April 25, 2011

Speech Team Contest

Your Greatest Fear...Public Speaking or Dying? Certainly not public speaking for the talented group of young men and women involved with the South Side speech team! Finalists Joseph Adams, Tyler Salway, Megan Grable and Amelia Roebuck joined our Rotary Club for lunch on Monday.

In addition to their presence, our Rotary Club was fortunate enough to have seniors Megan Grable and Amelia Roebuck share with us their winning speeches, which placed both of them in 2nd place at the competition held this past Saturday.

Megan competed in the 4 Way Test category and Amelia competed in the District Original Oratory category. Both talented young ladies did an outstanding job.

A big thank you goes out to Tom Beaver and Indiana Stamp for donating the trophies, Jeff Kroll at the Allen County Public Library for donating space at the library, and our local Best Buy for donating gift certificates for our winners.

Getting involved with the speech team is both rewarding and fun. And hey...you might even learn a thing or two! The committee is seeking new members with fresh, new ideas! If you are interested in joining the committee please contact Barb Watchman.
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<td>Sharon Pohly</td>
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Plan to attend District 6540 Conference

April 29 & 30 in Shipshewana IN
Register now on the District website
District 6540 Conference Seeks Sponsors!

If anyone is interested in being a sponsor at the conference, tables are available for $50 and rooms are available for $200. Please see Jane Wilks asap for more info.

Calling All New Rotary Members!

The New Rotary Member Done-In-A-Day Project is teaming up with Birthday Blessings of Northeast Indiana to hold a Bless-A-Party, Thursday, May 5th, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (arrive at 5:00 p.m. for setup) at Vincent Village, 2827 Holton Avenue.

New Rotarians will be providing a birthday party (dinner, treats, presents, etc.) for children being sheltered. It promises to be a fun and rewarding service event.

All active Rotarians are welcome to participate!

Volunteers must complete the Volunteer Information form and abide by Birthday Blessings Volunteer policies. Please complete and return the volunteer form to Debby Beckman by April 30.

Questions?
Email Debby at dbeckman@ywcaerew.org or call 765-661-7490 (cell).

Random Acts of Rotary

This year’s “Random Act of Rotary” will be on May 7, from 8am-noon. Random acts may consist of raking leaves for a senior citizen, purchasing groceries, etc. Stay tuned for details!
Happy Birthday Rotarians!

Dahle, Gerald    May 02
Fogel, Doris     May 03
Wilks, Jane      May 04
Beckman, Deborah May 07
Sherr, Mitchell  May 07
Redding, Jeremy  May 13
Gilliom, Roy     May 14
Shah, Nagin      May 17
Smith, Wil       May 18
Ostrum, R. Kay   May 19
Updike, Kelly    May 19
Cage, Christian  May 22
Conklin, Richard May 23
Rafree, William  May 25
Arnold, Mel      May 31
Parker, Maclyn   May 31

And Happy Rotary Anniversary To The Following Rotarians:

Abramowski, Stanley 25 years May 12
Baldus, Hugh        45 years May 23
Fenoglio, John      6 years  May 15
Greenberg, Ronnie   9 years  May 30
Gripp, Richard      7 years  May 25
Hiatt, Douglas      6 years  May 15
Matthews, James     2 years  May 25
Olson II, Robert    21 years May 21
Platt, David        32 years May 21
Rood, Winchester    42 years May 05
Shambaugh, Mark     28 years May 13
Wagner, Kimberly    3 years  May 09
Walker, Jonathan    1 years  May 13
Walters, Irene      18 years May 17
Waterman, Lisa      11 years May 25
The GSE Bulgaria Team Update!

The Group Study Exchange team departed Friday afternoon for four weeks of vocational and cultural exchange in Bulgaria. The Rotary team leader is Tim Gibson from our club along with team members from Fort Wayne, Wabash and Goshen. The Group Study program is funded by the Rotary International Foundation and is available to young professionals 25 to 40 years old. In the spring of 2012, our Rotary District 6540 will host the team from Bulgaria.

For those of you who have not visited the blog, here is the latest posting from our fellow Rotarians in Bulgaria.

To follow the GSE Team to Bulgaria, click the link below to access their blog, which will be updated regularly.

http://bulgariagse.wordpress.com/

Welcome to Bulgaria!
April 17, 2011 by Jessica

We have arrived! Well, actually, we did yesterday April 16th around 2:30pm but as you can imagine we were tuckered out
from a full day of travel! Our flights went smoothly. Ft. Wayne to Cincinnati, Cincinnati to Paris, Paris to Bulgaria. We were so anxious to meet our hosts once we finally landed, but had a roadblock; Tim and Renee’s luggage did not arrive with the rest of ours! Luckily, both were prepared with spare clothing and necessities in their carry-on luggage (and as a side note, their luggage was found and delivered today).

Once we ventured out into the airport we were met by Violeta, Svetozar, Radina, Yvo, Nikolay and Antoaneta. They greeted us with roses (as Bulgaria is a large exporter of rose oil) and freshly baked bread, salt and honey; merely the beginning of the Bulgarian traditions we will learn. My host family expands on this, telling me that the bread has been a tradition for centuries, used to welcome new people to their country. I’m hosted by Svetozar, his wife Kate and their very sweet 4-year-old son who associates me with Jessie from the movie Toy Story. I’m particularly okay with this, because it means I get big hugs whenever he sees me. The downside: I didn’t pack my cowboy hat or chaps. I did get to try two of the Bulgarian food staples during dinner last night, the shopska salad and rakia.

Today was the Day of Flowers here. Anybody named after a flower, such as our host Violeta, is celebrated. We spent the day with Violeta and Yvo, walking around seeing the sights of Sofia, which included countless street vendors with flowers. We ended our day with a tour of the National Museum of History, where we received a personal tour by a wonderfully informative woman.

We have many, many pictures thus far, but are still working out the technical aspects of uploading and accessing the internet via cell phone. Rest assured, they are coming soon. Until then, Dovizhdane (Goodbye) friends!
The International Youth Exchange EXPO was a collaborative initiative involving the Rotary clubs of Fort Wayne, IPFW’s Division of Continuing Studies and the Office of International Education, The Dave Hefner International Exchange Fund and North Side High School. For 9th – 11th graders in the county’s 16 high schools, it was an opportunity to discover the summer and academic year study and travel programs offered by 9 different exchange programs. There were also colleges and universities available to discuss the impact of an international experience on college admissions and the availability of study overseas during the college years.

Finally, there were companies present to help the students realize that there are, in fact, career opportunities in the immediate area if a person has a language and cultural immersion background. To answer all the obvious questions (exchange funding, program selection, and the role of school teachers and counselor) there were workshops offered for the students and their parents.
Birthday Blessings of Northeast Indiana

Volunteer Information

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________

City______________________________ State:_________ Zip Code:____________

Phone: (___)________________ Email _____________________________________________

Are you a student?_______________

What school do you attend? ____________________________________________________

What grade or year are you in? ________________________________________________

Have you done volunteer work at another non-profit? _____________________________

If yes, where and what did you do?____________________________________________

What type of work would you like to do here? Please circle all that you are interested in.

*Donate and prepare a meal for an Adopt-A-Party celebration

*Donate and prepare cakes or cupcakes for an Adopt-A-Party celebration

*Volunteer your time at an Adopt-A-Party celebration

*Wrap gifts, stuff treat bags, make birthday cards

What skills, training, or knowledge do you wish to utilize here?

Why do you want to volunteer here?
Where did you hear about our Agency?

How often are you available to volunteer?

Days of the week available?
Volunteer Policies:

1. All volunteers must complete Volunteer Information form that will be provided by Birthday Blessings.
2. A Volunteer Hours Served form will be given to the individual/group to track the time spent on the project.
3. We ask that one member of the service group serves as a point of contact between Birthday Blessings and the group. This member will be responsible for distributing the Volunteer Information form to other members of the group, as well as maintaining the Volunteer Hours Served form for the group.
4. All volunteers must sign a volunteer sign in form at the celebration if attending.
5. Bless-A-Party celebrations usually require a 2 to 2½ hour on site commitment. Volunteers are asked to arrive ½ hour before scheduled party time to set up, and are expected to help with clean up of the party.
6. Due to the sensitive nature of the environment in which they will be serving, volunteers will be given guidelines that they must follow to protect the resident’s confidentiality.
   a. Volunteers must sign any confidentiality forms provided by the shelter.
   b. Volunteers must adhere to the guidelines of the shelter in which they are serving.
   c. No photos may be taken or media invited without prior consent of the shelter and Birthday Blessings Executive Director.
7. Birthday Blessings will provide a Volunteer Coordinator for the Bless-A-Party celebration.
   a. The Volunteer Coordinator will act as the point of contact between the individual/group and Birthday Blessings.
   b. The Volunteer Coordinator will make themselves available by phone or email to answer any questions or concerns during the planning process
   c. The Volunteer Coordinator will act as the liaison between the shelter and the individual/group.
   d. The Volunteer Coordinator will be responsible for scheduling the Bless-A-Party celebration, provide the individual/group with a list of needed items to execute the project properly, provide the individual/group with the total number expected at the celebration and the names, ages and sex of the children celebration a birthday.
   e. The Volunteer Coordinator will be on site for the party or project.