



# Mequon-Thiensville Sunrise Rotary the eye-opener

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## President's Letter

*By Tom Johnson*

The first storm of the season has come and gone. Now we find ourselves settling in for what, if past is prelude, could just possibly be a long, cold winter. For the time being, though, it's easy to put those concerns aside as we prepare for the Holidays. And, as we approach the New Year, we have the chance to take stock, and to renew our commitments and our energies. We have much to look forward to in the 2010 Rotary year.

We will be continuing to engage within our local community and abroad with many of the same activities that I talked about in last month's letter. Next month a number of our members and many others from around the area will be off to Guatemala for the annual medical relief project. Each year improvements have been made and efficiencies realized as the mission has grown to serve over 1000 individuals.

In May we will be hosting the inbound GSE team from Sweden (always a lot of fun). Also in May we will be having our annual District Conference at Lambeau Field. This event will include speakers from the Packers and the Oneida Nation as well as a semi-formal ball in the Lambeau field atrium. I don't think it is any exaggeration to say that this is our best planned District Conference ever. Go to the website, [www.catchtherotaryball.org](http://www.catchtherotaryball.org). You will be impressed. If this event isn't enough to wet your whistle consider attending the June Rotary International Convention in cosmopolitan and, oh so very French, Montreal. Seven of us have already announced plans to attend. This will be a most memorable event. Go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) for more information. So, shake off the shivers and start thinking about the exciting New Year. Catch that Rotary ball!

## CALENDAR

Kevin Schafer, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewer District on "How you can help protect Lake Michigan."	1/8/10
Speaker: John Reine- mann, Director of the Wisconsin Counties Association	1/15/10
Classification Talk: De- mond Means, Ed.D, Su- perintendent of Schools	1/22/10
Club Assembly	1/29/10

## My First American Thanksgiving

*By Tiia Renlund*

I spent my Thanksgiving with Mobleys, my second host-family and my experiences are great so far. I didn't know anything about Thanksgiving, of course I had heard about eating and hanging out with family, but it was whole new thing for me. And yes, it really was eating lots of food, way too much. It was also getting together with the family and watching some football from TV. I have to tell you that I am starting to understand something about football. When I first came here, it was some stupid sport without any clever purpose, now I think it is pretty cool sport and I am enjoying it.



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## Thanksgiving with Tiia

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Then, back to the business, I mean foods, we had lots of food, turkey, sweet potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce and green beans. We also had some pumpkin pie and coco nut pie. Everything was so delicious, my host-mom is an excellent cook and I definitely ate myself full of these foods.

This was my first Thanksgiving experience in the US, and I am pretty sure that I am going to continue this tradition also in Finland, although because of good food and family time.

Tiia, Van Mobley, Pierce Mobley  
and Quinn Mobley  
(Susan Mobley took the picture)



## Russian “Women in Leadership” Delegates

Four Russian delegates to the “Women in Leadership” program were the featured speakers at our December 11 meeting. Bob Blazich, Friendship Force Coordinator, introduced the delegates, who each gave a brief talk on a specific aspect of business life in Russia based on their experiences. The delegates were

- Olga Alekseyevna Pantyukhina, Deputy General Director for Marketing of JSC Siberian associations Industrial Company, is Member of the Regional public organization Women of Irkutsk
- Yelena Ivanovna Basova, Chief Financial Officer of Polesia Furniture Company, LLC, is Coordinator of Youth Programs for the Center for Supporting Small Business Enterprise
- Olga Valeryevna Zasedateleva, Project Manager of the Interregional Non-governmental Fund, Siberian Civic Initiatives Support Center, and Volunteers with Sibmama
- Yuliya Aleksandrovna Kudryashova, Managing Director, Center of Linguistics and Ontopsychology, served as Translator and Facilitator for the group during their stay.



Delegates from Russia and members of Tempo International met to discuss women in leadership roles in the United States and Russia

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Ms. Kudryashova served as translator for each of the speakers, as well as providing a short talk herself on her work and on the way delegates are selected.

“In Russia, participants in the program are allowed to nominate another delegate in the same field,” she said. “The program will call the candidate and offer them the chance to participate in the program. After a review of all the applications, delegates are chosen based on extensive professional experience in the field, a very deep social involvement, charity work and nonprofit work, as well as leadership potential. Candidates are expected to have goals and inspirations in mind for their future.”

The Open World Program is sponsored by the Library of Congress to enhance understanding and cooperation between Americans and their counterparts in Russia and the former Soviet Republics. The Women in Leadership program focuses on women in leadership positions in non-governmental organizations.

Delegates stayed with members of the Friendship Force of Greater Milwaukee during their time in our area, affording each of them an opportunity to experience life in the United States first-hand. During their stay they visited cultural events and exhibits and met with a variety of program and agency professionals.

## Holiday Families

Once again the Community Service committee worked with the Mequon-Thiensville school district to identify families who needed special help during this Holiday season.

Using funds donated by Club members, Tom and Cathy Czaja, Deb Turk, Jean Hill, and Lynn Streeter went shopping December 19 for necessities — and some treats! — to make the holiday season happier for the families. The goods were delivered anonymously through the school district.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year!



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Shopping for the  
Holiday Families

## Weekly Meeting

Join us Friday mornings at 7:00 AM

Concordia University  
Friends of Concordia Room  
12800 N. Lake Shore Drive  
Mequon, WI

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