

THE ROTARY BANNER

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IT'S ALL ABOUT EDUCATION

LAST WEEK, REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, BOB DAIBER, WAS ON HAND TO TELL US ABOUT THE PROGRAMS THAT HIS OFFICE ADMINISTERS. HE HAS BEEN SERVING AS SUPERINTENDENT FOR 16 MONTHS. PRIOR TO THAT HE WAS A CLASSROOM SCIENCE TEACHER FOR 28 YEARS. HE WELCOMED THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH US. BOB UNDERSTANDS THAT THERE IS A GREAT LACK OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF HIS UNIT. HE TAKES GREAT PRIDE IN THE FACT THAT HIS OFFICE ASSISTED 500 COUNTY RESIDENTS RECEIVE THEIR GED CERTIFICATION, GIVING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE AN ASSOCIATES COLLEGE DEGREE. HIS OFFICE IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR- SCHOOL BUS DRIVER TRAINING, AN ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL IN TROY THAT ACCEPTS STUDENTS THAT HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM ANY OF THE 13 DISTRICTS IN THE COUNTY, THE EDUCATIONAL THERAPY CENTER THAT PROVIDES SPECIAL EDUCATION AND THERAPY FOR BEHAVIOR/ EMOTIONAL AND LEARNING DISABLED STUDENTS, THE TRUANTS ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM THAT HELPS STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WITH RE-ESTABLISHING REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, THE LIGHTHOUSE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES SCHOOLING FOR STUDENTS WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES, COORDINATES SCHOOL INSPECTIONS AND CONSTRUCTION FOR EACH OF THE 109 PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT (THERE ARE ALSO 33 NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS), PROVIDES BACKGROUND CHECKS AND FINGERPRINTS ALL SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND OFFER A WIDE ARRAY OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES AND MATERIALS FOR ALL COUNTY EDUCATORS. AND THAT'S ONLY A PARTIAL LIST. BOB TAKES EXCEPTION THE THE CHARGE THAT TODAY'S STUDENTS AREN'T AS GOOD AS THOSE OF PREVIOUS GENERATIONS. TODAY'S STUDENTS HAVE TO MASTER SKILLS THAT MANY OF US COULD ONLY DREAM ABOUT IN OUR YOUTH. WHAT HAS CHANGED IS THE CORE FAMILY AND SOCIETY. IN THE DAY, FAMILIES WERE THE MOST STABLE INFLUENCE IN ANY YOUNG PERSONS LIFE. TODAY, IN MANY CASES, THE SCHOOL IS THE MOST STABILIZING INFLUENCE. BOB SUGGESTS A RETURN TO A MORE HOLISTIC CULTURE WHERE VALUES ARE ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED. "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND" IS A GOOD TOOL TO HELP STUDENTS SUCCEED, BUT IT'S NOT THE SOLUTION TO OUR ILLS. BOB HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE HE HAS ALWAYS TAKEN THE TIME TO LISTEN TO HIS STUDENTS. THAT SOUNDS LIKE GREAT ADVICE FOR EACH OF US. WE THANK BOB FOR TAKING THE TIME TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION.

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BIRTHDAYS
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SEPT. 29TH

THE SKINNY

--VIRGIL PROUDLY REPORTS THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS MET IS ANNUAL YEARLY PROGRESS (AYP) GOALS.
--ONE WAG SUGGESTED THAT THERE WEREN'T ENOUGH FINES LAST WEEK. OOPS!
--ALLEN, AKA-BIG PINK, WAS LOOKING FINE.
--ROGER BROKE HIS SALAD FAST TO ENJOY THE TWICE BAKED.
--ATTENDANCE WAS WAY ABOVE AVERAGE-22.
--IF YOU SEE AN ARM HANGING OUT OF A BUILDING, GIVE ROGER A CALL.
--LORI REPORTS THAT THERE WERE TWO PRIZE WINNERS THE LAST WEEK OF THE SEASON WHICH BROUGHT OUR TOTAL PAYOUT FOR THE SEASON TO \$660. WE COULD HAVE PAID OUT \$415 MORE IF ALL ASSIGNED TICKET HAD BEEN SOLD. THANKS AGAIN TO LORI FOR COORDINATING THE EVENT.
--THE HALLOWEEN PARADE WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY 10-30, MARK YOUR CALENDAR.
--THE STEAK FRY WILL BE ON NOVEMBER 6TH AT KENDALL PARK (FORMERLY SHELL PARK).IT WILL BE A POTLUCK AFFAIR. WATCH FOR DETAILS.
--VIRGIL DREW HIS TICKET AND CHRIS' FOR THE \$25 POT. ALAS, NO JOKER FOLLOWED, BUT A "FINE" IDEA DID.

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IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE THESE VERY INTERESTING TOPICS ARE COVERED: POLIO, SAFE WATER, COOK BOOKS, LEAF PEEPING, BACK ACHE, 2009 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, "VISION" HOUSE BUILDING, ROTARIAN ARTISTS AND THE GREEN GOBI. ENJOY YOUR READ.

TRAFFIC

HERE ARE SOME INTERESTING POINTS TAKEN FROM THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOK: "TRAFFIC, WHY WE DRIVE THE WAY WE DO".
-THE AVERAGE AMERICAN SPENDS 38 HOURS PER YEAR STUCK IN TRAFIC.
-IN THE PAST FOUR DECADES, THE DAILY DISTANCE DRIVEN BY THE AVRAGE PERSON ROSE FROM 21 TO MORE THAN 32 MILES.
-IN 1969, NEARLY 1/2 OF CHILDREN WALKED OR BIKED TO SCHOOL. NOW 16% DO.
-ONE IN FIVE NEW HOMES HAS A 3 CAR GARAGE.
-DRIVERS ARE MORE RELUCTANT TO HONK AT DRIVERS IN NICE CARS.
-DRIVERS THINK SMALL CARS ARE FARTHER AWAY THAN THEY REALLY ARE.
-DRIVERS SEATED AT HIGHER EYE LEVELS (IE-SUV'S) ARE MORE LIKELY TO DRIVE FASTER THAN DRIVERS AT LOWER LEVELS.
-DRIVERS TAKE LONGER TO LEAVE A PARKING SPOT WHEN ANOTHER VEHICLE IS WAITING.
-FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS ATTRACT AS MUCH AS 70% OF SALES VIA THE DRIVE-THROUGH WINDOW.



Today's word:Luddite- They opposed the use of machinery to spin thread. Luddite has continued to be used to indicate those in opposition to technology.

HISTORY

1000: Leif Ericson lands in North America and discovers "Vinland" (possibly New England)

1642: First Commencement held at Harvard University

1872: The first mail order catalog was delivered this day.It was sent out by Mr. Aaron Montgomery of the famous Montgomery Ward catalog and department stores.

1888: The public was first admitted to the Washington Monument.

1930: Laura Ingalls became the first woman to fly across the United States

1936: The first generator at Boulder (later Hoover) Dam began transmitting electricity to Los Angeles.

1986: Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical "Phantom of the Opera" opened in London.

1989: The San Francisco Giants won the National League championship by defeating the Chicago Cubs

SMILE

An optimist thinks this is the best possible world. A pessimist fears this is true.

Districts hit by Hurricane Ike seek help

At 72 years old, Rotarian Fred Sandberg was less inclined to ride out the aftermath of Hurricane Ike than he might have been in his younger days."Roughing it isn't as much fun now as it was when I was a cub scout," says Sandberg, a resident of Santa Fe, Texas, USA, and governor-elect of District 5910. So when he received an invitation from Past District Governor Hugh Summers to stay at his home 240 miles north of the hurricane-stricken Texas coastline, he jumped at it. Sandberg was one of many Texas Rotarians who found shelter in the homes of other Rotarians, either before or immediately after Ike hit. District 5910's web site included a list of Rotarians willing to provide shelter for other Rotarians.District 5890 (Texas) created a Safe Harbor program on their Web site serving the same purpose, where district Rotarians offered up spare bedrooms, dens, or floor space to their fellow Rotarians fleeing the storm. District Governor-elect Ed Charlesworth of Houston was one of the first to sign up his home as a safe harbor. "A couple days before Ike hit, I said let's get this up on the Web site," Charlesworth recalls. "Within 10 minutes, we got our first call asking if the offer was still good. We said, 'Absolutely, come on down.' "Charlesworth ended up hosting three Rotarians he knew from his district travels. Three others were scheduled to stay with him as well, but they decided to seek refuge further inland. Charlesworth, who lives on the north side of Houston -- about 60 miles from the coast -- lost five trees, including one that fell on his roof. "The neat thing is how Rotarians pooled together," Charlesworth says. "While we were hosting, everyone pitched in. It's a very good feeling being here and seeing how people are pulling together. "The storm has left many in need. District 5910 includes the counties of Galveston, Jefferson, and Orange -- all declared disaster areas -- and is home to 18 of its 42 clubs.District Governor Roger McCabe says the district will use its donor advised fund to channel money to those who can put it to good use. Summers gave the Red Cross a check for \$5,000 on 18 September to help with the housing of displaced people.

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CLUB ARCHIVES
Oct. 1, 1987
Doc Taylor presented a
program on AIDS

"Statistics: The only
science that enables
different experts using the
same figures to draw
different conclusions."-
Evan Esar

FOUR WAY TEST

IS IT THE TRUTH?

IS IT FAIR TO ALL
CONCERNED?

WILL IT BUILD
GOODWILL AND
BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?

WILL IT BE
BENEFICIAL TO ALL
CONCERNED?

MAKE-UP OPPORTUNITIES

MON. NOON-WOOD RIVER
ST. JOHN'S UCC
NOON-JERSEYVILLE
REACE UNITED CHURCH
6PM-ALTON-GODFREY
MOONLIGHT
TUE. NOON-COLLINSVILLE
HOLIDAY INN
NOON-GRANITE CITY
NIEDRINGHAUS
METHODIST
NOON-HIGHLAND
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