



Galeana ROTARY NEWS

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Thanks to all you Rotary Club workers!



Ed Schmit

I am proud to be a Rotarian and thankful that I belong to a club that is so thoroughly engaged in activities that are beneficial to Jo Daviess County communities.

We just completed our specialty nuts sale fund-raiser, aimed at raising seed money for our new charitable foundation trust fund. Profits from sales and donations have exceeded \$2000, a great start for the fund! Many thanks to Lynn Gaber, her assistants Jenny and Stacy at Elizabeth State Bank, along with Dorte Breckenridge and Mary Kelly-Train.

As an interesting side-note: as the drawing for prizes was being held for the most nuts salespersons, Lynn commented that she'd sure like to win first prize -- a two-night stay at the Almost Heaven Rental five-bedroom house. And what do you know? Sheriff Steve Allendorf -- chosen from the crowd to draw names because of his honest face -- drew Lynn's name! Both Steve and Lynn swear the drawing was on the up and up. Sure. But anyway, congratulations to Lynn, and a

second "thank you" to Mary for the Almost Heaven donation. Other prize winners were: Lois Wiennen-Knautz, a pure silver coin; Santy Mendez, an Ed Schmit world-famous key lime pie; Bill Norton, four De Soto House brunch tickets, and Dan Ripley, two dinners at Benjamin's.

More good news -- Randy Downing needed \$1,000 to send two additional outbound foreign exchange students abroad next year. The club had budgeted for only one, but an "interview crew" composed of Randy, Rev. Bob North, Don Porter, Phil and Terri Jackman and exchange student "house mom" Karen Lenstra had three outstanding candidates available for 2006. Randy asked for help from the membership at our Oct. 7 luncheon meeting, and, voila! He tells me he has the funds in hand already. A big "thank you" to all of you who chipped in.

A number of our committees are hard at work on upcoming projects. Shirley Leliosh and committee members are working on plans for

the Christmas Party, set for Dec. 10 at the Irish Cottage. John Cooke and his committee are well into the program agenda for our Annual Roundtable, Jan. 11 at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa. Don Gereau and his committee have a great evening of entertainment set up for Feb. 11, also at Eagle Ridge. Pat McCarthy and his committee are getting ready for our Annual Auction, April 22 at Eagle Ridge, and Dorte Breckenridge and her helpers have selected May 8 for our Day in the Country, to be held at the Territory Owners Club. We also need to thank Barbara Sloan for stepping in at the last minute to chair our Student of the Quarter program, which required a great deal of hard work.

How do all the things I've mentioned above get done? It all happens because we have some wonderful Rotary members. Keep up the good work!

Ed Schmit
President

THIS & THAT

Randy Downing recently received the following e-mail from Elizabeth Erb, our foreign exchange student from Warren who is spending the school year in Brazil. It reads:

“Hello! How are you? I just wanted to give you an update on Brazil. Things are going very well here. I have been to two Rotary meetings so far, and everyone is very nice. I am hoping to take some pictures soon and get them to you. I [also] have a blog site that I am keeping updated with what’s happening in Brazil. If you or any of the other Rotary members would like to check it out, the address is: www.xanga.com/lizzy723. Well, I just thought I would let you know that things are good and that I am learning a lot of new things. I hope that things are going well for you.”

Thinking of South America – next month Rotarians Carter Newton and Bob Wehrle will be visiting Combarbala, Chile for the Nov. 30 Grand Opening of the Combarbala public restrooms, which our club and the Rotary International Foundation funded with an \$11,000 gift. We recouped our portion of the grant from the sale of Combar-

balite art pieces. We expect to receive pictures of the Twin Club project restrooms soon.

At its Oct. 7 meeting the board of directors approved a plan to organize a Senior Focus Group that would work on ideas to interest and activate senior citizens – Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike. John Jaeger came up with the idea, which will be organized within the framework the Galena Rotary Club’s mission statement.

There’ll be a new wrinkle in attendance-building for next Annual Roundtable, slated for Jan. 11 at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa. Each club member who solicits two attendees (or more) and collects their \$30 pre-registration fee will be eligible for a drawing to be held following the Roundtable. The winner will receive a “Get Out of Jail Free” card that will exempt him or her from fines for the balance of our fiscal year – an estimated \$50 value. John is striving to bump attendance to 200.

Our club’s February fundraiser -- to benefit our new charitable foundation trust fund – is also going to be a

fun-raiser! We’ve set Saturday, Feb. 11 as the date for a “Valentine Dinner Show” at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa. For the cocktail hour there’ll be special prices on soft drinks, beer and house liquor drinks. We’ll dine on pork medallions or breast of chicken, then be entertained by the Dean Moriarty Jazz Band and the Off The Cuff improv comedy group – all for \$40 a head. Make plans now to be there!

Did you know that several Rotarians – “Skip” Schwerdtfeger and Julie Bruser among them – are helping to preserve an important archaeological site that also happens to lie next to the Apple River, habitat for threatened mussel species as well as the Bald Eagle and American River Otter? Skip was the realtor who helped sell the 78-acre tract, south of Hanover, to The Archaeological Conservancy (TAC), which unearthed artifacts from 1100-year-old Woodland and Mississippian Indian cultures. The Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation was just awarded a grant to purchase the property from TAC and turn it into a nature preserve with interpretive hiking trails where visitors can learn about the significant natural and cultural resources there.

Upcoming Programs

Oct. 28 – “World Affairs Today,” District Rotarian Fred Luedke
Nov. 4 – Galena Engineer Andy Lewis
Nov. 11 – Classification Talks
Nov. 18 – Nouveau Wine Celebration & Galena Historian Scott Wolfe
Nov. 25 -- Open
Dec. 2 -- Open

Greeter Assignments

Oct. 28 -- Jim Kellar/Mary Kelly-Train
Nov. 4 – Gordie Kilgore/Dick Laubhan
Nov. 11 – Scott Lawlor/Shirley Leliosh
Nov. 18 – Sean Loberg/Pat McCarthy
Nov. 25 – Santy Mendez/Dan Mennenoh
Dec. 2 -- Dan Mitchell/Carter Newton

Finemasters

Oct. 28 – Mary Sheahan
Nov. 4 – Roger Eichmeier
Nov. 11 – John Holm
Nov. 18 -- Bob Wehrle
Nov. 25 – Dick Woodruff
Dec. 2 -- Rich Mattas

Trivia

Oct. 28 – Dr. Joe Terry
Nov. 4 – Connie Shireman
Nov. 11 – Bob Wehrle
Nov. 18 – Karen Kumbera
Nov. 25 – Skip Schwerdtfeger
Dec. 2 -- Mary Kelly-Train

FYI

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