



the eye-opener

October 2008

EVENT SPOTLIGHT - HAUNTED HAYRIDE

by Deb Turk & Jean Hill

Each Rotary Club worldwide is assigned with the task of choosing a Community Service Project. MT Sunrise Rotary developed the Haunted Hayride. For 16 years now, our members have cooked chili and dressed in costumes to give the children of our community a safe night out.

In the early days, we held it at Retzloff's Farm at the corner of Bridge and Wauwatosa Roads in Cedarburg. Families and guests were treated to chili made by Rotarians and a hayride through Retzloff's fields. We invited Big Brothers/Big Sisters and their matches to enjoy the event.

Our next location was Rotary Pavilion at Rotary Park in Mequon. The event began to grow and more chili was needed. That means Rotarians were cooking more. The present Hayride route was established and we added hot dogs to the menu. Games and pumpkin decorating were another addition to a fun evening.

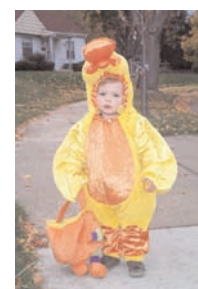
Upon completion of the Reuter Pavilion, which we were a donor to, we moved up the hill! At that time, the food, dining area, games and storyteller were all housed inside the Pavilion. Logistically, the hayride was easier because it was closer and more chili had to be made as attendance continued to grow. In the past couple of years, we've added tents to relieve pressure inside. The games, prizes and face decorating are now in the tent. Today, we are serving approximately 600 children from the Mequon Thiensville community and their parents and guests. That means, you guessed, that's a lot of chili.

Each Rotarian is asked to bring a pot of chili to the event and is expected to participate in some capacity. Arrangements can be made to drop your contribution off ahead of time if needed. Help will be needed the night of the event (Oct. 29th) as spooks in the field, serving food, selling tickets, manning the games and prizes, and we can't forget about the trash.

HELP A KID BE A DUCK, CONSTRUCTION WORKER, OR A PIRATE

We will be having the Haunted Hayride again this year on Wednesday October 29th. Please show up around 4:00 pm to assist in set up and assigned positions. The Co-Chairpersons for this event are Chris Frommell and Brian Kendzor, I'm looking forward to their help assisting with the event! The event basics have been taken care of, the park has been rented and the insurance is on file with the city, tent rented, dumpster requested, community police notified, and a clown has been scheduled.... But there is a whole lot more planning and implementation work needed! Don't forget what it was like to be a kid on Halloween! This event provides a safe and enjoyable environment for children in the community. But most of all, this event is FUN...Something many of us tend to gravitate toward. Give me a ring at 262-241-8686 if you would like to learn more about chairing this event.

Best Hayride Wishes, DanO'



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LOBSTERFEST 2008 Wrap Up

by Dorothy Wahner

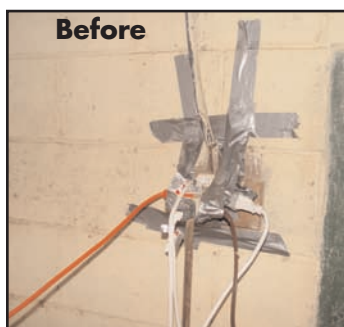
As we wrap up Lobsterfest 2008, it appears that we netted approximately \$20,500. Over \$15,000 of this total was raised through the silent auction. Great work team! We are looking forward to your comments on the survey regarding continuation and areas for improvement.

At our Friday meeting, all Rotarians who had donated items valued at \$100 or more were entered into a drawing for a \$40 gift certificate from Libby Montana. Lynn Streeter was the winner of this drawing.

Two names were also drawn for "free" lobsterfest tickets for 2009, and these names will be forwarded to Brian Monroe.

SUNRISE ROTARIANS REWIRING THE SCHOOL IN GUATEMALA

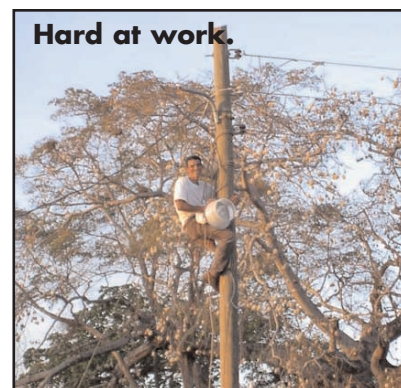
By Bob Blazich



After years of fighting the lack of power at the school used for the Guatemala Medical Relief Project clinic, there will finally be adequate power available when this year's team arrives in January of 2009.

Thanks to a private donation, our member, Gordon Hetzel, was able to purchase all of the supplies needed to completely rewire the school building. And thanks to another private donation of a truck and trailer organized by Bob Blazich, we were able to have the electrical supplies transported to the clinic site in Oliveros, Guatemala.

A team of local Rotarians headed by Gordon will leave for Guatemala on November 1st to do the rewiring. Members of the "Wirenuts" team include Wally Sommer and Bob Blazich from our Sunrise Rotary Club and Dr. Tom Kowalski, a pediatrician with the medical team. Our team will also include several Guatemalans who will join us at the worksite for the week needed to complete the job.



While our team is in Oliveros, two other teams of Rotarians will be working in the same area. A group of four Hartford Rotarians will be servicing the water chlorination and fluoridation system they brought on-line in Oliveros this past January, and four Rotarians from Madison will be drilling a much-needed well in a neighboring community.

HABITAT VOLUNTEERING SATURDAY MORNINGS

By Brian Monroe

I could not think of an easier and safer opportunity to experience the energy of a Habitat build. Almost everyone I know has said "I would sure like to work on one of those Habitat projects sometime" and it is usually followed by "but I do not know how to get involved, or I can't commit to an entire build". Well you do not have to wait any longer. All you need to do is commit to a 4 hour shift at the Lakeside Habitat build in Port Washington to be part of it.

Our club has committed to be the "quartermaster" of the tool trailer until these two homes have been completed. So what do you need to do this? For the early shift, just a willingness to arrive by 7:45 with the keys to open the trailer, bring ice to chill the beverages, fill the gas can and fuel up the generator (until power is available) and make sure that all the volunteers have signed in filled out the release, then have them put on a hard hat and safety glasses. After that, find out what volunteers need from the tool trailer and how many have signed up for lunch. Pick up lunch at 11:30 and then turn it over to the second shift. For the later shift it is really just keeping the trailer in order and making sure that everything is put away for when things wind down at 3:00pm. What I did not expect was the enjoyment that came from what Nancy and I experienced that day. I have to warn you that it is infectious working with others who are dedicated to improving the lives of many deserving families. So if you like to serve with others, I highly recommend contacting Deb Simpson and signing up for a shift or two.



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

By Lynn Streefer

For the fourteenth year, the Volunteer Center of Ozaukee County is coordinating efforts to collect personal care items and distribute them through local nonprofit agencies such as Advocates, Big Brothers Big Sisters, COPE Services, Portal Industries and many others.

The Mequon Thiensville Sunrise Rotary is once again pleased to participate. We will be collecting items at our regular Club meetings on October 10th, 17th and 24th. Suggested items include dental care products, hair care, baby products, paper goods, soaps etc. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

BREWER TAILGATE PARTY Another Successful Event

by Brian Monroe

Our two Rotary Clubs enjoyed another opportunity to share a nice evening together on Monday, September 8th. These and other joint social functions continue to be a wonderful way to strengthen mutual friendships in and between both clubs. The seventy-five fans seemed to be evenly split from both clubs and included many family members. Our thanks to our Tom Johnson and the Noon Club's Gregg Sommersberger for arranging the bus ride from HHS, picking up beverages, the food from Subway and the great seats all for twenty five dollars. When our Rotary tent was out of commission Rotarian Wally Sommer came through, as always, with are great way to keep us dry and together in the parking lot.



ROTARACT MILWAUKEE

So what happens when you grow up in Germany and belong to very involved Rotaract Clubs for eight years, you meet someone from Argentina who is studying in Germany with a Rotary Scholarship, you fall in love, you get married and then you get a job offer from GE Healthcare? Well for Michael Scheer it was easy, you start Rotaract Milwaukee.

With help and guidance from AG Monica Phillips and the sponsorship of The Milwaukee Rotary Club, this Rotaract (Rotary in Action) club is now underway. Michael has the unstoppable energy that many 18-30 year olds exhibit and they are well on their way to achieving their goal of 15 members prior to officially chartering the club with RI. Our board approved their request for twenty dollars to help fund their website and I am proud to say it was a great return on our investment. Please take a moment to visit them at www.rotaract-milwaukee.org or better yet, please encourage the 18-30 year olds (we all know some) to visit them for a meeting. Annual dues will be in the twenty five to thirty dollar range (no meals) for the entire year. They have been meeting at 7:00pm on Tuesday evenings at the Wisconsin Club with speakers on the first three Tuesdays of the month and the fourth Tuesday is set aside for socializing.

They are a great group of young people that could be future Rotarians. Please feel free to contact Michael Scheer at Michael.scheer@gmx.net or at 414.378.8521 if you are willing to speak to them or if you have a speaker idea for them. They are already very involved in many volunteer projects and they really are living "Rotary in action".

Mequon-Thiensville Sunrise Rotary

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Mark Your Calendars

October 11Pukaite Woods Work Day
October 28Hayride Set Up
.....Rotary Park
October 29.....Haunted Hayride
.....Rotary Bark
November 1Fall District Seminar
.....Hartford, WI
November 12.....Wine Tasting Fundraiser
.....Worzella Photography
November 28...Regular Meeting Cancelled
November 30Holiday Party
.....Galioto's Vintage Grille

SPEAKERS FOR GENERAL MEETINGS

October 10Mike Duckett
.....Baseball Park Dst Engineering
Thought of the dayDick Dieffenbach
October 17Classification Talks
Thought of the dayBarb Doll
October 24Tom Aranow
.....WI Wildlife Management
Thought of the dayKarl Ekman
October 24Tamie Koop/Club Assembly
Thought of the dayBert Eversly
October 31Michael Pink, Director
.....Milwaukee Ballet
Thought of the daySherry Farver
November 7Carlos Santiago
.....UWM Chancellor
Thought of the dayChris Frommell
November 14Club Assembly
Thought of the dayTom Czaja

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