

## Valley View Rotary Update

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

### Program:

#### Linda DeLong, Director of the area Project Linus

Linda spoke about Project Linus which makes and gives quilts to hospitalized kids. Project Linus is comprised of hundreds of local chapters and thousands of volunteers across the United States. Their mission statement is twofold: First, to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers." Second, is to provide a rewarding and fun service opportunity for interested individuals and groups in local communities, for the benefit of children. Over three million blankets have been delivered to children in need since their inception in 1995. Following is contact information where you can learn more and/or get involved in this great cause:

Linda DeLong      [Ldelong13@hotmail.com](mailto:Ldelong13@hotmail.com)      608-534-5162      [www.projectlinus.org](http://www.projectlinus.org)

Thanks, to Heidi Blanke for arranging this interesting program.

### Announcements:

#### Paul Harris Fellow Awards

Russ Callahan was our Master of Ceremonies and along with the help of Brad Quarberg, Dick Spencer, John Lycke and Janie Spencer, presented awards to four very deserving members of our Club; Roger Imes, Jim Warren, Mark Etrheim and Julie Keitel. Thank you to the Russ and his helpers for doing an excellent job and congratulations to the recipients who are all excellent examples of "Service Above Self"!

#### Rotarians at Work Day

Rosalie submitted a project program for Rotarians at Work Day, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. More details will be provided at upcoming meetings. Mark May 1<sup>st</sup> on your calendar to join in the project at Myrick Hixon EcoPark. Thanks Rosalie for organizing this!

#### 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

- 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

#### January Assignments:

- Programs:            Heidi Blanke
- Router:             Larry Peterson
- Greeter:            Stephanie Fraase
- Invocation:        Rosalie Hooper Thomas
- Take Down:        Past Presidents

#### Dates to Remember:

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

Thanks and have a great week!

Tom