

Valley View Rotary Update

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

Program:

A Little Vocation Persuasion

Judith Erickson, our Vocational Service Chair, and Gary Brown, shared information about RI's vocational service programs and the many vocational service activities that our own club is involved in. These activities include classification talks, site visits of area organizations, La Crosse Area Choices Career Day, Lego Project, Business Plan Review, Mock Interviews and others. The work done by Vocational Services has also been recognized several times in recent years at the Avenues of Service Dinner, in the way of the Vocational Service Award.

Thanks to Brad Quarberg for organizing this week's program and thanks to Judith and Gary for the great job they have done with the Vocational Service Committee and for the excellent program!

Announcements:

Kringles

The 2009 Kringle Campaign is nearing an end. Orders are due to Russ no later than Thursday, October 8th. Complete an order form indicating pick up date (26th or 27th) and time (4,5 or 6pm), total kringles ordered, by flavor and number of Happy Joe's lunch buffet coupons needed. Forms are available from Russ and are also on our website. You can also email this information to Russ at roxcal@charter.net

Thank you to Heidi Blanke for stepping up to sell Kringles to the Downtown Rotary Club! Several volunteers are needed to help distribute the Kringles sold to the Downtown Club members.

Volunteers are also needed to help sort the Kringles at Linda's Bakery on October 26th and 27th, Monday and Tuesday. Please turn in your Kringle funds to Dick Spencer in an envelope with your name and the total dollar amount of cash and checks enclosed.

Contact Russ or Steve regarding any questions or if you are able to help.

District Membership and Foundation Seminar

District 6250 is holding a Membership and Foundation Seminar on Saturday, November 7th, at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells. This is a free training event offering valuable information sessions that will benefit our membership and foundation efforts in our club. If you are interested in attending please let me know so we can coordinate transportation there. The registration deadline is November 1st. For more information and to register go to http://www.rotary6250.org/events/2009/11_07_membership_foundation.shtml

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 at least 5 members are needed. See more about the Traveling Bell at <http://www.rotary6250.org/district/travelingbell.shtml>

Youth Exchange

Marcos joined us for our meeting this morning and I presented our club's flag to him in exchange for the flag he gave to us several weeks ago. 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

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 interested contact:

Tom Marshall, Group Study Exchange Chair

(715)423-1921 or (715) 213-3046, or email at Tom@webmonger.net

Rotary Works Day

The District Governor is asking clubs in the district to identify a community service project that they can complete on the last Saturday of April or one of the first two Saturdays in May. It is preferred that the clubs do a larger, more visible project, possibly work in some publicity and/or partner with a youth group, and then have some sort of fellowship gathering afterwards. The project plan must be submitted to district by January 1st. We are looking for ideas!

Upcoming Programs

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. (You can park in the stadium lot).

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

October Assignments:

Programs: Brad Quarberg

Router: Ed Jaekel

Greeter: Dave Villeneuve

Invocation: Kate Dunnum

Take Down: Club Service

Dates to Remember:

10/17 Grand Opening of Miracle Field, 12:00-2:00pm, North YMCA in Onalaska

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

11/4 District Governor Visit (Dean Dickinson)

11/5 Business Expo, 11:30-7:00pm, La Crosse Center

11/7 District 6250 Membership and Foundation Seminar, Wisconsin Dells

12/13 Rotary Lights Run/Walk

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