

Valley View Rotary Update
Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008

Program: Nov. 19: 6 Degrees – Middle School Social Improvisation – Anti-bullying.

Announcements:

Rotary Works Foundation: The board decided to donate \$3500 to the Rotary Works Foundation for the 08-09 year. There is \$1000 in the budget designated for donation to the foundation. The board held a special meeting on 11/17 to decide how to come up with the additional \$2500. The board decided to redirect \$2500 from the Community Service and Vocational Service budgets. The programs that are typically funded out of those budgets appear to be strong candidates for Rotary Works Foundation funding.

Redirecting this money does not preclude the club from funding other groups or projects that they wish to fund. Groups who have historically received funding from the club out of the Comm. Service and Voc. Service budgets will be encouraged to apply for a grant from the Rotary Works Foundation. In the event they don't receive funding, Valley View's board will review the request and potentially fund it as a club.

It is important to make sure that everyone knows this is the plan for the 08-09 year. We aren't locked in to this funding structure indefinitely. Each year as the incoming president and treasurer prepare the budget the board will review this funding structure and determine if it's still the way they want to proceed.

The board talked about the possibility of moving the Jeremiah McKinney money in to the Rotary Works Foundation and earmarking it for Youth Exchange. However, the board made no decision on this. They feel it's a discussion that we need to have as a club. The board has set aside the meeting on **February 4th** as a time to discuss this as a club. After that discussion, the board will make a decision.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact a member of the board. A list of board members can be found in your directory or on the home page of the Web site.

Rotary Works Foundation Officers 09-10: 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).

Rotary Lights: 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. If you can help, please email Jim Warren at jwarren@nesnahventures.com.

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: Bring your gift cards for the foster children to the Christmas party on 12/17. If you can't attend the Christmas party please contact Bill Shepard to make other arrangements.

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.

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.

Next Week's Program: Nov. 26: New Academic Building Project at UW-L – Jackie Jensen-Utz

WAFER Wednesday is Next Week!

November Assignments:

Greeter: TBA

Invocation: Karen Sandmire

Rooter: Rolan Covert

Programs: Penny Reedy

Takedown: Community Service

Upcoming Programs:

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

Jan. 31: No Meeting – New Year’s Eve

Dates to Remember:

- 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 can be found at
http://www.valleyviewrotary.com/main/page_make_ups.html

Rotarians on Leave:

Julie Keitel 12/31

Have a great week!
Keli Highland