



# Galena ROTARY NEWS

Serving Jo Daviess County Dick Laubhan, Editor March 2006

## President's Message

### Make This Year's Auction One of Our Best!

Yep, spring is here for sure and in three short weeks we'll be holding our 2006 "Rotary Roars for Youth" Auction, Saturday, April 22 at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa. If you haven't been beating the bushes already for auction items and admission ticket purchases, it's high time for you to get busy! Just solicit or donate four auction items and sell four admission tickets, and you'll help assure one of our best auctions ever! As a Galena Rotarian you can be mighty proud of the fine job you've done over the years with this annual event. Keep up the good work, and I'll see you at the auction. Moving right along –

Congratulations to Dr. Joe Terry, our most recent Paul Harris Fellow. Joe was inducted into this prestigious fel-

lowship at our March 24 meeting. He is the 64<sup>th</sup> member of our club to achieve this goal, and his brass name badge has been added to our PHF banner. Thirty-five PHF fellows are still active with our club, and seven are deceased. We also have nine family members of active Rotarians, and 17 sustaining members. B'Ann Dittmar is our newest sustaining member. However, this year we are well below our goal for contributions to the Rotary International Foundation. Please consider digging into your pocketbook for a contribution if you haven't already.

More congratulations are in order, this time for Lois Wiene-Knautz, who recently reached the \$2000 level in her contributions to the RI Foundation. In recognition, Lois will be sporting a

classy Paul Harris Fellow sapphire pin from now on.

By the way, I have submitted to Rotary International the paperwork for a Presidential Citation, and am hoping this honor will be bestowed on our club. Our list of yearly projects like our spring scholarships auction and Day in the Country, along with special projects like the river walkway and pathway, help with the Julia Dent statue funding, contributions to worthwhile charities – the list goes on and on. Seems to me that our club should merit this award.

Have a good spring!

**Ed Schmit**  
President



*Lois Wiene-Knautz received from President Ed Schmit her Paul Harris Fellow sapphire pin in recognition of attaining the \$2000 level in contributions to the RI Foundation.*



## Howard J. Kerr Comes Aboard

Retired investment counselor Howard J. Kerr became the 83<sup>rd</sup> member of our Galena Rotary Club at a Friday, March 24 induction ceremony. He was sponsored by Jim Kellar.

Howard and his wife, Patricia moved to the Galena Territory from Lake Forest, IL in July of 2005. Howard served three terms as mayor of Lake Forest.

Howard is a graduate of the University of Iowa, and also holds graduate degrees from Tufts and Harvard universities. Prior to entering the business world, Howard served in the U.S. Navy, commanding two destroyers and also a destroyer squadron during 21 years of active duty. His service included two years in Vietnam, after which he served as naval aide to Vice President (and then President) Gerald R. Ford.

During his business career Howard rose to the office of president and CEO with three Chicago-based corporations, and currently is a member of the board of directors of Van Kampen Funds, Lake Forest Bank & Trust and the Marrow Foundation. Welcome aboard, Howard!



*Dr. Joe Terry, left, is our newest Paul Harris Fellow. He receives a congratulatory handshake from club president Ed Schmit.*

# SHORT TAKES

Jane Newton, one of our club's three exchange students for 2006-07, has been notified that she'll be staying with a family near Sabinas Hidalgo, a Mexican town about an hour's drive north of Monterey. Jane's "dad" for the year is a rancher, and her "mom" owns a retail store in town. Jane's "siblings" -- three girls and a boy. The oldest girl will be a U.S. exchange student during the coming school year. At this writing our other two exchange students, Cody Michael, Galena (Brazil) and Brittany Basten, River Ridge (Germany) did not know exactly where they'll be situated in their respective countries.



*Seven Jo Daviess sophomore high school students were honored as Paul Kindig "Students of the Quarter" at the Galena Rotary Club's March 10 meeting held at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa. From left are: Amber Felderman, Galena; Callie Young, Tri-State Christian School; Mike Hoppman, East Dubuque; Erica Schetgen, Warren; Mike Headlee, River Ridge; Kili Bons, Stockton and Ashley Sowle, Scales Mound. Each student received a certificate, \$50 U.S. Savings Bond and dinner for themselves and their parents, courtesy of the De Soto House Hotel. (Galena Gazette Photo)*



*Stacey Elliot, executive director for the Galena area Habitat for Humanity, receives a check for \$500 from Rotary President Ed Schmit at the club's March 17 meeting. The money was from proceeds of last fall's candy and nut fund-raising project. The club also contributed \$500 to the Julia Dent statue fund, and \$500 to the Rotary polio eradication fund, all from candy/nut sales.*

## 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.

## Polio Plus Program Is A Real Success Story

Dr. Roland Bermea, who heads up our club's Polio Plus efforts, reports that Rotary International's Polio Plus program has made startling progress since it was initiated in 1985, when RI joined forces with the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, the United States government and other interested parties. The program's goal: to immunize all the children of the world against the crippling disease.

Even before Polio Plus, RI was involved, first in the Philippines in 1979. Since then, millions of children of all races and creeds have been immunized. Today, Roland notes, no western-hemisphere cases of polio have been reported for over 20 years until recently, when an eight-month-old girl with an immune deficiency, in a tiny Amish community in central Minnesota, somehow caught the disease. It then spread to four children on two neighboring farms. However, no crippling affects have thus far occurred.

There's still much work to be done. The wily polio virus is active in Africa, India and Indonesia. But the Galena Rotary Club, which started its Polio Plus program in 1993, is committed to the program's ultimate goal: a world free of polio.

### Upcoming Programs

March 31 – Heather Miller, Jo Daviess County Health Dept. Update  
 April 7 – Terry Miller, "State Historical Sites"  
 April 14 – Dick Landis, "U.S. China Relations"  
 April 21 – Mark Hirsch, Dubuque *Telegraph Herald*, "Nigeria"  
 April 28 – Marie Nadeau, "United Arab Emirates"  
 May 5 – "Teacher of the Year," De Soto House Hotel  
 May 12 – "Student of the Quarter," Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa  
 May 19 -- Nora Webster, "Rotary International Update"  
 May 26 – Scholarship Awards, De Soto House Hotel

### Trivia

March 31 – Rich Mattas  
 April 7 – Mary Kelly-Train (John Holm)  
 April 14 – Sandy Aurit  
 April 21 – Scott Lawlor  
 April 28 – Dr. James Darling  
 May 5 – Bill Norton  
 May 12 – Andy Willis  
 May 19 – Ken Parrott  
 May 26 – Sean Loberg

### Fines

March 31 – Shirley Leliosh  
 April 7 – Duane Grenier  
 April 14 – Phil Jackman  
 April 21 – Brian Schoenrock  
 April 28 – Don Gereau  
 May 5 – Romer Wilsek  
 May 12 – Don Campbell  
 May 19 – Syd Sincock

## FYI

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

### 2004-2005 Officers

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