

Valley View Rotary Update

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

Program:

Christmas Party

Sue did it again! Our party planner Sue Weidemann did a great job of arranging our party at Syl's Place. Her sister, Tracey, came all the way from Johnson Creek to play as everyone enjoyed beverages and socialized. A women's a cappella group called "A Note Above" sang a variety of traditional and fun Christmas songs and we even did some sing along. Thanks to Sue, to everyone who helped arrange and/or provided support to the Christmas Gift Program for the foster children, to the Ruth House and the needy family. Also, thanks to all who came and took part in this wonderful evening of Holiday Cheer and Rotary Fellowship!

Announcements:

Meeting Cancellation and New Policy

As you know last weeks meeting was cancelled. If you did go and found that there was no meeting, please contact Dick and he will credit you with a make-up for your efforts.

In order to better handle situations like we had last week the board decided to implement the policy that our Wednesday morning meeting will be cancelled if the La Crosse School District cancels school that day. So, in the event of bad weather on a Tuesday night or Wednesday morning watch the TV, listen to the radio or check online to see if La Crosse School District has cancelled school for the day. Program coordinators are to communicate this policy to the speakers during the winter months.

Rotary Works Foundation Board Election

The Rotary Works Foundation is asking club members to vote on the officers for the Rotary Works Foundation Board. We will be doing this at the December 30th meeting. Listed below is the slate of officers. If you have any questions, concerns or would like to vote ahead of time please contact me prior to December 30th.

President – Dar Isaacson (Valley View), President elect – Gary Von Domlen (East), Treasurer – Dan Graham (Downtown), Secretary – Wayne Oliver (East), Matt Cromheebe (Holmen), Carla Stanek (North), Sue Dillenbeck (Valley View), John Amlaw (La Crescent), Sue Bauer (Caledonia), and Ted Eisenbacher (Onalaska).

Rotary Foundation Pledge Forms & Enrollment Forms

We still have 12 people who have not turned in their forms. Please remember to turn in your pledge forms and enrollment forms to Dick Spencer. We are looking to get pledge forms back from everyone, even if the amount is zero. See Dick Spencer for the forms.

Kringles

The Kringle Sale netted approximately \$6,200 – great job everyone! Of this amount, \$1,125 was from people who supplemented the campaign by making monetary contributions. Thanks to everyone who sold kringles and/or donated funds to make this fundraiser a success!

We are looking to wrap up the collection of the Kringle money. Please turn in to Dick Spencer in an envelope clearing identifying donation \$, sales \$ and total \$.

Rotarians at Work Day

Rosalie and the Community Service Committee are working on details for a landscaping / clean-up project at the Eco-Park. More details to come.

Classic Car Raffle Sponsors

Del Schreck and the raffle committee are looking for help from everyone to identify sponsors for this fundraiser. All of us know businesses and individuals that we could ask to sponsor this event. If you don't feel comfortable making "the ask" please contact Del and he will help. We are trying to get the major sponsors, \$1,000 or more, identified by January 30th so they can be included on the banners and posters. We can continue looking for others after that. Please help make this event a successful one!

Rotary Lights

Thanks to Jim Warren who organized another successful Valley View Rotary Night at Rotary Lights!

Following are some comments from an email that Jim sent out: It was a great night, tremendous traffic (with waits up to 50 minutes), a lot of fun and as always, great camaraderie. It was a very successful night as measured by the cash contributions (\$3,100) and the food collections (4,700 pounds and a whole lot of boxes). I think Heidi was extremely happy with the food donations to WAFER. Both the cash and food collection amounts represent an outstanding night.

Thanks to all who worked that night: Kate, Kristine & Jenna Dunnum, Stephanie, Madeline & Olivia Fraase, Brad & Nick Quarberg, Tom, Diane, Michael & David Kelbel, Dick, Pat, Jane & Jim Spencer, Angie Smith, Jim & Phyllis Warren, Chris Leach, Doug Bruha, Larry Peterson, Pam Culver and Scott Tanke. (I apologize if I missed anyone)

Proposed Members

Proposed members to help bolster our depleted forces! Tom Kelbel is proposing Ben Hauser, CPA for McGladrey & Pullen in La Crosse. Debbie Lee proposing John Katsma, President of Westland Insurance, presently in Tomah Rotary and would like to transfer. Please contact me if you have any questions about either of these members. We are planning on a January 1 start date.

Club Visioning Program

Larry Peterson provided information and a sign-up sheet for a great opportunity for our Club, the Club Visioning Training Program. The visioning process is designed to help a Rotary club create its own vision and to discover for itself the steps necessary to achieve that vision. It brings together a good cross-section of its membership from the newest to the most experienced Rotarian. The visioning event provides renewed focus on objectives and is completed in a dedicated, fun-filled four hour session. The challenge during this process is to gather as many ideas and opportunities for the future from a group of 15 to 30 Rotarians and then condense it down to the most important goals as determined by that club. For further information go to - <http://www.rotary6250.org/district/clubvisioning.shtml> Contact Larry Peterson regarding questions or to sign up.

Upcoming Programs

- 12/23 Pamela Maas Classification Talk
- 12/30 Club Assembly
- 1/6 Linda DeLong, Director of the area Linus Project (makes and gives quilts to hospitalized kids)
- 1/13 Jill Flemming, Dietitian and Author of "Thin Women Don't Clean Their Plates"
- 1/20 Kelly Krieg Sigman, Executive Director of the La Crosse Public Library
- 1/27 La Crosse Rotaract Nicaragua Team
- 2/3 Membership Program

December Assignments:

- Programs: Debbie Lee
- Rooter: Terry Bauer
- Greeter: Pamela Maas – 12/2 & 9, Larry Clark – 12/23 & 30
- Invocation: Carol Gross
- Take Down: Vocational Service

Dates to Remember:

- 1/3 Valley View Rotary Take-down Day at Rotary Lights, Sunday, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm;
- 5/21-23, 2010 District Conference in La Crosse!

Web sites:

Prizm Greeting Cards: <http://prizmreetings.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

