



# the eye-opener

November 2008

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by Daniel T. O'Connor

### What is Rotary?

Please take a look at this picture. What is Rotary? It's Barb Doll who couldn't lead the kitchen this year because of her leg. I will argue she lead in the kitchen more than any Rotarian I have ever seen.



But she wasn't alone... Every year Jean Hill gets to the park early the day before the event and leads the set up. Dick and Amy help sell the tickets and volunteers come from Cedarburg High school, Homestead High school, and Concordia University. How long has it been that way? As long as I can remember!

But it's changing... Yes it is. I saw a co-chair of Club Service being mentored by Jean Hill, Sherry Farver showed up in costume with her husband and spend the entire night in a cold field. I saw a new member spend the night in an actual coffin and his wife volunteered to open that coffin for every tractor over a 3 hour period! I saw Bill Wandschneider loading tractors for the first time and sharing the event with a new Rotary foreign exchange student who is staying at his home. I even saw participation at our event from a new Roteract group from Milwaukee.

New leaders stepped forward, even though it is hard to do and people often don't recognize them for it! Deb Patton leading in the kitchen. Chris Frommell, Eric Strande, and Brian Kendzor (batman) all stepping forward and taking the reigns of this event. Wally Sommer donating the use of his tent. I didn't mention everyone, I think you get my drift (Not 70's reference for those of you who grew up in this era!)

When I look at Rotary I see things in many ways are the same, but are changing. Rotary is like a child who you've known all your life and who changes as he or she gets older. But if you look carefully you'll see that the formation of those changes come from the lessons that the parents, in this case the long term Rotarians, teach the children (newer members)! Thank you, it is an honor being involved with this!

Best,  
DanO'

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## WHERE CAN I GET MAKE-UP?

Go to [www.mtsunriserotary.org](http://www.mtsunriserotary.org) or [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) for worldwide opportunities.



## Officers

Dan O'Connor - Pres.  
 Tom Johnson - Pres. Elect  
 Gordon Hetzel - VP  
 Dick Dieffenbach ✓ - Treasurer  
 Mike Reuteman - Asst. Treas.  
 Sharon Pechiva - Secretary  
 Alicia Nickols - Sgt. Arms  
 Brian Monroe\* ✓ - Past Pres.

## Avenues of Service Chairs

Club: Jean Hill\* ✓  
 Sherry Farver  
 Community: Lynn Streeter ✓  
 Lee Szymborski\* ✓  
 International: Andy Moss\* ✓  
 Tom Johnson  
 Vocational: Deborah Simpson ✓

## Sunshine Ambassador

Holly Bern

## Members

Tom Aranow  
 Roanne Barnes\* ✓  
 Carole Blaney  
 Bob Blazich ✓  
 Rich Bub\* ✓  
 Jim Button  
 George Coulter  
 Tom Czaja  
 Barb Doll  
 Gustav Dreyer, Jr. ✓  
 Karl Ekman  
 Bert Eversly  
 Pat Feerick  
 Chris Frommell  
 Roger Gronwick  
 Dave Jackson  
 Alina Kolluri  
 Brian Kendzor  
 Michael Kim  
 Dick Kinney  
 David Kliber  
 Chet Lukaszewicz  
 Judy Neal  
 Jim Ott  
 Julia Penn  
 Steve Peterman\* ✓  
 Roger Reinemann\* ✓  
 Terry Schacht  
 Alice Sedgwick\* ✓  
 Julie Shlensky  
 Jim Simpson  
 Wally Sommer ✓  
 Amy Sterkenburg ✓  
 Patti Stevens  
 Eric Strande  
 Deb Turk ✓  
 Tom VanDemortel  
 Dorothy Wahner\* ✓  
 Bill Wandsnider  
 Chuck Zamora  
 Ken Zganjar\* ✓

\*Past President  
 ✓ Paul Harris Fellow

# AUDIT REPORT

by Jean Hill

The Audit committee met at Dick Dieffenbach's office on Friday, September 26, and reviewed the Mequon-Thiensville Sunrise Rotary Club books. All was found to be in order.

Following the audit a recommendation was made to the Board that all requests for payment/reimbursement be submitted to the Treasurer with the request for payment form (available on-line or at club meetings) along with the receipt(s) attached. A copy of the request will be forwarded to the chair of the committee requesting the payment.

The committee also requested that an Annual Report on both the Riverwalk Project and Guatemala Project reports to include how funds are being spent.

These recommendations were approved by the Board.

## DO YOU HAVE ROOM FOR NICO?

by Tom Johnson

We are currently looking for a new home for our exchange student, Nicholas Leitmann, from Germany. Please let me know if you are interested or know someone who might be interested. Remember, it is not required that the host be a Rotarian. It could be any family in the school district. Empty nesters take notice! It is also not required that there be other children in the house. This is a chance to refeather that empty nest. Nico is a most engaging and enjoyable young man. He would be a pleasure to have in anyone's home.



Nico, accepting our club flag at a recent meeting (with Dan O').

## HAUNTED HAYRIDE - A SPOOKY GOOD TIME!



## HOW MANY WAYS CAN YOU SAY WELCOME?

by Alicia Nickols

The Board approved our newest member Rene' Settle-Robinson. Community Activism, Sewing, Cooking, and games are some of her hobbies. Rene's special interests include her family, David (husband), John, Rachel, Michael, Cedric, Richard, David III Tiffany, Avril, and Mother Robinson. Rene' will be rolling up her sleeves to serve along side her mentor, sponsoring Rotarian, Alicia Nickols. How will you show your Rotarian hospitality? Choose your language, seize a moment to share your personal "welcome".

## HOLIDAY FAMILIES

by Lynn Streeter

Once again we will be sponsoring local families this holiday season. Families are identified through the Mequon Thiensville School District. At Thanksgiving we provide food for the family dinner and help to stock their pantry. The following families were identified by the Social Worker based on need.

### Family #1

Single Mom, laid off. Boy age 15, girl age 9, girl age 3, boy age 2.

### Family #2

Father works part time, mother is disabled. Girls ages 17 and 15, boys ages 12 and 10.

We will be asking Club members for donations in early November. In December we will identify two additional families....more information to come.

## HOLIDAY PARTY POSTPONED

The Club Service Committee decided to postpone the annual Holiday Party this year. With the Wine Tasting being held on November 12th, we thought having the two events only 2 1/2 weeks apart may deter members from attending. We will have a "Holiday" celebration in late January/early February and celebrate the founding of Rotary at that time as well. Cheers!

## 100% ATTENDANCE 1ST QUARTER

The Board is pleased to recognize the following members who achieved 100% attendance for the first quarter of the 2008-2009 Rotary Year.

T. Aranow	J. Hill	A. Sedgwick
R. Barnes	D. Jackson	D. Simpson
H. Bern	T. Johnson III	J. Simpson
C. Blaney	B. Monroe	W. Sommer
B. Blazich	A. Moss	A. Sterkenburg
R. Bub	A. Nichols	L. Streeter
T. Czaja	D. O'Connor	L. Szymborski
D. Dieffenbach	J. Ott	D. Turk
S. Farver	S. Pechiva	D. Wahner
C. Frommell	J. Penn	B Wandsnider
R. Gronwick	S. Peterman	C. Zamora
G. Hetzel	T. Schacht	

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE SELECTED

The nominating committee was elected at the October Board meeting. The committee will be chaired by President-Elect Tom Johnson with Deb Turk and Bill Wandschneider (at large members). Watch for the Slate of Officers to appear in the December Newsletter. The election of 2009-2010 officers will take place in December.

## ...and DONATIONS. DO YOU WONDER WHERE DOES ALL THE MONEY GOES?

by Gordon Hetzel

As Vice President, one of my of ficial duties this year is to lead the Grants and Donations Committee. Our members are:

Lynn Streeter (second of two-year term)  
Mike Reuteman (Treasurer)  
Dorothy Wahner (Past President)  
Wally Sommer (new member)

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### Mark Your Calendars

November 12.....Wine Tasting Fundraiser  
.....Worzella Photography  
November 20.....Board Meeting  
.....Mequon City Hall  
November 28...Regular Meeting Cancelled  
December 18 .....Board Meeting  
.....Mequon City Hall  
December 26 ...Regular Meeting Cancelled  
January 2 .....Regular Meeting Cancelled

### SPEAKERS FOR GENERAL MEETINGS

November 14 .....Club Assembly  
Thought of the day ....Tom Czaja  
November 21 .....Ranga Chiningoza  
.....Rotary Exchange  
Thought of the day ....Gordon Hetzel  
November 28 .....No Meeting  
December 5 .....Club Assembly  
Thought of the day ....Dave Jackson  
December 12 .....Dan Keegan, Director  
.....Milwaukee Art Museum  
Thought of the day ....Tom Johnson  
December 19 .....Club Assembly  
Thought of the day ....Alina Kolluri  
December 26 .....No Meeting  
January 2.....No Meeting  
January 9.....Demond Means  
.....MT School Superintendent  
Thought of the day ....Brian Kendzor

### VOLUNTEER CENTER OF OZAUKEE COUNTY

*from Brenda Peterson, Executive Director*

Thank you for participating in this year's Make a Difference Day. And what a difference we made in such economically challenging times for all of our nonprofit partners.

This year's collection was 2566 items valued at \$6,317 vs 5456 valued at \$11,549.45 in 2007. We all know that in bad economic times charitable giving goes down. These numbers just prove that collection drives have also felt the economic squeeze. That makes your participation in Make A Difference Day even more meaningful for area non-profit. These items are not luxury items, they help stock the food pantries, save houses and helps sustain the area non-profit.

Thanks again for participating in Make A Difference Day and we also want to thank you for supporting the Volunteer Center's Clearinghouse Collections.