



the eye-opener

March 2008

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Brian Monroe

Welcome to March which brings us the promise of spring, March Madness and St. Patrick's Day. Rotary has no designated theme for this month which leaves me with free reign to come up with my own theme for March. To me it seems that March is a month where many of us get caught up in something exciting. Some of us reflect on the religious holidays that are celebrated this month and spend more time with family and friends in traditional time honored practices. Some of us who never follow collegiate basketball or have any Irish blood get caught up in the festivities, the fever and want to get involved by discussing the teams, following the games and even for one day pretend to be Irish. The underlining denominator is that everyone seems engaged and involved in March.

Rotary and especially our club, also allows us to get engaged and involved in March with activities that allow us to practice our theme of "Rotary Shares". We are providing meals for a member on the mend, getting bowling teams together for the "Big Brothers and Sisters" April 19th fundraiser, have started the planning processes for the June 9th "M-T Rotary Golf Classic" the fundraiser for "Riverwalk" and our own "10th Annual Lobsterfest" fundraiser on August 24th. We have also been motivated and challenged by recent speakers for a Habitat build in Port Washington and our continued financial support of RI's worldwide Polio eradication commitment. If you step back for a moment and look at all the projects we are involved in it can only happen if we all continue to live by service above self truth and grow.

I am very proud of all the things that our club is engaged and involved in especially with the growth and recruitment of our three newest members; for by increasing our membership base it increases our ability to take on new challenges to improve conditions and make a positive difference in the lives of the many who are in need in our community and the world. Please welcome Sherry, Dick Kinney, and Bill Wandsnider and thank their sponsors, Amy, Chuck and Karl for their willingness to invite them to join us. With their induction on March 7th and getting to know them through their classification presentations we will be ready to tap into their creative talents and skills for our upcoming projects. Please let us not stop here, for there are so many people who want to make a difference and do not know how. You can make a difference in someone's life by inviting them into Rotary, where they will be able to join us in making a difference and doing our part to improve the world.

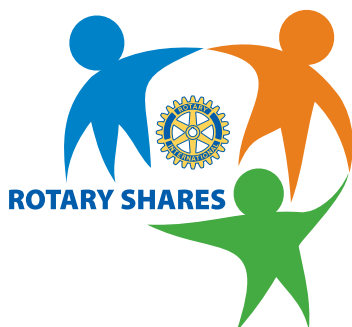
If I have not helped motivate you by now, or if you want to share some more Rotary positive ideas and enthusiasm with others please consider my invitation to participate in one or more of these upcoming events. There is the Spring District Seminar on April 19th in Slinger, or join in the energy and camaraderie exchange that takes place at the District Convention at the Grand Geneva this May 16th -19th or be blown away at the RI Convention in LA from June 15th-18th, with speakers from around the world. Can't make one of these is no problem at all, just please read Wilf's article in March's Rotarian and you will be caught up with the excitement that comes from the commitment of being engaged and involved in Rotary.

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WHERE CAN I GET MAKE-UP?

Go to www.mtsunriserotary.org or www.rotary.org for worldwide opportunities.



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ROTARY BAKE SALE

We successfully held two bake sales at the same time at both the Mequon and Thiensville Ozaukee Bank locations. Thank you to everyone who baked goods, volunteered time, and sold many items. The items came wrapped and displayed in so many creative ways. Rotary thanks Ozaukee Bank for helping us with this community project along with the students and parents at both LakeShore and Steffen Middle School.

From brownies, cookies, candy to cheesecakes (always the top sellers) we sold a lot of baked goods. No one could say they left hungry. Over \$1500 was raised and will be split between the Rotary club (Guatemala Schooling Project) and the middle schools Youth Venture Groups.



AFTER-HOURS PAST & FUTURE

By Holly Bern

Over twenty members, plus spouses, parents, children, prospective members and friends attended the February 20th after-hours at Harvey's Central Grille in Mequon. I think everyone was pleased with the warm upscale atmosphere, the no-smoking policy in both bar and restaurant, and the excellent drinks, appetizers and meals (several Rotarians, along with family members, stayed to dine, toast one another, and have an altogether good time).

It's time now to plan our next after-hours in May. We will celebrate the club's 18th anniversary on that occasion. Please let me know your ideas for places at which to hold this event.

NEW MEMBERS

By Alicia Nickols

The M-T Sunrise Rotary Board approved two new members to our club. William J. Wandsnider (Bill), sponsored by Karl Eckman and Sheryl Farver (Sherry), sponsored by Amy Stekenburg. Bill, his Wife Sandra and daughters Kayla and Alysa reside in Fox Point. Bill enjoys biking, cross country skiing, as well as theatre and travel.

Sherry and her husband Christopher reside in Cedarburg. Sherry is an avid reader who loves spending quality time with family and friends, playing trivia/board games and has a great love for animals.

Bill and Sherry, we are excited to welcome you to M-T Sunrise Rotary.

NEW 6270 WEBSITE IS HERE!!

The new Rotary District 6270 website is here! We are happy to report that it is up and functioning. Our goal is the have a central location to get the most current information for all of the clubs in our district. All of the navigations have been populated; however, some work still needs to be done. This is the source for all of your District 6270 news. In the Club Events section, each club will be able to promote events, including fundraisers. If provided, the site allows each club to share its newsletter with all the other clubs in the district. Take a minute to check out the site at www.rotary6270.org.

If you have anything to add, change, delete or otherwise modify, please submit it to Karen White, Plymouth Rotary at karen.white@th Hartford.com



WATER RESOURCES

March 16 to 22 is International Water Week. The Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group is encouraging all clubs to do a program this month on safe drinking water. There are many resources on the WASRAG website: www.wasrag.org. Under the "Resources" tab is a list of downloadable information that you can print out for club meetings. There is an especially good video (WASRAG Water Story Video) that can be downloaded and burned to a DVD. It details the work that Rotary is doing in several countries to insure that the goal of providing clean water to everyone is met. This is the next global initiative, designed to build on the success of Polio Plus, and use the organizational learning of the past 20 years to help to insure that the 1.8 billion people that currently have no access to clean water is reduced by 50 percent by the year 2015.

WASRAG was established by Rotary International to overcome the "annualness" of our organization, in that each year we have a completely new set of officers. The Rotary Action Groups were designed to operate within the RI structure, but as self supporting entities that would allow for continuity in projects over a long period of time. On the www.wasrag.org web site is a list of FAQ that help to explain the function of WASRAG and how it relates to us as Rotarians. This is a good place to start for anyone who is interested in getting additional information.

Also on the www.wasrag.org site is a list of opportunities, for both individuals and clubs, to participate in existing projects. Clicking on the "Projects" tab will get you a list of current projects needing financial or volunteer help.

There are other sites that can be visited to get additional information for a water program. Some of them are: www.taproject.org, which details a project started in 2007 that will once again be rolled out in major cities of the country. On World Water Day, March 22nd, 2008, restaurants in these cities will ask patrons to donate \$1.00 for the glass of water that is normally given free with each meal. Additional information can be found at www.worldwaterday.net.

The Water Story Video mentioned above features the use of Bio Sand Filters (BSF) to clean water in homes in the Dominican Republic. These filters are highly effective in purifying the water at a household level. Originally they were constructed of concrete in the villages that needed them, but transportation of a 300 pound filter was difficult, so an alternative filter was designed. These are made of plastic and are easily transportable. Information at either www.internationalaid.org/safewater or at www.hydrad.org will explain just how they work to filter both parasites and biological contaminants.

There are several projects that the clubs of our district, as well as the District itself, are doing. We plan on having a display table at the Friendship Village at the upcoming District Conference. If you have information on your water project that you would like to share with your fellow Rotarians please contact me at the address below.

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LOBSTERFEST 2008

By Dorothy Wahner

Yes, it is that time of the year when we think of green grass and eating lobster as we gear up for Saturday, August 23rd. As Past President, I will be Chairing Lobsterfest and look forward to your participation.

Gordon Hetzel has agreed to lead the Silent Auction and has already hit the ground running by sending letters requesting items for the auction; he will be reporting regularly on how much we have received. This year we also have the opportunity to expand our donors by creating new "packages" and soliciting people and groups that we have not asked before. We could use a few people to help with the silent auction activities.

While many people have already agreed to Chair or Co-Chair various activities, there are still ways you can help. Please join us at our monthly meetings and/or email me (dwhaner@wi.rr.com) to tell me how you want to be involved. Thank you for your wonderful support of our top fundraiser—LOBSTERFEST 2008. I look forward to your ideas and thoughts.

GSE HOSTING

By Alice Sedgwick

The Rotary Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women. Our Mequon-Thiensville Sunrise Rotary club has been selected to host the team coming from South Korea in May. The team will arrive in early May and we are hosting during their last week here, Saturday May 24 through Friday May 30.

Daily activities are currently being planned for the team:

Team Leader: Lee Eun Hee-she is a professor and wants to visit hospitals.

Team Members:

Park Nam Jung-She is a nurse and wants to visit mental hospitals and nursery schools.

Hong Kyung Pyo-He is chief at an engineering firm and wants to visit historic places.

Jo Jeong Eun-She is a dental hygienist and wants to visit dental university & local clinic.

Kwen Yong Hyun-He is on college staff and wants to learn of university administration.

Please consider hosting 1 or 2 of this exciting team of young professionals in your home. Your requirement is to provide a private bedroom and some meals. Note that the visit is also during the Memorial Day weekend so you may have some special family activities planned that they may enjoy. You will also be responsible for providing transportation each day to a "common site." From there, we take each member for their vocational day(s) and various places of interest in our area.

If you are interested in helping to plan the week's activities or to host, please see Alice Sedgwick, Jean Hill and/or Bob Blazich.

