



Galeana ROTARY NEWS

Serving Jo Daviess County Dick Laubhan, Editor May 2006

“Rotary Roars for Youth” Auction Sets New Records

Tickets sold, 397; attendance, 360, and net profit, \$41,164.00 – Wow! Auction honcho Pat McCarthy was a bit concerned late in the game, because the number of auction items was down from previous years and ticket sales were lagging a bit. But, voila! A last-minute surge of club member activity resulted in record ticket sales, attendance and net profits! So, we’ll be giving out 23 \$1500.00 Jennifer Purdy scholar-

ships to deserving Jo Daviess County high school seniors on May 26 at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa. One of the scholarships, incidentally, will be paid for by contributions to the memorial fund for Rudy Trabantino, the popular Eagle Ridge Golf Club “starter” who died last year.

Half of the auction net profit will fund 22 scholarships, with the other half being invested in the club’s Rotary Educational Foundation. Inter-

est income from this fund is used yearly to fund additional scholarships when possible.

“We couldn’t be more pleased,” said Galeana Rotary Club president Ed Schmit. “Our club members who plan and carry out this annual event – in its 20th year – put in an incredible amount of work to make it a success. My hat is off to them!”



Photos from left: Incoming Galeana Rotary president Duane Grenier, right, presents auctioneer Illinois State Representative Jim Sacia with a Certificate of Appreciation for his “never-fail” assistance in our yearly “Rotary Roars for Youth” auction. Duane presented auctioneer Terry Funston with a like certificate. Auction chairperson Pat McCarthy was also in line for a Certificate of Appreciation for his outstanding work in organizing the auction since its inception in 1986; and, for energizing Rotary Club members for an incredible “drive to the finish line.” Rotarian John Osmanski – our other 20-year veteran of the auction – also received a certificate and well-deserved kudos for his outstanding 20 years of service.



Roger Higgs Joins Club

Roger Higgs and his wife, Fran moved to their “retreat home” at Apple Canyon Lake in 2003, following Roger’s retirement as professor of agronomy at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Roger spent 37 years at UW-P teaching courses in soil and crop science, during which time he won numerous honors for his teaching skills as well as his work in agricultural research. The university boasts a matching-funds Higgs Scholarship for crops or soils team participants or crops/soils students.

Roger grew up on farms in Peoria County, IL. After completing high school he earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Illinois, Urbana. Later, following a stint with the U.S. Army’s First Infantry Division as an armor officer, Roger returned to school and received a Ph.D. in crop breeding and genetics at Iowa State University. He joined the UW-P faculty in 1966.

Roger and Fran have two married children, Julie, who is an assistant to the chair of the U. of Illinois sociology department; and, David, a molecular genetics professor/researcher at UW-Parkside. Among his leisure interests Roger mentions golf, fishing, bird-watching, landscaping, reading and following his favorite sports teams. He was sponsored by Gordie Kilgore, and will quite likely take part in our educational programs.

President’s Message

Just a brief message this month, as I’m immersed right now in preparing a lengthy report for June – the final newsletter of my tenure as president.

Thanks to Dorte Breckenridge and her crew, and especially Gordie Kilgore and Brian Schoenrock for a wonderful Seniors Day in the Country. The excellent turnout we have every year for the event is sure testimony to how much the county’s senior citizens look forward to the yearly fun, games and camaraderie.

Congratulations, too, to Dan Ripley, Marc McCoy and Mary Kelly-Train for their hard work that resulted in our district award for membership increase. We always lose a few members as we go

along, but you folks’ efforts

are more than making up for it.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Friday, June 30, the night of our President’s Dinner. We’ll not have a noon meeting that day. The get-together will be plenty of fun, and we’ll also get to inaugurate Duane Grenier and his new board. Shirley Leliosh has a number of surprises up her sleeve for entertainment, so you won’t want to miss the show. Have a good summer, and I’ll be seeing you soon.

Ed Schmit
President



The Galena Rotary Club honored seven Jo Daviess County high school sophomores as “Paul Kindig Students of the Quarter” during the club’s Friday, May 13 meeting at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa. From left, back row: Abram Dahlby, Tri-State Christian School; Zach Staver, Scales Mound High School; Andrew Balbac, Warren High School; Brooke Craig, Stockton High School and Sierra Elliott, East Dubuque High School. From left, in front: Natalie Lewis, Galena High School and Rebecca Peniston, River Ridge High School. The students each received an honorary certificate, a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond and dinner for themselves and their parents, courtesy of the De Soto House Hotel.

Seniors Love Their Day in the Country

Mark up another successful “Seniors Day in the Country” for Dorte Breckenridge and her hard-working committee. Approximately 120 Jo Daviess County senior citizens each paid \$3.50 each to attend the fun-filled, mid-morning to early afternoon “old-timers” event, held Wednesday, May 10 at the Galena Territory Owners Club. Clark’s Restaurant, Main Street, Galena, provided the tempting buffet luncheon.

Our own Gordie Kilgore entertained with his nostalgic “From the Riverbanks” lore; Brian Schoenrock led a spirited session of Bingo – for the second time in a row using equipment on “long-term” loan from the City of Galena. Last but not least on the program, the ever-popular Galena High School Jazz Band got the audience tapping their feet to its syncopated beat.

Right: Dorte Breckenridge and Dale Freres could finally relax, watch seniors have a good time – and start thinking about next year’s event.

Below: High School Jazz Band vocalists Allison Schoenrock, center, and Carissa DeLoach, right, drew rounds of applause. At left at the electric piano keyboard is Carter Newton’s daughter, Jane, who’ll be an exchange student in Mexico come fall.



Roger Winkelhake (left) and Roland Bermea (right) were busy “keeping the juices flowing” while seniors chatted and enjoyed the buffet fare.

Volunteer Don Porter is the picture of satisfaction as he takes a few minutes to take care of a hearty plate of Clark’s Restaurant goodies.

Mark Your Calendar!

President's Dinner

Friday, June 30th

Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa

Cocktails: 6 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m.

Very Special Entertainment To Be Announced

Upcoming Programs

May 19 – Rotary International Update, Nora Webster
May 26 – Jennifer Purdy Scholarship Awards, Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa
June 2 – “South Africa,” Mary Jane Thorne
June 9 – “Exchange Day,” Carter Newton
June 16 – “Hurricane Katrina Project,” Phil Jackman
June 23 – “Victim Impact Program,” Sharon Wand
July 7 – “Emergency “Room Crisis?” Dr. Chris Duranceau
July 14 & 21 -- Open
July 28 – “San Francisco Earthquake,” David Burkhart
Aug. 4 – Open
Aug. 11 – Rotary Dist. Governor Pat Burch
Aug. 18 – Illinois State Police, Tony Heindell
Aug. 25 – “Police Brutality,” Jim March

Greeters

May 19 – Dave Eaton/
Larry Eggers
May 26 – Roger Eichmeier/
Dale Freres
June 2 – Paul Flynn/Lynn Gaber
June 9 – Don Gereau/Duane Grenier
June 16 – Julie Bruser/
Chuck Henle
June 23 – Jeff Hill/ Joel Holland

Trivia

May 19 – Rudy Pascoe
May 26 – Sean Loberg
June 2 – Karen Kumbera
June 9 – Don Porter
June 16 – Lois Wiene-Knautz
June 23 – Gordie Kilgore
June 30 – Bill Ortman

Finemasters

May 19 – John Holm
May 26 – Pat McCarthy
June 2 – Rev. Fred Baltz
June 9 – Randy Downing
June 16 – Duane Grenier
June 23 – Jim Kellar
June 30 – Rich Mattas

To Make up Missed Meetings:

1. Attend a Rotary meeting in a different city.
2. Attend our board meetings, second Friday of each month.
3. Do an hour's worth of committee work.

Tell Rich Austin about any of the above. He keeps track.

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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