



The Optune

Deanna Morrow Presents Team Building Workshop



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Deanna Morrow, OI Foundation Director of Georgia and Tennessee and Conference and Convention Chair, was a guest presenter on Tuesday, January 30. She presented on "Team Building" and how it can be used to form your committees. Mrs. Morrow is a 40+ retired educator and Optimist member for 30+ years. Deanna has served as District Lt. Governor and has been on numerous local and national committees.

She began her presentation by giving the dynamics of building a team. It is very difficult to build an active team because of the varied personality styles of its members. Team building follows a bell curve. As it builds to its peak, problems may evolve with team members. The group may not be cohesive because of ideas not meshing or someone not liking what another member says. It takes a strong leader to intervene and stop the bell curve from declining. Most of Mrs. Morrow's research comes from Dr. Alessandra's work. He states that the Platinum Rule, "Do unto others as they would like to be done unto" should

should guide a leader.

She provided a survey that gives you enlightenment on two separate scales; 1. Are you Open or Guarded? or 2. Direct or Indirect? "Open" people easily share their feelings and will share it with anyone who will listen while "Guarded" people are completely the opposite and do not feel the need to share their feelings. The "Direct" person formulates ideas, solutions, and decisions quickly and "Indirect" people take more time to make decisions as well as share the information with others.



Once a person takes the survey based on the two categories as mentioned in the previous paragraph, the answers to the 18 questions places the person in one of

four additional categories; Relator, Socializer, Thinker, or Director. Mrs. Morrow explained each of the terms and their particular characteristics.



The lively session provided excellent information as to how committees can be put together so they will be more cohesive and productive. Relators seem to be the biggest groups within a membership while Socializers comprise the second largest. Based on the survey results, Mrs. Morrow said that the Rome Noon Optimist had the largest number of Directors in their club. This may pose certain challenges for a club with "too many chiefs and not enough Indians". We all shared a good laugh as she spoke about the results. The information from the surveys will be a good starting point as we begin to establish new committees. Thank you, Mrs. Morrow for sharing your time and talents!

Updates on Members

Out & About in the Community

It is with great sorrow, shock, and disbelief that we update the tragic accident with the Howell family. Dee Howell was unable to recover from injuries and passed away on January 28th. She, Jim and Joe Howell (Optimist members) were in a terrible car wreck and both brothers are still in the hospital. Once they release Dee's funeral arrangements, we will update the club.

Dee Howell worked at Blossom Hill and greeted everyone with a bright smile and a positive attitude. Her love for others have touched countless lives here in Rome. She is the definition of optimism and will be missed. Please keep Jim, Joe and their families in your prayers.

Theresa Perry and her husband, Carl have been reunited after Theresa spent some time in rehabilitation. She and Carl are settling in at Morning Pointe Assisted Living in Rossville, Georgia. Theresa will see her orthopedic surgeon on February 20 when she hopes that he will give permission to begin weight bearing exercises. She has been non-weight bearing since December 17. If you would like to send her a card, her address is Morning Pointe Assisted Living, 2989 Happy Valley Rd., Apt. 102, Rossville, 37401.

Sarah Graves is at home resting comfortably after her stay in the hospital with double pneumonia. She will need some time to get back her strength. No visitors are allowed at this time. Charles and their family sincerely appreciate your prayers.

On Tuesday, February 13, members from the club visited and brought Valentine "Goody Bags" to the children who live at the Open Door Home. The bags were filled with donations from members and the Model Junior Optimist students. Candy, cookies, pens, pencils, note pads, lip balm, and colored pencils were donated. In addition, the club purchased Chic Filet A gift cards and Chick Filet A donated an additional card for a free sandwich or nuggets which were added to the goody bags.

Prior to the visit, eight club members met at Jan Mendence's home to decorate the gift bags and enjoy a breakfast and fellowship. Each bag was hand lettered and decorated with colored hearts. On February 6, the bags were brought to the Palladium where members filled the bags with 17 items. Thank you to all who contributed items/money, decorated the bags, and/or who visited the Open Door Home.



"Try to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud." - Maya Angelou

Anniversaries

Feb. 23 Jenny & Mike Reeber

Birthdays

Feb. 22 Mark Wallace

Mar. 01 Jason Oylar

Mar. 04 Dave Roberson

Mar. 07 Melanie Mansell

Promise Yourself...



Future Events

Feb. 20 Business Club Meeting, Palladium, 11:45am

Mar. 12 Terrific Kid Program, Pleasant Valley North Church, 6pm

Members are asked to donate 34 items to be put in the bags.

