

Valley View Rotary Update
Wednesday, February 18, 2009

Program: Take II Staging and Redesign; Leslie Kroker & Cathy Gohlson, owners.

*Program note: Last week Sue Eber, lung cancer survivor, presented a program about her fight with cancer which included information on how to reduce risk factors in your own life. Questions were raised about radon and Sue got back to us with a few follow up comments: *Granite counter tops were in the news last year but their contribution to radon is insignificant compare to soil. Radon testing should be re-done if there is a change made to the house; an addition that adds space, finishing a basement by adding rooms, putting in a sump pump, adding a new gas water heater, fireplace or furnace, or changes to ventilation such as adding a bathroom fan, air exchanger, stove hood or other device that increases or decreases air pressure in the home.*

Announcements:

Membership: Welcome Mike Noelke! The board approved Mike's membership application. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Mike next week.

Honorary Members: The board voted to extend honorary membership status to Marcia Naber. Marcia was very involved in the club during her many years of membership. Most recently she was the 'point person' on the water project in Haiti. Marcia will attend meetings and events as she is able. The board votes yearly on renewal of honorary membership. Please be sure to welcome Marcia at the next club event!

Kringle Volunteers: As you know, we had a wonderful fundraising brainstorming session a few weeks ago. The Club Service committee is researching potential new fundraisers. However, the board wants to make sure we don't let a year lapse with out a fundraiser so be on the safe side, we'll proceed with kringles for the fall while the Club Service committee completes their research.

That being said, we need 1-2 people to volunteer to chair the committee and coordinate the fundraiser. If you are interested please contact Keli Highland or Tom Kelbel.

Group Study Exchange: Our district will be receiving a Group Study Exchange Team from the Philippines on April 22 and they will stay until May 23rd. This will be a musical team and all six members are talented musicians. They hope to play in front of groups of people during their stay in District 6250.

We are in need of Clubs that will find host families for 3 - 4 nights so that our visitors can learn more about our District. It would also be important for the Clubs to arrange for visiting different businesses in the area during their stay in your community.

If you are interested in hosting a team member or have additional questions please contact Dist. Governor Tom Marshall at tom@webmonger.net or 715-423-1921 (H) 715-213-3046 (C).

District Conference: Make your reservations now to attend District Conference May 1-3, at Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids. District Governor Tom Marshall has a wonderful weekend planned; rooms are only \$75 a night! Call 1-800-843-6323.

Next Week's Program: Feb. 25: Jim Gallagher – EcoPark.

February Assignments:

Programs: Sue Weidemann

Greeter: Rob Sturgis

Invocation: Tom Kelbel

Rooter: Larry Peterson

Takedown: Paul Harris Fellows

Future Programs:

March 4: Stacy Shapiro Shapiro Strategies Living Your Values

March 11: Pat Stephens – Rotary Lights check distribution

March 18: Classification Talk – Kurt Scott

March 25: Classification Talk – Nick Benz

Dates to Remember:

4/18: District Assembly at Wilderness Resort - Glacier Canyon Lodge at the Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI.

5/1-3: District Conference at Hotel Mead in Wisconsin Rapids.

Web sites:

Prizm Greeting Cards: <http://prizmreetings.com/>

Visit <http://www.rotary6250.org/> for more information about Rotary and Dist. 6250

Make-Ups: EcoPark 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:

Mike Giblin 2/28

Julie Keitel 4/30

Nancy Schmidt 6/1

Have a great week!

Keli Highland