

Valley View Rotary Update  
Wednesday, March 11, 2009

**Program:** Rotary Lights check distribution

**Announcements:**

**Child Mortality Prevention Project:** Rotary International has asked every Rotary club in the world to initiate a project to help reduce child mortality. Valley View Rotary is excited to be partnering with the YMCA to help sponsor swimming lessons for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders from Franklin Elementary. Valley View Rotary is contributing \$1000 to help fund this project.

Additionally, we're looking for some volunteer! Students are bused, on Fridays, during the school day for the lessons. The YMCA needs male volunteers who would be able to volunteer for a few hours on a Friday to help make sure the boys make it, in an orderly fashion, from the bus to the locker room to the pool and back. The program starts Friday, March 27 and runs for 8 weeks. If you're able to help just once, that would be great. Contact Bill Soper or Keli Highland if you're interested.

**Ambulance Project:** Valley View helped sponsor a grant for an ambulance for Pondicherry District in Eastern India which was an area affected by the tsunami. Unlike other international projects the club didn't have to provide any financial support, which is always good! Sondra LeGrand helped to move the project along and she received confirmation last week the grant was approved!

**Rotaract:** In celebration of Rotaract's 1 year anniversary and World Rotaract Week, there will be a celebration tonight from 6-8 p.m. at Grounded Specialty Coffee. There will be a service auction and all proceed will benefit the Hunger Task Force. Please attend if you are able!

**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:** March 18: Classification Talk – Kurt Scott

**March Assignments:**

Programs: Janie Spencer  
Rooter: Steve Christiansen  
Greeter: John Lyche  
Invocation: Scott Tanke  
Take Down: International Service

**Future Programs:**

March 25: Classification Talk – Nick Benz

April 1: Activate America/Healthier Communities - Bill Soper

April 8: YMCA Outreach Program, Hamilton & La Crosse Roads Schools - Courtney Daniels & Bankim Dhanik

April 22: A selection of photos from paddling 5000 miles of US rivers - John Sullivan

April 29: Club Assembly

**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://prizmGreetings.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](http://www.valleyviewrotary.com/main/page_make_ups.html)

**Rotarians on Leave:**

Mike Giblin 3/31

Julie Keitel 4/30

Nancy Schmidt 6/1

Have a great week!

Keli Highland