



Galeana ROTARY NEWS

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President's Message

Rotarians Make Things Happen!

Like the Volkswagen TV ads proclaim, some folks are drivers, and some are passengers. Of the two alternatives, where do you stand? Life is a journey, and YOU are the one to determine where life takes you. But if you are a driver, you have the power to MAKE THINGS HAPPEN!

I'd like to share with you some observations about the differences between drivers and passengers:

- Drivers make things happen; passengers let things happen.
- Drivers have passion for their work; passengers just work.
- Drivers admit their mistakes; passengers point the finger at others.
- Drivers don't get stressed out over mistakes, but learn from them.

- Drivers are a joy to be around, and most don't enjoy the company of passengers.
- Drivers are Rotarians!

Rotarians are fun to be around because they are successful at life, enjoy their jobs, families and other associations. They are eager to help their fellow Rotarians make things happen. Rotarians create a positive, pro-active environment that attracts positive, pro-active individuals. That's why our Galeana Rotary Club has so many creative, successful programs. Let's keep up the excellent work!

Duane Grenier
President

Our Club Honors Paul Harris Fellows, Inducts Two More

Friday, September 15, was a special day for The Rotary Club of Galeana as members celebrated Paul Harris Day, introduced two new Fellows and also bestowed a sapphire pin on a member who recently attained the \$2000 level in contributions to the Rotary International Foundation. Most current Paul Harris Fellows and their guests were in attendance at the De Soto House luncheon meeting, decked out in full Rotary/Paul Harris regalia.



Rotarian David Eaton, left and Kathleen Wilsek – Rotarian Romer Wilsek's wife – receive their Paul Harris Fellowship certificates from former President Ed Schmit. David and Kathleen are our club's 66th and 67th Paul Harris Fellows. Below, Ed presents Romer Wilsek with a sapphire pin in recognition Romer's arrival at the \$2000 level in RI Foundation contributions.



Gordon O. "Gordie" Kilgore 1925-2006



We were just putting the September newsletter "to bed" on Tuesday, Sept. 19, when we learned that Gordie Kilgore, our revered "Joke of the Week" provider, had succumbed to complications involving an inoperable brain tumor. He was 81.

Gordie's gentle humor and kindly nature will be sorely missed not only by his family, friends and Rotarian buddies, but by people throughout the tri-states familiar with his tremendous store of knowledge about Mississippi River lore and our area's history. Gordie is survived by his wife, Helen, seven children and a goodly number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

This & That

If you haven't read the August board meeting minutes, here are some interesting figures of which we should take heed. As discovered by Bill Ortman in a survey for our District 6420: the largest percentage of our club's membership – 39% -- is in the 60-69 age bracket. The next two largest percentages, tied at 26%, are ages 50-59 and 70+.

Comparing average ages with all other U.S. and Canadian Rotary Clubs, our club tops out at 91 percent ages 50 and over, compared to other clubs' 63 percent. Hmm? Anyone have ideas on how to attract some pre-boomers? Meanwhile, keep current on your Geritol, Arthur Itis pills and other medications. We don't want to slow down our club's superior performance!

Exchange Student from Poland Is Introduced

Marcin Splocharski, whose hometown is Bydgoszcz, Poland, arrived in Galena on schedule in late August and is already hard at work at his Galena High School studies – and, Galena Pirates football!

An outstanding student with a wide range of curricular and extra-curricular activities, Marcin says he is interested in all kinds of sports, particularly team sports like football, basketball, volley-

ball and ice hockey. He's also a tennis and table tennis fan, and plays guitar.

Marcin's parents are agents for Mohawk International, and own a shop that stocks carpets, ceramic tile, hardwoods and paints. His mother also is an interior designer. Marcin says that he'd like to be an analyst or scientist, having a yen for math and computer science. He further states in his Rotary International application:

"I want to brush up on my English ... and have a closer look at the people who have built the biggest economic strength in the world. I will never forget [the opportunity] that Rotary International is giving me."

If any of you members plan to take a trip to some "interesting place" and would like someone to ride in the back seat, contact Marcin! He's anxious to learn everything about the United States and its many vistas.



Phil Jackman introduces Marcin Splocharski, our 2006-07 exchange student from Poland at our Aug. 25 luncheon meeting. Marcin (pronounced "mar'cheen") is staying with the Carter Newton family.

like father, like son, as the old saying goes. Lloyd (Bud) Austin, (pictured below left, father of Rotarian Rich Austin, center) became our 85th club member last month. We believe it's our club's first father-son membership combo! Here, Mary Kelly-Train presents Lloyd with his member pin and other materials. Prior to his retirement Lloyd was a senior executive for BP-Amoco. Lloyd hasn't picked out a committee on which to serve as yet, but Rich describes his dad as a "go-getter" who'll be active in a jiffy. Lloyd and his wife, Ardis, reside in Elizabeth. The couple moved here from the southeastern U.S. last spring – to keep their eye on Rich.



Editor's Note:

In last month's Rotary Newsletter we pictured Ed Schmit receiving Rotary International's Presidential Citation Award. The caption mentioned only our club's Twin Club project, which helped the Rotary Club of Combarbala, Chile provide public restrooms for its downtown district. Ed reminds that in addition to this successful project, we submitted to RI a detailed listing of our regular yearly projects. These included our spring scholarships auction, literacy program, Day in the Country and Student of the Quarter, plus special projects like the Grand Excursion and river walkway, helping fund the Julia Dent Grant statue and making contributions to worthwhile local charities. The award was especially significant, being a well-deserved "first" for our club.

Upcoming Programs

Sept. 22 – Olympic Silver Medalists
 Sept. 29 – "The End of Times," Rev Baltz
 Oct. 6 – "Lyme Disease," Denise Seuring, Jo Daviess Health Dept.
 Oct. 13 – "Friends of Jamaica," Director Marsha Burke
 Oct. 20 – Student of the Quarter, Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa
 Oct. 27 – "Polio Survivors," Marcy Kiefer
 Nov. 3 – "Galena Food Pantry," Jerry Bolles

Greeters

Sept. 22 – Rudy Pascoe/Don Porter
 Sept. 29 – Bob Price/Dan Ripley
 Oct. 6 -- Ed Schmit/Brian Schoenrock
 Oct. 13 – S Schwerdtfeger/Mary Sheahen

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

Fines

Sept. 22 – Josh Jasper
 Sept. 29 – Chuck Henle

Trivia

Oct. 6 – Josh Jasper
 Oct. 13 – Dick Laubhan
 Oct. 20 – Dan Mennenoh
 Oct. 27 – Mary Sheahen
 Nov. 3 – Andy Willis
 Nov. 10 – Connie Shireman
 Nov. 24 – Skip Schwerdtfeger

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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