

Valley View Rotary Update  
Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2008

**Program:** How local schools are funded and why that is important to us, presented by Janet Rosseter, business manager for the La Crosse School District.

**Announcements:**

**Kringles Recap:** We are projected to make over \$6,000! Mark Anderson from Linda's Bakery was wonderful to work with. Please patron Linda's Bakery every chance you get. Thank you to Dave Olson who generously offered a free lunch buffet for every 4-pack of kringles sold. Our top three flavors were: apple, pecan and raspberry. Our top two sellers were Laurie Tweeten (636) and Dave Olson (538). The members who sold over 100 kringles includes: Russ Callahan, John Fleis, Fuzzy Krajewski, Del Schreck and Dick Spencer. Thank you to everyone to helped sell 3747 kringles and make this another successful fundraiser!

Janie Spencer and Kate Dunnum did a wonderful job in coordinating the entire fundraiser; please join me in thanking them!

**Membership:** Our newest member, Nick Benz, received his pin, badge, 4-Way Test plaque and directory this week. Be sure to introduce yourself to him at next week's meeting and make sure he's wearing his pin!

The board accepted Nick Nick's resignation at the board meeting on Monday. Nick's duties at work have increased and he is required to travel more. It was a hard decision for him to make but we wish him the best and hopefully at some point in the future, he will be able to rejoin the club.

**Rotary Works Foundation:** The newly formed local Rotary Foundation is now called 'Rotary Works'. Each club is required to vote on the proposed slate of officers. If you approve the slate of officers you need to do nothing. If you do not approve, you must email me by 11/26.

The 2009-10 board will include: President, Janet Kusch (Downtown), President Elect, Dar Isaacson (Valley View), Secretary, Wayne Oliver (East), and Treasurer, Dan Graham (Downtown).

**Special Board Meeting:** The board will meet Monday, Nov. 17 at 7:30 a.m. at Roger Imes' office to discuss our financial commitment to the Rotary Works Foundation and how to best fund that commitment.

**EcoPark:** To date, with club and member donations, Valley View Rotary has donated \$67,000 to the EcoPark! This is certainly an accomplishment to be proud of. If you'd like to increase your donation or are a new member and haven't had the opportunity to give,

please see Natalie Hartigan to learn more about how you can be part of this historic project.

**Rotary Lights:** The all-Rotary work day is this Saturday, 11/15. If you have time please stop down to Riverside Park and help your fellow Rotarians for an hour or two.

The Rotary Lights parade will be 11/28 and we will be walking in the parade with the Onalaska Club. Start time is 5:00 p.m. Doug Bruha will be pulling the float. If you have any extra working Christmas lights, please bring those to the next meeting.

Our work night in the park is 11/29. There are two shifts and 10 people are needed for each shift. Jim Warren is circulating sign-ups for the parade and the work night.

**Christmas Party:** Our Christmas Party will be 12/17 at Syl's place. The Onalaska club will also be joining us that night for fun and fellowship. The club will not meet 12/24 or 12/31.

**Christmas Presents for Foster Kids:** Bill Shepard is organizing our annual Christmas Gift Giving for La Cross County Foster Children. The sign-up went around this week and will circulate next week. Members can bring their gifts to the Christmas party on 12/17.

**Committee Sign-up:** A committee sign-up sheet will circulate over the next few weeks. Every member must be on a committee. Committees meet during Club Assembly, once each quarter. A description of each committee, which represents an avenue of service, can be found on the Web site at [http://www.valleyviewrotary.com/main/page\\_avenues\\_of\\_service.html](http://www.valleyviewrotary.com/main/page_avenues_of_service.html).

**Rotary North Location Change:** Rotary North will be meeting at the Skipperliner headquarters building in the meeting/hospitality area for the winter. Skipperliner is located across the parking lot from Huck Finn's.

**Rotaract Christmas Party:** Rotaract will be hosting their Christmas Party at Features in Holmen on Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person which includes your meal, soda and tip (pre-payment is required). If you'd like to attend please email Kristina Smaby at [kksmaby@gmail.com](mailto:kksmaby@gmail.com).

**Rotaract Fundraiser:** Rotaract is doing their last drive to try to sell the Wisconsin Public Television DVD, Wisconsin Hometown Stories: La Crosse. The DVD sales are their main fundraiser for the year and they have quite a few left. They sell for \$19.95 each and work great for birthday or Christmas presents. You can buy the DVDs at Grounded Specialty Coffee in downtown La Crosse.

**Next Week's Program:** Nov. 19: 6 Degrees – Middle School Social Improvisation

**November Assignments:**

Greeter: TBA

Invocation: Karen Sandmire  
Rooter: Rolan Covert  
Programs: Penny Reedy  
Takedown: Community Service

**Upcoming Programs:**

Nov. 26: New Academic Building Project at UW-L – Jackie Jensen-Utz  
Dec. 3: Classification Speech – Heidi Blanke  
Dec. 10: Classification Speech – Cheryl Gill  
Dec. 17: No Meeting – Christmas Party at Syl's.  
Dec. 24: No Meeting – Christmas Eve

**Dates to Remember:**

11/15 Rotary Lights All Rotary Club Work Day  
11/28 Rotary Lights Parade  
11/29 Rotary Lights Work night  
12/14 Rotary Light Fun Run/Walk  
1/29 Rotary North's Wine/Beer & Cheese Tasting

**Web sites:**

Prizm Greeting Cards: <http://prizmGreetings.com/>  
Visit <http://www.rotary6250.org/> for more information about Rotary and Dist. 6250

**Make-Ups:**

Rotaract provides another great opportunity to make-up! They meet Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. at Grounded Specialty Coffee on Main St.\*Eco Park meetings will no longer count as make-ups as of 12/31/08

A complete list of area make-ups is listed in your printed directory.

**Rotarians on Leave:**

Julie Keitel 12/31

Have a great week!

Keli Highland