

Valley View Rotary Update

Wednesday, August 12, 2009

Program:

Wisconsin Youth Conservation Corps, Inc. (WisCorps); Matthew Brantner

Matt's presentation was excellent. WisCorps is a newly formed non-profit conservation corps that will provide a valuable service to Wisconsin's citizens and environment by employing youth and young adults aged 16-25 in direct conservation projects on public lands across the state. WisCorps crews will complete projects such as: new trail construction, trail restoration, bridge construction, stream bank restoration, tree planting, and control of non-native invasive species.

You can learn more about WisCorps at <http://www.wiscorps.org/> or contact Matt at matt@wiscorps.org. Thanks Roger (Imes) for arranging such an interesting program!

Announcements:

Presidents for a day – Keli Highland and Terry Bauer – Thanks much for handling my duties while I was on vacation! I appreciate it.

Flying Waffle Breakfast

The first annual Valley View Rotary 'Flying' Waffle Breakfast was a great success! Becky Brockman and her committee did a fabulous job of making this fund raiser a reality. Thank you for your vision and drive! You can see pictures from the event at http://www.flyingwaffles.com/page_home.html

District 6250 Traveling Bell

District Governor Dean Dickinson is encouraging district rotary clubs to capture the Traveling Bell. This activity is intended to foster more interaction between clubs and Rotarians in district 6250. The bell started at the first club that the District Governor visited in July. The bell stays with a club until a "contingent" of Rotarians from another club makes a visit and takes the bell back to their club. Dean will be visiting our club September 30th. There is added incentive to have the bell when he comes to visit so we will be looking for a group to capture the bell. See more about the Traveling Bell at <http://www.rotary6250.org/district/travelingbell.shtml>

Youth Exchange

We are looking for members to volunteer to take a month to be involved with our incoming exchange student from Brazil, Marcos Buss. Sue is expecting him to arrive next Saturday, August 22nd. This can be as simple as taking him out to eat or inviting him to join you for a meal at your home or including him in a

trip to a sporting event or most any activity. Volunteer Affidavits must be completed by those having contact with him outside of a group setting. Please contact Larry Clark regarding the forms and any questions you may have. The forms are also available at

http://www.rotary6250.org/downloads/Youth%20%20Exchange/In-Bound/CSVolunteer_Affadavit.pdf

4 Way Test Dinner

The 4 Way Test Dinner is Sept 15th. Mark your calendars so that you can see Valley View Rotary Vocational Services once again receive the Avenues of Service Award. Kudos go to Judith Erickson and Gary Brown for arranging the award-winning Business Plan Review Project! Our club is to provide three gift baskets - see Sue Weidemann with ideas and/or items to contribute. Also, if anyone has any club pictures that can be provided for use at the dinner please contact Deb Johnson at DebJ@johnsonjaekel.com.

Other

Sand on the Riverfront is this Friday and Saturday, August 14th and 15th. Please support this worthwhile Riverfront fundraiser. It's FUN!

Mobile Meals - Sue Dillenbeck is looking for some additional servers to assist with mobile meals. Please contact Sue if you can help out.

The Valley View Rotary Picnic will be held August 24th at the home of John Lyche. Make sure you get this awesome event on your social calendar. Sue Weidemann has the sign up sheet. Marcos will be introduced to the Club at the picnic. Note that there will be no Wednesday morning meeting that week, August 26th.

Kringle Time is coming! Russ, Steve and company will be providing more information in the coming weeks.

Rotar Rooter – Thanks to Larry Peterson for standing in at the last minute as Rotar Rooter

August Assignments:

Programs: Roger Imes

Rooter: Kurt Scott

Greeter: Cathy Norris

Invocation: Sue Weidemann

Take Down: Paul Harris Fellows

Dates to Remember:

8/19: Annual Rotary Golf Outing, 1:00pm shotgun start at Cedar Creek

8/24: Rotary Picnic at Lyche's House – Sue Weidemann has the sign up sheet.

8/26: **NO** Wednesday morning meeting.

9/12: Music on the Mount II at Mount La Crosse – Myrick Hixon EcoPark

9/15: 4 Way Test Dinner, La Crosse

9/30: District Governor Visit (Dean Dickinson)

5/21-23, 2010: District Conference in La Crosse!

Web sites:

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

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

Rotary Works Foundation Application Form link: [Rotary Works Foundation Grant Application.](#)

You can get more information about the [Rotary Works Foundation, site pages, Rotary Club of La Crosse.](#)

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. (not meeting until September)

[Click here](#) to view the complete list of area make-ups.

Rotarians on Leave:

Tammy Fisher 8/31

Julie Keitel 8/31

Have a great rest of the week!

Tom