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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Daniel T. O'Connor

Having Fun and Making Dreams Real

The beginning of a new Rotary year is an electrifying occasion for me and our club. We can look back at the accomplishments of the past and begin planning for and implementing our projects and goals for the new year.

In blending our clubs yearly theme with Rotary International, I came up with "Having Fun and Making Dreams Real." Our club's new officers and leaders in the avenues of service are strong and experienced. We face challenges that include blending and realizing the goals of Rotary International with our club's unique traditions and established projects. This is something I look forward to, and after the conclusion of our recent Rotary Planning Meeting, something I am very confident we will accomplish.

In my last letter I asked each of you to define what Rotary means to you. I received an unexpected 11 page response from Chuck Zamora which I forwarded to Tami Koop, our new District Governor. I have forwarded this response to each of you via email. Rotary has made a profound impact on each of our lives and many of us may be too busy to stop and realize this. All I have asked of my officers and leaders of avenues of service is that we make a "profound impact in the lives of others" in the year ahead. This includes you as members in your actions with other Rotarians and in your dedication to "Service above Self."

In today's busy and time restrained world, it is easy to forget about "Making Dreams Real and Service above Self". We can get caught in the peanut butter of life and forget the awesome feeling of giving to others. I am reminded of a simple quote, "I had the blues because I had no shoes; upon reaching the street I met a man with no feet." Thank you Rotary for keeping me humbled and grounded...

WHERE CAN I GET MAKE-UP?

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

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER!

By Alicia Nickols

The M-T Sunrise Rotary Board, along with sponsoring Rotarian, Brian Monroe, welcomes our newest Member, Patrick Feerick. Patrick and his wife Julie have five children, Kyle (25), Rachel (22), Bridget (19), Adam (14), and John (12). They reside in Mequon. As a twelve year fellow Rotarian, Patrick looks forward to sharing in rotary events to offset his interests in golf, sailing, woodworking, and family time.



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**WORLD FRIENDSHIP DAY
AUGUST 14, 2008**

by Bob Blazich

World Friendship day, an event sponsored jointly by the MT Sunrise Rotary Club and the Friendship Force of Greater Milwaukee, is set for the evening of Thursday, August 14th, at Rotary Park. WFD is an event that is celebrated around the world at over 300 locations in over 50 countries. The event is intended to provide a small step toward bringing friendship and cultural understanding to our world.

Our celebration of World Friendship Day will include international entertainment, auction items, a variety of world-service displays, and an optional catered chicken dinner. District 6270 Governor, Tamie Koop, will attend the WFD event to dedicate the Reuter Pavilion's international flag display to our former member, Chief Doyle Barker and the noon club's Merton Campbell.

The MT Sunrise Rotary Club has cancelled its regular Friday meeting on August 15th and will meet on August 14th as part of World Friendship Day. The event starts at 4:30 with a social hour, silent auction, and an opportunity to view various displays. The 6pm catered chicken dinner is available for \$15 per person with RSVP's due to Bob Blazich by August 4th. People are also invited to bring their own picnic dinner. Beverages will be available for sale.

This event is open to the community, and Rotarians are urged to invite their families, friends, and neighbors to join the celebration.

LOBSTERFEST UPDATES

by Dorothy Wahner

As Gordon will soon tell you, "There are only 22 shopping days until Lobsterfest." That means our priorities right now should be:

- 1) **Selling 10 tickets** and bringing in the money collected to Wally Sommer or Patti Stevens. If we don't have people, we won't sell our silent auction items.
- 2) **Bring in silent auction items.** While we are over our half-way mark, we still have a lot to do. Try to have most of our items in by August 8th.
- 3) **Participate in weekly planning meetings.** We are now meeting weekly to finalize plans and details. Upcoming meetings are as follows:
 - Tuesday, July 29th, 7:00 a.m. at Paneras
 - Tuesday, August 5th
 - Tuesday, August 12th
 - Tuesday, August 19th
 - Friday, August 22nd - Lobsterfest Set Up
 - Saturday, August 23rd - LOBSTERFEST

Feel free to call me with any questions or ideas. Thanks for your participation.

22 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

By Gordon Hetzel

Here it is again. It happens every year at this same time. We are once again on the final countdown to AuctionFest. Yes, AuctionFest2008. For some of us the Lobsters are just a distracting side issue. We don't have time to eat the infernal things anyway.

I prefer the auction: no dirty dishes to clean after the auction, no unruly cigar smoking cooks to control, none of those aromatic crustacean carcasses to hump out to the dumpster, auction people mostly don't smell too bad, and auction people go home every night (especially after the auction) knowing that through their efforts our club is able to continue financial support for all the charities, foundations, and missions that we help each year. I don't understand why every member isn't in line to get into the auction committee.

We are blessed with several members working their parts in the auction. Please thank them, they are working hard. If you don't know who they are, please ask because they deserve your kudos.

The rest of you can help us in two very important ways. First, we will accept your donations right up to the 23rd, but sooner is better. In fact today is best. If you are considering a donation, or know someone who might donate this is the time for action. Second, we need lots of people at the auction. We prefer people with credit cards. If they come, we have something for them to buy. We have some of the usual stuff you see at these events. But we also have some unique items you will not find elsewhere: two Myrtle Beach condo stays, one Hilton Head condo stay, spas, hairdos, airplane tours of Milwaukee, tour a Mequon Fire Station with Mayor Christine, tour the State Capital and eat lunch with Representative Ott, buy custom artwork created just for our auction by local artists, and of course many golf equipment and outings packages.

Lobsters? That's someone else's problem. Let them write their own article!

DISTRICT GOVERNOR KOOP TO DEDICATE INTERNATIONAL FLAGS

by Bob Blazich

District 6270 Governor, Tamie Koop, will attend our World Friendship Day celebration on August 14th to dedicate the international flag display in Reuter Pavilion. Governor Koop will unveil a plaque dedicating the flags to two former Rotarians and community servants — Chief Doyle Barker, a deceased member of our club, and Merton Campbell who was a member of the TM Noon Club. Doyle Barker, who died after a short illness in 2005, served for ten years as the Mequon Chief of Police. Dr. Merton Campbell, who also died in 2005, served for over 20 years as the first Superintendent of Schools for the Mequon-Thiensville District. Both Doyle and Merton gave many years of service to the Mequon-Thiensville community, and the dedication of the international flag display is a fitting tribute to both Rotarians.

HERE COMES NICHOLAS!

by Tom Johnson



On August 12th our exchange student from Germany (near Nurnberg in Bavaria) will arrive. Nicholas (Nico) Leitmann is 17, plays piano (accomplished player), runs, plays tennis, and is a big reader (including books in English). He has an older brother, a little sister, an a dog which he walks every day.

Once he completes Gymnasium (high school), he wants to go on to university where he may study natural science or the humanities. He says that in situations where he might have a dispute with his brother, sister, parents or friends it is very difficult to unnerve him. "I keep my countenance while my interlocutor(s) lose(s) his (her/their) poise." I don't know what the rest of you think but I think we just might have the makings of a possible attorney here. Let us give him a warm welcome!

Mequon-Thiensville Sunrise Rotary

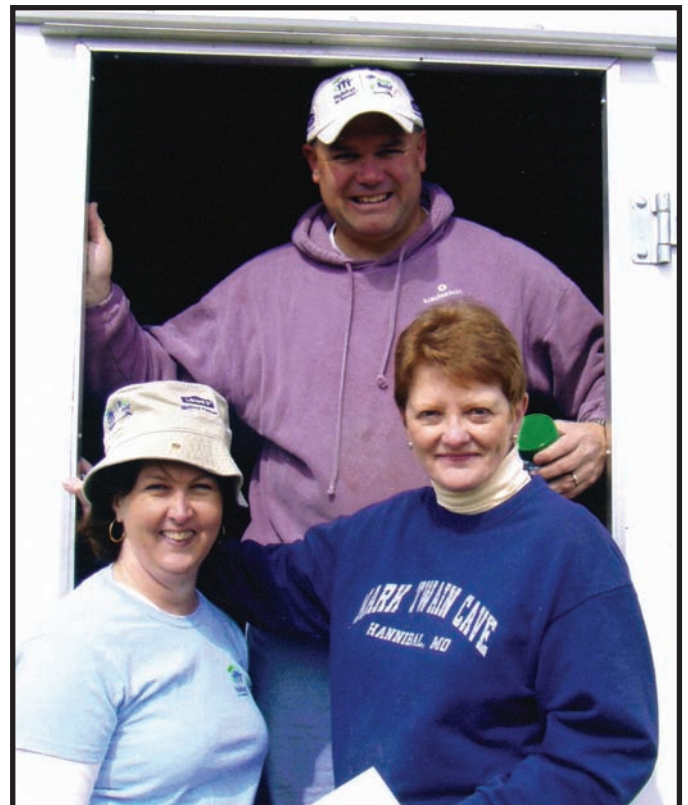
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Mark Your Calendars

August 14World Friendship Day
.....Rotary Park, Reuter Pavilion
August 15.....Regular Meeting Canceled
August 22.....Lobster Fest Set Up
August 23Lobster Fest Fundraiser
Haunted Hayride.....October 29
November 12.....Wine Tasting Fundraiser
.....Worzella Photography

SPEAKERS FOR GENERAL MEETINGS

August 1Amy Kuba
.....Veterans Affairs
Thought of the dayBill Wandsnider
August 8Leo Brideau, CEO
.....Columbia St. Mary's
Thought of the dayChuck Zamora
August 15Tamie Koop
.....New District Governor
Thought of the dayKen Zganjar
August 22Lobsterfest Planning
Thought of the dayTom Aranow
August 29Mark Roherty
.....Homestead Principal
Thought of the dayRoanne Barnes
September 5.....Congressman Sensenbrenner
Thought of the dayHolly Bern



Habitat Volunteers (l-r): Front - Deb Simpons, Roanne Barnes. Back - Mike Reuteman