daviess County Sheriff Steve Allendorf
 July 29 – IL Representative Jim Sacia
 Aug. 5 – Classification Talks
 Aug. 12 – Open
 Aug. 19 – District Governor Anita Papich
 Aug. 26 – Jeff Hill, Galena-Stauss Hospital Update

Greeter Assignments

July 22 – Dorte Breckenridge/Julie Bruser
 July 29 – Ron Cadrette/Lloyd Callaway

Aug. 8 – Don Campbell/Roy Clingan
 Aug. 12 – John Cooke/Jim Darling
 Aug. 19 – B'Ann Dittmar/Randy Downing
 Aug. 26 – Dennis Dunton/David Eaton
 Sept. 2 – Larry Eggers/Roger Eichmeier
 Sept. 9 – Dale Freres/Lynn Gaber
 Sept. 16 – Don Gereau/Susan Gordy
 Sept. 23 – Duane Grenier/Dick Harmet
 Sept. 30 – Chuck Henle/Steve Hickie

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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