

Galena ROTARY NEWS

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President's Message: Autumn Update

This month begins our new format for the newsletter. The newsletter will now be published on a bi-monthly basis with Julie Bruser accepting the challenge of being the editor...thanks again, Julie!! We will try to keep members updated by keeping the Web site current and also thru e-mails. If you need access to a computer, the Galena Public Library is a great resource.

Bob Wehrle has recently contacted each of you regarding contributing to the Rotary International Foundation. As we approach the end of the year, please consider this very worthy cause in your year-end charitable giving. As always, the club will match your first \$100.00 contribution to get you off to a good start. November is Rotary International Foundation Month so lets help Bob out!

Fr. Bob North has completed and submitted an application for a district simplified grant. The project identified is a shelter to be constructed on the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation's "Casper Bluff" overlooking the Mississippi River. Thank you to Fr. Bob for taking on this project.

Congratulations to the newest member of the Galena Pirates Football Team...our very own Foreign Exchange Student, Joe. Good luck to Joe and the Pirates for the remainder of the season.

Several reminders:

- Please remember to submit meeting make-ups to Secretary Rich

Austin as soon as possible so he can keep attendance records up to date.

- Greeters need to collect \$10.00 from visitors for their meals.
- Rotarians who bring guests or prospective members are responsible for their \$10.00 meal.
- Please pay your dues in a timely fashion to avoid the wrath of Treasurer Jim Kellar. The rumor on the street is that Jim is contemplating opening his own collection agency!
- Don't forget to return your Raffle Tickets to be eligible for all of the drawings.
- If you have a program suggestion, please contact Tom Morris, Marc McCoy or myself. We are always looking for stimulating programs that will keep most of the membership awake!

Thanks again to everyone who has volunteered and participated in club projects and events. A special thank you to President Elect Barb for filling in for me. This apparently has caused Barb enough stress that she is now enjoying a two week trip to Italy. I'm sure she will return to us ready to meet the challenges of her elected office.

Enjoy this beautiful autumn in Galena!

Joel

Joel Holland, President

Energy Is Topic of Jan. 14, 2009 Roundtable

Rotary's 23rd annual Community Roundtable will be held Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa.

This year's theme "**People Power...Are You Plugged In**" focuses on solving the energy crisis now facing everyone. While the problem is truly worldwide, the Roundtable will zero in on our local issues and what we can do. A PowerPoint presentation outlining the overall problem and how we got there will kick off the program.

Alan Wenzel of Highland Community College will once again serve as moderator, leading a diverse panel in discussing these key questions: 1. What is the national and international impact of the energy crisis? 2. What role does local government (state, county, & city) play? 3. How does the energy crisis affect me, the consumer?

Following these discussions, Russ Simpson of Jo Carroll Energy will speak on energy savings for the home and individuals. After lunch, participants will stay at their tables and come up with answers to: "Where Do We Go From Here... Solutions." Answers will be quickly tabulated and presented to the full assembly. The meeting will then be opened to questions from the audience.

Mark your calendar for what is sure to be our best Roundtable yet!

District Governor Shares RI Goals

In September our club hosted Rotary International (RI) District Governor Jim Prather, who shared RI President D. K. Lee's goals for Rotary. According to Prather, President Lee wants clubs worldwide to focus efforts on activities to reduce child mortality, including:

- Eradicating polio
- Erasing hunger
- Providing fresh water and sanitation
- Preventing deaths from diseases that can be prevented

These are lofty goals, but can be accomplished if we have all Rotary clubs behind them. Prather said, "Rotary International gets a lot of credit for things that get done, but without you, Rotary doesn't exist."

In order for RI to make progress toward reducing child mortality, Mr. Lee has set these two non-negotiable goals for every Rotary club:

1. Work on a service project, local or national in scope, that reduces child mortality
2. Increase membership by 10%

Prather talked about the very generous grant given by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that will go

a long way toward helping us achieve a reduction in child mortality. The Foundation awarded RI a \$100 million matching grant for eradicating polio. It must be matched over the next three years by Rotary's 33,000 clubs. That comes to \$22 per member per year for the next three years. That's a pretty small donation per member that can achieve a whole lot worldwide!

Prather applauded our club for its support of youth that will truly make a difference in this community and potentially the world. He mentioned that his personal goals are to continue to support growth of Rotary activities and to increase visibility of clubs.

He encouraged us to attend next year's District Conference that will be held in the Quad Cities April 24-26, 2009, at the I-Wireless Center in Moline, IL. "All clubs in the district need to be involved in this conference," he said.

"Rotary needs your support," said Prather, "and needs more members. Imagine if you were a 200-member club, what could be accomplished!"

He concluded by saying, "Our efforts can ensure that every child has fresh water, food, education, and is free of preventable diseases!"



Take a Note of It:

⇒ Ten or more Rotarians are needed to help with the Halloween parade on Saturday night, November 1. If we get enough helpers, the Chamber will donate \$100 to our club.

⇒ Our club's annual holiday party will be held on Wed., Dec. 10, at the DeSoto House Hotel. The evening will include election of officers for the next year and the usual white elephant gift exchange. Because of the holiday party, there will be no lunch meeting that week, on Friday, Dec. 12. The board will have its December meeting on the 5th.

⇒ The board at its October meeting decided that there will be no luncheon meetings on the day after Thanksgiving, Nov. 28, and the day after Christmas, Dec. 26.

⇒ Regarding member dues, the board at its October meeting decided that no discount will be given for paying one year in advance. The club's fiscal year goes from July through June, and dues will be accounted for in that manner, with July 1 as the beginning of the first quarter and the year.

Programs

Oct. 17—Student of the Quarter
Oct. 24—Sue & Dirk Einsweiler, Lemfco Foundry
Oct. 31—Damon Heim & Roger Kerr, Realtor Association of Northwest IL
Nov. 7—Rosann Wilson, Galena Chrysler
Nov. 14—Open
Nov. 21—Angela Osmanski, Peace Corps
Nov. 28—NO MEETING

Greeters

Oct. 17—Marc McCoy, Santy Mendez
Oct. 24—Dan Mennenoh, Nick Miesing
Oct. 31—Dave Mickelson, Dottie Morizzo
Nov. 7—Carter Newton, Bob North
Nov. 14—Ken Parrott, Rudy Pascoe
Dec. 5—Don Porter, Bob Price
Dec. 19—Dan Ripley, Ed Schmit

Trivia

Oct. 17 – Michael Hastings
Oct. 24 – Ed Schmit
Oct. 31—Ken Perrott
Nov. 7—Open
Nov. 14—Dottie Morizzo
Nov. 21—Sean Loberg
Dec. 5—Santy Mendez
Dec. 19—Deb Bertucci

Finemasters

Oct. 17 – Roger Eichmeier
Oct. 24 – Helen Kilgore
Oct. 31—Victor Sprengelmeyer
Nov. 7—Bob Wehrle
Nov. 14—Skip Schwerdtfeger
Nov. 21—Nick Miesing
Dec. 5—Andy Willis

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at the DeSoto House Hotel

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