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Vocational Service - A time to highlight Rotary's contribution to the 2nd Ave. of Service

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

October	21 Doug Stoehr (classification speech)
	28 Stan Needleman
Nov.	4 Pat Pinkston
	11 Betty Maguire
	18 Audrey Witschi
	25 no meeting (day before Thanksgiving)
Dec.	2 Wini Thorsen
	9 Restaurant Raffle Drawing
	Rosemarie White - Alan Day Bank Economist(open date)

Editor's Note: Please inform Wini (496-6710) of the name of your speaker at least 2 weeks in advance. If you can't get a speaker for that date, please try to trade with another person on the list.

Birthdays; Stan Needleman 10/18; Sissy Walker 10/18

Meeting News

It was a cold snowy morning for the Rotary District Governor and his party to visit us, but he was given a warm welcome. Good crowd including the following guests: John Daniell, Guy Babb, the D. G., Steve Dates, Asst.D.G., Pauline Hollinworth, Elaine Dates, Clayton-Paul, Carol Miner and Chris Kirchen.

John Daniell informed us that Lorraine Rodgers wants to hold a memorial for Frank in our Valley on Memorial Day weekend.

Restaurant Raffle - Ralph Walker was happy to report that he has received 53 signed certificates and that the raffle tickets will be out in 2 weeks.

Dave Koepele reported on the success of the party to Meet and Greet the GSE team from Taiwan last Friday and thanked Al Molnar for all his work arranging the schedule of activities for our guests. He thanked Caryn Crump for hosting the party. Al Molnar thanked all the couples who hosted the team members and transported them to all the activities. The team was most impressed by the Farmers Market, the restaurant and the family life. Adam Greshin was thanked for opening up the Sugarbush Resort

Mega Bucks - \$843 - Mike Kelley - lucky ticket - unlucky draw - no joker but at least got \$5.

Happy Bucks

Jim Leyton - first male grandchild, Miles Schmidt Leyton arrived in this world yesterday.

Jack Miner - Praised Al Molnar for his work with the GSE team.

Steve Dates - Relieved to find our meeting place.

Joe Koch - Glad to see 1st snow of the season

Al Barillaro - went to Tuscano Grill in Richmond for his anniversary

Art Conway - Chuck Allen's operation was successful

Ron Geren - married 53 years to 1st wife

Karl Klein - Final weekend of Valley Players' production of "Working"

John Hale - Thrilled that Gene Scarpato is doing the Outhouse Raffle

John Crump - Had chance to tell the story of his grandfather's special chair at the party.

Monk - Yankees, Giants and Rangers all winning at this time

Caryn Crump - Adam Greshin gave wonderful tour, Heli for being tour guide and Al Molnar for arranging tour.

Tom Byrne -Kingsbury bridge finally paved.

Al Molnar- got thru first snowstorm

Dave Ellison - attending his 50th H.S. reunion

Ralph Walker - Thankful for support on Restaurant Raffle

John Basile - Sorry he missed the party - had previous engagement

Sissy - Happy Birthday sung on key.

Jim Leyton - got current group of participants of EREY (every Rotarian every year) to stand up and receive their certificates. Clayton-Paul Cormier, John Hale, Dave Ellison, Jack Miner, Audrey Witschi and Ken Friedman were all given their certificates by Guy Barb and are now official Paul Harris Fellows. Rena Chernick was a multiple P.H. fellow.

Guy Babb then praised Jim Leyton for his work in the Paul Harris program and for his past efforts as assistant governor and District Membership Chairman.

Guy Babb's Remarks:

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

FOR ROTARY YEAR 2009-10 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT JOHN KENNY HAS CHOSEN AS OUR THEME "THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS." ROTARY WILL NOT BE SHAPED BY THE RI BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BY RI STAFF OR BY DISTRICT GOVERNORS. ROTARY IS-- AND SHOULD BE-- SHAPED IN EACH AND EVERY ROTARY CLUB. EACH CLUB MUST HAVE THE FREEDOM TO SERVE WHERE AND HOW IT CAN SERVE BEST. IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES, IT IS FOR EACH OF US AS ROTARIANS TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO KEEP ROTARY STRONG.

WE ARE BUILDING ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF GENERATIONS OF PAST ROTARIANS. THEY CREATED THE ROTARY WE HAVE TODAY. BUT WE CANNOT OPERATE LIKE WE DID IN 1909, 1959 OR EVEN 1999. ROTARY WILL BE WHATEVER YOU AS ROTARIANS CHOOSE TO MAKE IT AND THEREFORE THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS.

HENRY FORD SAID, "WHETHER YOU THINK YOU CAN OR YOU THINK YOU CAN'T-- YOU ARE RIGHT". ROTARY SHOULD SET A HIGH STANDARD; SET THE BAR HIGH. CLUBS CAN AND DO WORK TOGETHER; THEY WORK THROUGH THEIR OWN DISTRICTS, WITH OTHER CLUBS AND DISTRICTS WITH THE SUPPORT OF OUR FOUNDATION. TOGETHER ROTARY CAN.

YOU HAVE ALL SEEN THE LOOK IN THE EYES OF CHILDREN IN DISTRESS. YOU MAY KNOW UNDERSTAND THEIR LANGUAGE BUT YOU KNOW WHAT THEY ARE SAYING. OVER 20 YEARS AGO ROTARIANS LOOKED INTO THE EYES OF POLIO VICTIMS AROUND THE WORLD AND HEARD THE MESSAGE "PLEASE HELP ME". IN 1985 THERE WERE 350,000 NEW CASES OF POLIO PER YEAR OR JUST UNDER A 1000 A DAY NOW THERE ARE ABOUT A 1000 A YEAR. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 5 MILLION CHILDREN HAVE BEEN SAVED FROM THIS CRIPPLING DISEASE BY ROTARY AND ITS PARTNERS.

WE AS ROTARIANS HAVE PROMISED THE WORLD THAT WE WILL ERADICATE POLIO AND WE CAN. WE HAVE GIVEN MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND WE ARE CLOSE TO SUCCESS. WE CANNOT QUIT WHEN WE ARE ABOUT TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL. THE GATES FOUNDATION HAS GIVEN YOUR FOUNDATION \$355 MILLION DOLLARS AND CHALLENGES US TO RAISE \$200 MILLION IN 3 YEARS-- AND WE CAN DO IT. WE HAVE ALREADY RAISED OVER \$90 MILLION IN A YEAR. I ASK YOU TO DO A LOCAL EVENT TO RAISE FUNDS AND AWARENESS OF THE POLIO ERADICATION EFFORT.

ROTARIANS HAVE LOOKED INTO THE EYES OF YOUNG GIRLS IN INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES WHO HAVE BEEN SOLD INTO SLAVERY BY THEIR PARENTS. THE MESSAGE WAS "WILL ANYONE HELP ME". WE ARE ADDRESSING THE ISSUES OF EXTREME POVERTY TO HELP THOSE CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS.

ROTARIANS HAVE LOOKED INTO THE EYES OF YOUNG MOTHERS IN THE POOREST COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD WHO CANNOT FEED THEIR CHILDREN. THOSE EYES SAY, "CAN YOU HELP ME AND MY CHILDREN". WE ARE ESTABLISHING WATER AND SANITATION PROGRAMS, HEALTH AND HUNGER INITIATIVES AND MAYBE MOST IMPORTANTLY IN BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY ROTARIANS ARE STARTING EDUCATION AND LITERACY PROGRAMS FOR THE WOMEN AND GIRLS. ACCORDING TO AN AFRICAN PROVERB "EDUCATE A MAN AND YOU HAVE EDUCATED AN INDIVIDUAL - EDUCATE A WOMAN AND YOU HAVE EDUCATED A FAMILY". WE HAVE LEARNED THAT CLEAN WATER. HUNGER AND LITERACY ARE RELATED. IF THE WOMEN AND GIRLS - AND THEY ARE THE ONES THAT BEAR THIS BURDEN HAVE TO TRAVEL GREAT DISTANCES EACH DAY TO GET CLEAN WATER, THEY HAVE NO TIME TO ATTEND SCHOOL AND THE CYCLE OF POVERTY CONTINUES FOR ANOTHER GENERATION. WE NEED YOU TO CONTINUE YOUR GOOD WORK IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND AROUND THE WORLD AND FRANKLY WE NEED YOU FINANCIAL SUPPORT. WE NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF YOUR FOUNDATION, THE ROTARY FOUNDATION. PEOPLE OR FAMILIES OF GREAT WEALTH ESTABLISHED MOST OTHER LARGE FOUNDATIONS SUCH AS THE FORD FOUNDATION, GATES FOUNDATION, AND ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION. YOUR FOUNDATION WAS

STARTED BY A DONATION OF LESS THAN \$20 LEFT OVER FROM AN EARLY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. YOUR FOUNDATION IS FUNDED BY INDIVIDUAL ROTARIANS, AND CONTROLLED BY ROTARIANS. YOU CAN DETERMINE HOW THE FUNDS ARE SPENT. THE FUTURE OF ROTARY FOUNDATION IS IN YOUR HANDS.

BUT BEYOND YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT WE NEED YOUR INVOLVEMENT. WE NEED YOU TO LOOK INTO SOMEONE'S EYES AND RESPOND TO THEIR PLEA. YOU CANNOT SOLVE ALL THE WORLDS PROBLEMS BUT YOU CAN HELP SOMEONE. YOU CAN HELP BUILD A SCHOOL IN INDIA, DO A WATER PROJECT IN GHANA. YOU CAN DO WHATEVER YOU THINK YOU CAN DO. YOU HAVE FOUND YOUR ROTARY CLUB AND IT IS A GREAT CLUB. NOW YOU NEED TO FIND YOUR CAUSE.

WE NEED YOUR INVOLVEMENT AT THE CLUB LEVEL, THE DISTRICT LEVEL AND THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL. THIS ROTARY YEAR YOU HAVE INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN MORE STARTING WITH OUR DISTRICT CONFERENCE NEXT SPRING. WE HAVE HEARD VERY CLEARLY THAT YOU WANT A SHORTER, LESS EXPENSIVE DISTRICT CONFERENCE. YOUR DISTRICT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO DO A DAY AND A HALF CONFERENCE ON JUNE 11 AND 12, 2010 AT THE DAVIS CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE FUN; WE ARE GOING TO FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL HARRIS WHO ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT. WE ARE GOING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED ON OCTOBER 31, 1886 THAT CAUSED PAUL HARRIS TO BE EXPELLED. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT ROTARIANS LIKE TO BE ACTIVE SO WE ARE INCORPORATING SERVICE PROJECTS INTO THE CONFERENCE. WE NEED YOUR INPUT. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WANT AT YOUR CONFERENCE. "THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS". ONE-WEEK LATER ON JUNE 20-23, 2010, THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN MONTREAL. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR INSPIRING SPEAKERS, BE ENTERTAINED AND TO NETWORK WITH ROTARIANS FROM EVERY PART OF THE GLOBE. YOU CAN TALK TO ROTARIANS WHO HAVE LOOKED INTO THE EYES OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD AND ANSWERED THEIR PLEAS FOR HELP. YOU CAN TALK TO ROTARIANS INVOLVED IN DISASTER RELIEF; LEARN ABOUT SHELTER BOXES AND WATER AND SANITATION PROJECTS. YOU CAN JOIN A ROTARY ACTION GROUP DEDICATED TO THE PREVENTION OF CHILD SLAVERY. YOU CAN LISTEN TO A DISCUSSION BY ROTARY PEACE SCHOLARS AND MUCH, MUCH MORE. I URGE YOU TO ATTEND BOTH CONFERENCES. I AM SURE YOU WILL HAVE A GREAT TIME AND BECOME A BETTER ROTARIAN. WINSTON CHURCHILL STATED "WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET, WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE".

THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE NOT THINGS.

IN ROTARY YEAR 2009-2010, I CHALLENGE YOU TO BECOME A BETTER PERSON; A MORE COMMITTED ROTARIAN AND TO SHAPE ROTARY INTO A BETTER ORGANIZATION FOR THE TWENTY FIRST CENTURY. I ASK YOU TO DETERMINE WHAT YOU CAN GIVE AND GIVE A BIT MORE; TO PLAN FOR MORE THAN YOU THINK YOU CAN DO AND THEN DO IT.

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