



Service Above Self

## Rotary Club of Indianola

### Rotary eBulletin

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Club Web Site

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If you have any comments or questions, email the editor.

#### Future Speakers

**Mar 12 2010**

Jennifer Welch  
"Water Quality"

**Mar 19 2010**

Committees

**Mar 26 2010**

Steve Warrington

**Apr 30 2010**

Bob Hopper  
"Boy Scouts"

#### Upcoming Events

**Felix Pickup Schedule**

Oct 15 2009 - Jul 1 2010

**PETS Day 1**

Mar 26 2010

**PETS Day 2**

Mar 27 2010 - Mar 27 2010

**District Conference**

Apr 23 2010 - Apr 25 2010

**Bunny Harper District 6000**

**Golf Classic**

Jun 7 2010

#### News

Thought for the Week - Who Said It?

Quote of the Week - Who Said It?

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#### This Week's Duty Schedule

by Terry Pauling

**Mar 12 2010**

**Greeter** - Bob Guilford

**Sergeant** - Joyce Godwin

**Music** - Cyd Dyer

**Invocation** - Butch Hedeem

**Program** - Kelly Walter

#### RYE Host Family Contact Info

by Terry Pauling



**Felix Tyllack**

2009/10 RYE Student

**The Carters**

Current RYE Host

#### Member Survey

by Amy Duncan

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Survey-we had 26 responses between paper and online. Not everyone responded to every question, but here is a summary of the answers, grouped by service, meetings and social events.

#### SERVICE

One reason for staying in the club was because of the opportunity to serve the community as part of a group. A few commented they would like to take on more community projects "doing, not giving."

#### MEETINGS

Several people said they like Friday programs, but occasionally feel that they are thrown together at the last minute or need to be stronger. Many people said they didn't like the committee meetings and would like to see that handled differently. One person suggested doing a regular district program. The Friday noon meetings generally work for people, but the Wednesday morning meetings are difficult, either because of working in Des Moines or commitments to get children to school.

#### SOCIAL

People said they joined because a family member or co-worker invited them. They stay in the club because they like the people. People really like the social gatherings. A few suggestions included changing the night and occasionally the locations, having different types of program (one person suggested having the exchange student present at a regular Friday meeting rather than at a social). They also liked the small dinner gatherings.

## President's Message

March 2010

Preparations for our convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, 20-23 June, are well underway, and we are fast approaching the 31 March deadline for lower registration fees. I can think of many reasons to attend a Rotary International Convention – interesting speakers, exciting entertainment, and a chance to visit a fascinating city, to name a few. Yet as compelling as these incentives may be, they are not why I have attended almost every convention since my first one in 1984. The main reason I look forward to this annual event is the opportunity it affords to reunite with my Rotary friends and meet so many new ones.

In many ways, our convention is Rotary at its best: Rotarians coming together to enjoy congenial fellowship while discussing the more serious business of service. We will, no doubt, be inspired by our speakers, including Greg Mortenson, author of the best-selling book *Three Cups of Tea*; Jo Luck, CEO of Heifer International; and country music singer Dolly Parton, who will be talking about her other great interests, children's literacy and the Imagination Library. And we will learn about many facets of Rotary and our Rotary Foundation in the various workshops planned. In between these events, we can build new Rotary friendships over coffee in the House of Friendship or dinner at one of Montréal's celebrated restaurants.

It has been said many times that you cannot truly appreciate the internationality of Rotary until you attend a convention. In Montréal this June, we expect to welcome Rotarians from more than 100 countries. We may be speaking dozens of different languages, but I know that all of us will be eager to communicate as best we can – with words, smiles, and laughter – effectively bridging any cultural or linguistic differences.

The convention is a time to celebrate the achievements of the past year, but it is also a time to plan for the future. In Rotary, we do not look at all that we have accomplished and say, "That's enough." No, we use our successes as a springboard to do more. I encourage you to join June and me in Montréal and to use this opportunity to identify new service partners, get innovative project ideas, and renew your enthusiasm for Rotary. Much work remains to be done – both in this Rotary year and the next. The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands, and a Rotary convention is the ideal place to come together and formulate your plans.

John Kenny  
President, Rotary International

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