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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Brian Monroe

This month's RI theme to celebrate is our magazine, The Rotarian. I admit I am guilty of not being a regular reader of the Rotarian, sure I am captivated by the cover and I will flip through the pages with the good intention of reading it later when I have some time, but sometimes I don't. Well this month I made a dedicated effort to catch up on not only the current issue, but a few others that I grabbed just before I left on a recent trip. For those of you who have already read the April issue I applaud you and for those who haven't, I hope that my letter encourages you to do so.

The April issue "Plugged into Rotary" focuses on all of the other tools that RI uses to get the word out about what is going on in the world of Rotary. We are reminded that we are reading the English version and the articles are geared for those readers, so we are just getting a glimpse of what is going on around the world. We are encouraged to visit RI's new website (as of Oct 2007) and to navigate to the many different areas of interest that are listed. Tired of the news you watch on your television? Well then you're invited to visit www.youtube.com/rotaryinternational and you might feel that there are more positive things going on in the world than the news stations lead us to believe. Can't make a Friday meeting? No problem, visit one of the many "e-clubs" and you might find yourself chatting with other Rotarians on the other side of our planet. If you want to feel like you are making a difference you can comment on-line, for RI has many items that they are looking for feedback on and encourage your views.

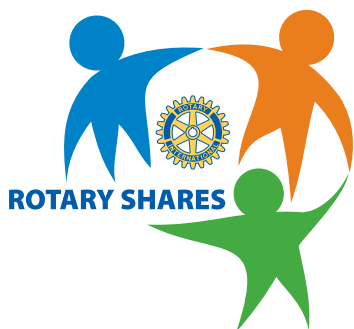
The articles on Polio Plus are not only enlightening but encouraging, especially with \$100 million matching grant from the Gates Foundation. Many are reminded that it was less than fifty years ago that Polio was still a devastating disease here in the US. The goal for the 32,000 clubs in Rotary to come up with the matching \$100 million seems overwhelming until it is broken down for each club to contribute \$1,000 dollars over the next three years. The harsh realities are some clubs will be able to do it, some will not and others will give more. I am extremely proud that our club will be donating \$4,000 this year and another very generous member just added another \$1,000 to wipe out this crippling disease that attacks the young. The US spends \$350 million per year on vaccinations just for it's own citizens.

Closer to home, let's not forget to celebrate our magazine (newsletter) "The Eye-Opener". Now that one I religiously read cover to cover and I'm sure that most of you do too. This is our wonderful way of sharing Rotary with family, friends and prospective members. We also have a fantastic website and so does the district. For us Carole has created an easy way to share Rotary to even more people, especially younger generations and those who visit websites to learn more about an organization. We have some opportunities to add to our site with links that give us even more to offer. I hope that you will get in the habit of visiting our site more often to stay informed and "Plugged into Rotary".

YOUTH EXCHANGE

By Tom Johnson

We are very pleased to announce that in mid-August Nicolas Leitmann from Nurnberg Germany will be joining us to begin his year at Homestead. Nicolas is an excellent student who enjoys playing tennis as well as playing the piano. He is not sure what he will study at University (possibly natural sciences or the humanities) but he has excellent grades at his "Gymnasium". He currently has a friend on a Rotary exchange so he already has an idea of what to expect. He likes the idea of being sponsored by a club, getting to know the members, and given a sort of introduction to various vocations and the world of adulthood. Jim and Deb Simpson have graciously agreed to do the first hosting. Let's give him a very warm welcome when he arrives.



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CLUB SERVICE CALENDAR

By Holly Bern

April 14

Photo / Directory Update, 5:00 pm
 Members who need to have their pictures taken/updated can do so at Worzella Photography beginning at 5:00. No appointment is necessary. If you can not make this day, please call the studio and schedule an appointment, 262-242-3663. If you have a photo you would like to use, please submit it to Deb Patton.

Fireside Chat

This is your opportunity to learn about the MT Sunrise Rotary. Any member who has not attended a Fireside Chat or who wishes to see it again is invited. Spouses and partners are also welcome. Please RSVP if you will attend by emailing me at hbern@wi.rr.com or phoning (262) 238-1123.

April 16

The District 6270 Second Annual Rotary Foundation Celebration will be hosted by the Hartford Rotary Club at the Schauer Arts & Activities Center in Hartford (147 Rural St). There is a social hour at 5:30 pm followed by dinner at 6:30 and a program featuring Bob Stuart, Past Rotary International Director. The cost is \$35 per person. If you would like to attend, mail your check to Betsy Winnenberger, 1791 Colony Ct, Hartford, WI 53027 by April 7th.

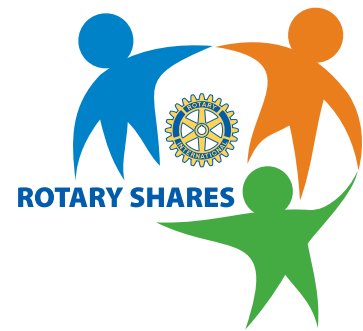
April 19

This year's District 6270 assembly will be held at Slinger Middle School from 8:00 – Noon. We are planning to carpool from Worzella Photography, leaving at 7:15am. If you are interested in attending, email Holly Bern at hbern@wi.rr.com.

May 13

Join us at Harvey's Central Grille at 5:30 to celebrate our Club's 18th Anniversary. I'll make dinner reservations, this time for 7:15 PM. Spouses, partners, friends and prospective members, and children are invited. Please email or telephone me if you wish to stay for dinner.

All of these events qualify for a make-up so be sure to sign the sheet!



GRANTS AND DONATIONS

By Tom Johnson

The committee composed of Roanne Barnes, Roger Gronwick, Lynn Streeter, Mike Reuteman and myself met Friday morning March 14th. Our donations, which were approved by the board meeting of March 20th, are as follows:

- Award one \$1,000 scholarship for a MATC student (with the possibility of awarding a second later if the budget permits)
- Allocate \$4,000 to Polio Plus (This becomes a \$10,000 donation when matching funds from R I International and the Gates Foundation are considered. It also allows us to award four Paul Harris Fellows.)
- Allocate \$500 to Family sharing
- Allocate \$500 to Habitat for Humanity
- Allocate \$750 to the Logemann Community Center
- Allocate \$300 to the Weyenberg Library for the Communities Read Event
- Allocate \$1,000 to Big Brothers Big Sisters (bowling sponsorship for 20 participants)
- Allocate \$250 to the Steffen Middle School for their Youth Venture Team
- Allocate \$100 to Homestead High School for their Post Prom Party
- Allocate \$500 to Family Fun Before the Fourth

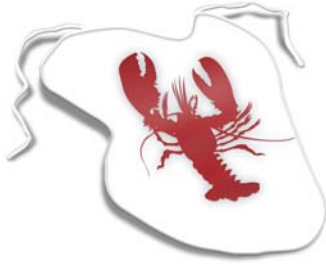
We are also holding in reserve a potential donation of \$2,000 to the Guatemala Medical Mission. In addition to the above donations the club did give \$1,000 to the Columbia St. Mary's Foundation (for the free walk-in clinic) and \$500 to the Mequon police for the K-9 Program. We have an annual budget of approximately \$20,000 to work with so we still have some room to make additional donations. We expect to receive formal requests very soon from some of our longtime donees.

Thanks to each of you for all your efforts at Lobsterfest, our chief fundraiser, which makes this community support and support of RI International possible.

LOBSTERFEST

By Dorothy Wahner

Lobsterfest meetings have started, and a special thanks to those who stepped up to help with the planning and implementation. As everyone knows, the silent auction is what makes the difference as far as how much money the Club has to support our many activities—from Guatemala, to polio, to supporting non-profits and community efforts.



In that regard, I am hoping you will take advantage of the “challenge” introduced last Friday and play a role in obtaining a few new items or “packages.” If you are willing to put together a “basket” or “package” or work with others to put this together, we could increase items for our silent auction. The “challenge” groups are Past Presidents vs. the rest of the Club. By bringing in items, your name would be entered into a drawing for a \$40 gift certificate from Libby Montana. For more information on how you might participate in this “Challenge,” email Dorothy at dwhaner@wi.rr.com or call her with your ideas cell: 414-339-2902.

Also, please join the Committee on Wednesday, April 9th at Panera Bread, to help with planning for the 10th Annual Lobsterfest to be held on Saturday, August 23rd.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE WITH SOUTH KOREA

By Alice Sedgwick

You are invited to enjoy kibun “a sense of well-being or harmony between people” as our Sunrise Rotary club welcomes the GSE group from South Korea. The dates of their visit with us as previously stated (May 24-30) have been changed so we now will have them on Thursday-Sunday, May 22-25. We deliver the team to the Milwaukee airport on Sunday morning for their return home.



The team leader is female and the team members are 2 women and 2 men. Several are interested in visiting medical facilities. Current plans for their visit with us include a vocational day based on the interest of each team member thanks to club members Rich Bub, Lynn Streeter and Ken Zganjar. Also planned is a tour day of some local attractions, our Friday morning Rotary meeting and a Friday evening pot-luck dinner at Tom & Barb Johnson’s home.

We are still looking for 1 or 2 host families willing to house a member of the team for the 3 nights and to provide some transportation as we share our Rotary club and community with them. All of them have some knowledge of English but that is part of the fun and challenge of hosting them.

Please talk to Alice Sedgwick, Bob Blazich or Jean Hill if you can help.

ROTARY PARK-PUKAITE WOODS PROJECT WORK DATES

By Alice Sedgwick

For several years the M-T Sunrise Rotary has continued the work at Pukaite Woods as one of their Community Service projects. Tom Aranow has identified several activities that are part of the Woods project, among which are:

1. Cut remove and control encroaching saplings and brush (buckthorn, honeysuckle, and others)
2. Introduce native grasses into cleared areas
3. Develop a demonstration garden of native prairie and savanna species
4. Recreate a historic oak/hickory opening typical of Midwestern savanna

All of the above obviously require considerable time and effort to create and maintain what has begun.

Because of this, members are being asked to join the team on two selected Tuesday evenings, May 6 and 20, at 5:30 PM to “work the woods.” Please wear suitable footwear for working in muddy conditions and also work gloves.

Sign-up sheets will be available at Rotary meetings prior to these dates and we hope to have many workers available.

Additional dates in early June, late August and October will also be announced as needed.

Keep in mind the Mission Statement for Pukaite Woods “To enhance the diversity of our natural resources by staffing and managing the Rotary Park-Pukaite Woods for the enjoyment and education of those who walk and enjoy the trails.”

ADVOCATES WORK DAY

By Lynn Streeter

Earlier this year both our Board and Community Service Committee embraced the idea of providing “hands on support” in addition to financial support to organizations in our Community. You may recall we added a food drive to our Haunted Hayride to benefit Ozaukee Family Sharing. This spring we will once again roll up our sleeves to help another worthwhile organization.

On Wednesday evening, April 30th, we will have a “Rotary Shares Night” at Advocates. Our focus will be on two areas:

1. Spring yard clean up
2. Sort donated items (from winter to summer items) in their onsite store.

We will bring additional information to the meetings. Please mark your calendars to help this worthwhile organization.

MEMBER RESIGNATION

By Deb Patton

With regret, the board accepted Rick Riehl’s resignation. Rick did offer Concordia’s continued assistance at Haunted Hayride, Lobster Fest, and other Rotary projects. We wish Rick the best.

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Mark Your Calendars

- April 9.....Lobsterfest Planning
@Panera Bread, 7:00am
- April 14Fireside Chat
@ Worzella, 5:00pm
- April 19BB/BS Bowl-a-thon
- April 19.....District Assembly
@ Slinger
- April 30Advocates Work Day
- May 13After Hours
@Harvey's Central Grille, 5:30pm
- May 16-18District Conference
@ Grand Geneva
- May 22-25....South Korea GSE Team Visits

SPEAKERS FOR GENERAL MEETINGS

- April 11WI Memorial Bell Tower
.....Steve Peterman
Thought of the dayJulia Penn
- April 18Climbing Mt. Kiliminjaro
.....Jim LeCharite
Thought of the daySteve Peterman
- April 25Mequon Fire Chief
.....David Bialk
Thought of the dayRoger Reinemann
- May 2Italian American Culture
.....Dominic Pulera
Thought of the dayTerry Schacht

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