

Valley View Rotary Update

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Program:

Rotary Youth Protection

Mike Ripp, District 6250 Youth Protection Officer & member of Prairie du Chien Rotary

Mike educated the club about the importance of the Rotary Youth Protection Program for exchange students and related requirements. In summary, any adult having unsupervised one-on-one contact with an exchange student must complete a Volunteer Affidavit Form and have a background check done. The district policy can be found at [6250 Youth Protection Policy](#). Mike can also be contacted at mrripp@tds.net.

Thanks to Larry Clark for organizing this informative program.

Announcements:

Kringle Time!!

Russ Callahan and Steve Fritz are still looking for members to sell Kringles to the Downtown, Viroqua and Caledonia Rotary Clubs. Heidi Blanke has volunteered to visit Downtown. One or two more people to help Heidi with Downtown would be great! Contact Russ or Steve regarding any questions or if you are able to help.

District 6250 Traveling Bell

The bell is on the move. We are looking for a group to capture the Rotary Traveling Bell. Becky Brockman expressed an interest in possibly being a part of the Valley View "Capture the Bell Team". A group of 5 members are needed. He is planning to visit our club on November 4th. See more about the Traveling Bell at <http://www.rotary6250.org/district/travelingbell.shtml>

Youth Exchange

Marcos joined us for breakfast and presented us with a Rotary flag from his home town. It was also his birthday last weekend so wish him a belated Happy Birthday next time you see him!

We are looking for members to volunteer to take a month to be involved with, Marcos. Heidi Blanke passed around a sign-up sheet for members to sign-up for one week each. There were quite a few weeks left open in the next few months so please contact Heidi if you are able to help out. 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

Potential Nicaragua Project

Our club, along with the La Crescent Rotary Club, has an opportunity to be involved in an International Project in Nicaragua with the leadership of Gundersen-Lutheran and the Rainbow Network. Steve Mau, President of La Crescent Rotary Club, is going to Nicaragua in November. If you are interested in joining Steve on this trip please contact me. Steve would need to know in the next few days.

Group Study Exchange

District 6250 is having a Group Study Exchange with the country of Uruguay from April 24th through May 23rd. This exchange will be a special cultural exchange and will be connected to the career of agriculture. This would include applicants who are currently employed in the dairy industry, cranberry industry, agribusiness, farm implements, animal husbandry, seed production, etc. All applicants must work or reside within our District boundaries. They must be between the ages of 25 and 40 and must not be related to any Rotarian in any way. Knowledge of the Spanish language would also be important but not necessarily required. The deadline for applying is set at November 1.

If interest contact:

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Group Study Exchange Chair
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Upcoming Programs

- 9/30 Jerene Mortenson, mother of Greg Mortenson, and founder of the Pennies For Peace organization (P4P)
- 10/7 A Little Vocation Persuasion

October is Rotary International's month to highlight vocational service. So, we'll find out a little more about RI's vocational service programs — along with getting up-to-speed with our own club's work in vocational service.

10/14 An Eagle-Eye View of the National Eagle Center

We'll have two special guests today ... a bald eagle and its handler from the National Eagle Center in Wabasha. You won't want to miss finding out about this unique center just upriver, not to mention seeing a real, live bald eagle up close and personal — right here at our meeting at Famous Dave's! Get a preview of the Center at: <http://www.nationaleaglecenter.org>.

10/21 The New Field on the Block: A Visit to the Veteran's Memorial Field Sports Complex

Join us at the Veteran's Memorial Field Sports Complex at UW-L. Get a behind-the-scenes look at the press boxes and suites. Throw a touchdown pass on the field. (No Favre jersey required.) And, find out how the university is celebrating its first 100 years. Don't miss this special visit to UW-La Crosse.

10/28 A Girl of Summer

When the boys of summer couldn't take to the field during WWII, the girls of summer did. Hear from La Crosse's very own baseball player who played in the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. (Remember the movie, "A League of Their Own.") Dolly Osborne will tell us what it was like on the field, and share how she's still winning people over all for the game of baseball.

11/4 District Governor Visit, Dean Dickinson

September Assignments:

Programs: Al Brott

Rooter: Tom Krajewski

Greeter: Julie Keitel

Invocation: Larry Clark

Take Down: International Services

Dates to Remember:

9/26 7:00-10:00am for free pancake breakfast

10/1 Valley View Float in Torchlight Parade; contact Terry Bauer to help out.

10/23 2nd Annual Best Band World Tour, Onalaska Omni Center

11/4 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.](#)

Thanks and have a great week!

Tom