

Valley View Rotary Update

Wednesday, August 19, 2009

To quote a recent past president – If you missed the meeting you missed a lot and we missed you!

Program:

“Who is Kaplan, Largest Employer in La Crosse That Nobody Knows About”; Andy Temte.

Andy's presentation was excellent – a very interesting summary of the innovative company that employs over 300 people in La Crosse with a vast network throughout the world. With a mission of “We help individuals reach their educational and career goals; we build futures”, the company is growing rapidly and poised to be a prominent player in the area for years to come. You can learn more about Kaplan at http://www.schweser.com/help/faculty.php?group=cpa&new_level=pre1.

Andy is also the lead singer of The Remainders; a great local band that I have seen several times that plays for Riverfest, Oktoberfest and a number of fundraising events. Their next gig is September 12th, Music on the Mount, at Mount La Crosse; benefit for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and Myrick Hixon EcoPark. For more information; see www.theremainders.com, (takes a while to open), and [music on the mount](#).

Announcements:

Flying Waffle Breakfast

The first annual ‘Flying’ Waffle Breakfast hosted by the La Crosse Area Flyers and La Crosse Valley View Rotary was a great success! Each club will clear approximately \$2,000. The Flyers met and they would like to lock in August 8th, 2010 for the 2nd Annual Waffle Breakfast. There are already additional ideas to expand the event to have a fun run/walk and other activities. Please pay any amounts that are due for placemat ads and tickets as soon as possible. Great job Becky, Sue, Del and all others who helped make this first year event such a wonderful success!

District 6250 Traveling Bell

We are looking for a group to capture the Rotary Traveling Bell which is currently in the **Rotary Club of Columbus/Fall River!** 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 [Youth Exchange Volunteer Affidavit](#)

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. Our club is to provide three gift baskets - see Sue Weidemann with ideas and/or items to contribute. The better the baskets, the more proceeds our club will receive from this event. 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

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.

September Assignments:

Programs: Al Brott

Router: Tom Krajewski

Greeter: Dave Villeneuve

Invocation: Larry Clark

Take Down: International Service

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