



McMurray Rotarian



A Message From the President

Fellow McMurray Rotarians:

I want to thank all of you for your participation in the numerous projects and activities we have been involved in the past weeks and months in keeping with this year's Rotary Theme of "Building Communities and Bridging Continents."

Our participation, along with other clubs in District 7330, in the Strike-Out-Hunger event in August raised \$1,431.00 for the Washington County Food Bank. We were able to provide three Shelter Boxes to be used when disaster strikes some underserved area of the world. The Fishing Derby was a fun and successful event with a high turnout of children and Rotarians. Our "Buy One Get One Free" Water Filter project continues to be successful with many of you already having signed up for one or more. Your contribution helps give children all over the world the gift of clean drinking water.

Polio is down, but not yet defeated. A deadly outbreak in Congo has killed 97 people among over 200 reported cases. Rotary is providing a total of \$500,000.00 in emergency grants to WHO and UNICEF for immediate polio immunization efforts throughout the country. On a positive note, as of November 18, 2010, Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge has raised \$153,909,000. Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge is the Rotary Foundation's response to the two grants totaling \$355 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to help eradicate polio. Every dollar given to Polio Plus will be counted toward the \$200 million match, which must be completed by 30 June 2012. Only \$46,000.000 left to reach our goal. Donate now to help Rotary achieve a polio-free world.

We have also seen a busy schedule with community service activities. During the month of November we were able to, in collaboration with some local churches and other service organizations, help a local long-term resident keep his home. We provided the necessary work to fix his deck, front yard steps, tear down an old playhouse, cut down some trees, clean up debris in the yard, etc. to comply with his home insurance company's requirements. We have provided dictionaries to third graders in the Peters Township School District, gave \$2,000.00 towards a dishwasher for the Venetia Community Center thanks to a District Simplified Grant, donated \$2,000.00 to Operation Safety Net to help obtain socks, gloves, hats, blankets and sleeping bags for the homeless, and more recently, participated in a Habitat for Humanity project.

The Interact Club in the High School sponsored by our Rotary Club is up and running. They have elected their officers and with a membership of over 25 students have already held a successful blood drive collecting 50 units of blood. Many other projects are in the pipeline ready to be implemented by these very enthusiastic and community-minded young boys and girls.

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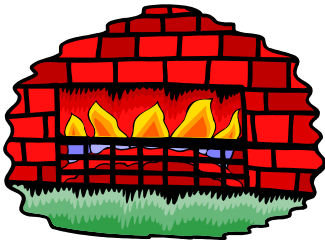
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Club Happenings



Our January meetings will be held at the Peters Township School Administration Building next to the Middle School.



December is Rotary Family Month. Happy Holidays to all of our families near and far, and especially our Rotary family.

Upcoming Programs

12/02 Alison Kartevold, TV News Reporter & Author
 12/09 Lynette Tomasetti, Guide to Good Health
 12/16 Annual Christmas Luncheon
 12/23 No Meeting—Merry Christmas
 12/30 No Meeting—Happy New Year

Upcoming Events

12/12 Christmas Caroling in Peters Township
 12/14 Board Meeting
 02/02/11-02/09/11— District 7330 Mission trip to the Dominican Republic
 05/21/11-05/25/11— 2011 Rotary International Convention—New Orleans
 06/03/2011—District Conference—Holiday Inn Meadowlands

The philanthropy committee will soon be accepting applications for next year's giving. If you know of a worth cause that you would think would benefit from a McMurray Rotary Club donation, please let Tony know as soon as possible.



Birthday's & Anniversaries

Birthdays

12/03 Fran Blazek
 12/08 Polly Capots
 12/08 Bill Holt
 12/08 Grace Gullborg
 12/10 Cheryl Bayne
 12/13 Harry Funk
 12/17 Colleen Pikras
 12/20 Jim Audas

Club Anniversaries

12/01 Ed Wisniewski 23 yrs
 12/31 Roy Crumrine 7 yrs
 12/31 Lew Irwin 11 yrs
 12/31 Brian Peck 11 yrs

Club Officers and Directors

President—Antonio Zuloaga

President Elect—Don Angel

Vice President—Jamison Hardy

Secretary—Ed Wisniewski

Treasurer—Mike Silvestri

Sergeant at Arms—Roy Crumrine

Past President—Tod Wilcock

Club Service—John Pikras

Community Service—Al DeLucia Jr.

International Service—Jim Mortimer

Vocational Service—Harry Funk

Fund Raising—Gary Rosensteel

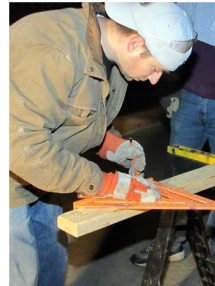
District Governor—Walter Olshanski

RI President—Ray Klinginsmith



Habitat for Humanity

On Saturday November 20th, 10 members of our club met to volunteer some time at the Washington County Habitat for Humanity. The project was to build a room and a wall at the new store. The Renovation Station in Washington sells new and used building materials and home improvement items and proceeds are used to fund the building of houses in Washington County. Member response was positive and the event went so well that another date is being planned for late January or February. Thanks to Sarah Kohl for organizing the project, and thanks to Harry for the great pictures.



"A Rotary club gives us an opportunity that no social, political, or specialized business club can do. It is strong on the human side; it stands for the individual, unfetters him, appeals to his originality, brings out his latent powers, and puts him at his best by extending him the full measure of his confidence and appealing to the best that is in him - 'service not self.'"

~1912-13 RI President Glen C. Mead

The Four Way Test

**Of the things we think,
say or do**

Is it the TRUTH?

**Is it FAIR to all
concerned?**

**Will it build GOOD
WILL and BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?**

**Will it be BENEFICIAL
to all concerned?**

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The Charity Gala was a successful event thanks to the coordinated efforts of the Gala Committee and the membership participation in obtaining auction items, selling tickets, helping during the event, etc. Our new fundraiser, Christmas Caroling in Peters Township, is just around the corner. On December 12th, in collaboration with students from Peters Township High School, we will be soliciting monetary donations from residents in various Peters Township neighborhoods as the students sing Christmas Carols. With the proceeds from these events we will be able to continue to fund many of our philanthropic activities.

Congratulations Rotarians! I hope you are as proud of your "Service Above Self" as I am of serving with all of you. The next six months promise to be as busy and fun with more service projects, fundraisers, Matching Grants for the Cali Orphanage and Burned Children Center, family of rotary events, etc.

In closing, Laura and I wish you and your families a blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!

Yours in Rotary Service,

Tony



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November Programs

HOOPS *for* **H A I T I**

It was a short month for programs, but we did have our own Adam Provance talk to us about an organization that he is deeply involved with, **Hoops for Haiti** which collects basketball shoes, uniforms, and basketballs to distribute to children in Haiti.

Adam thanked the club for their support and shared a video and some photos of his recent trip in March 2010. They will be making a return trip to Cap-Haitien and Pillatre, Haiti in January of 2011. A suggestion was made to apply for a matching grant through Rotary International which would involve the Cap-Haitien Rotary Club, which Adam is going to pursue.

Learn more about Hoops for Haiti at <http://www.hoopsforhaiti.org/>

Have a program idea?? Gary Rosensteel has the sometimes challenging task of booking interesting programs and speakers for our club meetings. He thanked the members at a recent meeting for helping to keep our schedule full. If you have an idea for a speaker or program for 2011, please let Gary know. If you are looking for an opening, the upcoming schedule can always be found on our website at www.mcmurrayrotary.com/calendar.