



Galena ROTARY NEWS

Serving Jo Daviess County Dick Laubhan, Editor October 2006

President's Message: Being 'Other-Conscious' Is Key to Service



Where Can I Serve?
Whose Needs Can I Help Serve?
Where Can I Lend Support?
Who Needs Something I Can Provide?
Are You Okay?
Can I Get You Something?

What's there in common with all these questions? It's this: they are all seeking a way to serve without waiting to be asked.

We all joined Rotary to make a contribution and difference in our communities, our country, the entire world – but also in the lives and well-being of individuals. No assignments are handed out, but as the Nike ads say, we “just do it.” Therein lies the meaning of our motto: “Service Above Self.”

A vital part of serving is looking for and finding needs that we can do something about. And the key to that is becoming

“other-conscious.” It takes effort, but learning how to make the needs of others a prime focus can empower us to make things better for individuals, groups and mankind in general.

I'll be we could all sit down and make up a list of things we could do to strengthen our “other-conscious” leanings. Somewhere on the list – at the top would be ideal – would be the commitment to become a Paul Harris Fellow, and help the Rotary International Foundation in its tireless, “other-conscious” efforts to promote world vision, peace, goodwill and understanding. We are all gifted to meet each other's needs in different areas and different ways. But becoming a Paul Harris Fellow is an across-the-board, demonstrable way of making “do unto others” a central part of our lives.

If you are already a sustaining Paul Harris member, thank you so much for helping our club achieve its yearly goal for RI International Foundation contributions. Contact either Ed Schmit or Vince Toepfer in regard to initial or further donations. Let's all make a difference together!

Remember:

Service Above Self
Equates to –
Others Above Self.

Duane Grenier
President



New Rotarian Christine (Chris) Larson, the new executive director of the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation, is pictured with sponsor Bob Wehrle.

Two News Rotarians “Come Aboard”

September was a banner month for Galena Rotary Club membership efforts, as we greeted two members and our membership rolls jumped back up to 85.

Christine C. (Chris) Larson will be the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation's new executive director in early November, as former executive director Julie Bruser and her husband, Tom Saccomanno, take over as new owners of Wild Birds Unlimited on Galena's Main Street.

A 20-plus year veteran in corporate management, marketing and business development, Chris was most recently director of operations for CCC Information Services, Inc., an insurance claims software services firm headquartered in Chicago. She previously held management positions at Ameritech, including vice president of national field services for its Custom Busi-

ness Services division, and vice president-sales & service for its Long Distance Industry Services division.

Chris received a Masters degree in management from the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, and a Bachelor of Science degree in business management from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Chris says she'd like to work in the education and international areas for Rotary.

No stranger to the Galena area, Chris was a “part-timer” in the Galena Territory for a number of years, but will be taking up permanent residence in a new home south of Galena on the Mississippi River bluffs.

Jeffery R. (Jeff) Cooke (with an “e,” but no relation to John) is currently “semi-retired” as president of his own business

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New Members (continued)

consulting firm, the Cooke Group Inc. John and his wife, Vera have a home in the Galena Territory, but winter part-time in Arizona. Jeff grew up in the Platteville, WI area, where his father was a long-time Rotarian and head of the Engineering Dept. at the U. of Wisconsin-Platteville, where Jeff obtained a Bachelors degree. He then earned a law degree from Drake University in Iowa, and practiced law in Milwaukee, where he later formed his own consulting company.

Jeff, himself was a Rotary Club member for a time in Elkhorn, WI way back in the 1970s. For our Galena club, he'd like to perform in the areas of community service and health care. Jeff was in Arizona for a week or so when we were preparing this month's newsletter, so was unavailable for an interview. However, we'll cover anything pertinent that we've missed in a later issue.



Rotarian sponsor Dan Ripley, right, congratulates new member Jeffrey (Jeff) Cooke.

This & That

In case you missed it in the local media – our affable and venerable past-president, Ed Schmit, has been hired as new executive director of the Galena Chamber of Commerce following the resignation of the former official – a non-Rotarian. Dollars to donuts that Ed will immediately put Rotary's Four-Way Test to work in managing the Chamber's operations.

Good luck, Ed, in meeting your new and challenging responsibilities!

If you'd like to know where you stand regarding your attendance at our weekly meetings, Rich Austin has compiled a list of members who fell below Rotary's 60 percent requirement for the last quarter – there are 17 – and also seven members "hanging on by their fingernails" at 62 percent. Give Rich a call if you haven't been keeping track: 815/777/6983.

Here's your chance to get your "two cents in" regarding our club's perennial question: Is there any sensible and justifiable reason for changing our meeting day from Friday to another day?

You should have a survey sheet in your hands, due to be turned in by Oct. 30. Andy Willis, Vince Toepfer and Fr. Bob North designed the survey at the direction of the board. It is aimed at uncovering members' feelings about our traditional Friday meeting day, how a change might

affect members personally and so forth. But as Andy points out, there are no plans in the works to change our meeting day. The questionnaire is aimed **only** at assessing member feelings and needs and ideas relevant to the topic. It'll take you only a few minutes to fill out, and might well settle the "perennial question" for good.

For a rollicking good time and contributing to a good cause, consider the Apple River Fort's "Tavern on the Greene" annual fundraiser, Friday, Nov. 3 at the Woodbine Bend Clubhouse, Woodbine, starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for the event, which includes a gourmet, 1830s-style dinner served by waitresses dressed in period costumes. Entertainment will feature the Terrapin Ridge Ramblers and Zeno & Friends. Proceeds will benefit education programs offered annually at the Apple River Fort State Historic Site. Last year according to fort officials, more than 1000 area students participated in the various programs. As you'll recall, our Rotary Club was instrumental in raising funds for the construction of the fort and its educational center.



The Galena Rotary Club honored seven Jo Daviess County high school sophomores as "Paul Kindig Students of the Quarter" during the club's October 20 luncheon meeting. They are, from left: Aimee Dowell, Scales Mound; Gage Farrey, River Ridge; Ben Brainard, Warren; Kevin Arand, Stockton; Kaila Dalen, East Dubuque; Rahmi Kay David, Tri-State Christian School, and Jessy Bowling, Galena. (Photo by Carter Newton)

Upcoming Programs

Oct. 27 – Polio Survivors, Marcie Kiefer
Nov. 3 – Galena Food Pantry, Jerry Bolles
Nov. 10, 17 & 24, Dec. 1 -- Open
Dec. 8 – King Herod & the Bible, Rev. Baltz
Dec. 15 or 16 – Annual Christmas Party, The Irish Cottage (Note: If Friday, Dec. 15 there will be no noon meeting.) To be confirmed.
Dec. 22 – Christmas Message, Dr. Burkhart
Dec. 29 – Grant Pistor: 20 years ago, Galena Rotary's first exchange student

Greeter Assignments

Oct. 27 -- Barbara Sloan/Joe Terry
Nov. 3 – Vince Toepfer/Randy Vincent
Nov. 10 – Vicky Vondran/Doug Weeder
Nov. 17 – Bob Wehrle/Grant Westenfelder
Nov. 24 – Lois Wiene-Knautz/Andy Willis
Dec. 1 – Romer Wilsek/Dick Woodruff
Dec. 8 – Dick Alexander/Rich Austin
Dec. 15 – Rev. Fred Baltz/Roland Bermea
Dec. 22 – Dwight Bischel/Larry Blankenbaker
Dec. 29 – Dorte Breckenridge/Julie Bruser

Trivia Assignments

Oct. 27 – Mary Sheahan
Nov. 3 – Andy Willis
Nov. 10 – Connie Shireman
Nov. 17 – Lois Wiene-Knautz
Nov. 24 – "Skip" Schwerdtfeger
Dec. 1 – Syd Sincok
Dec. 8, 15 – Open
Dec. 22 – Dick Woodruff
Dec. 29 – Don Porter

Fines

Oct. 27 – Ed Schmit
Nov. 3 – John Cooke
Nov. 10 – Romer Wilsek
Nov. 17 – Vince Toepfer
Nov. 24 – Rich Austin
Dec. 1 – Brian Schoenrock
Dec. 8 – Howard Kerr
Dec. 15 – Roger Higgs
Dec. 22 – Carter Newton
Dec. 29 – Ed Schmit

FYI

Galena Rotary Club, P.O. Box 52,
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11:45 a.m. - DeSoto House Hotel

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