

Valley View Rotary Update

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Program:

La Crosse Rotaract Club Nicaragua Trip

Chelsey Myhre-Foster, Claire Brown and Jon Silvers presented information about their club and specifically about their upcoming international project. In March these three, along with members from several other service organizations, will be in Nicaragua working on the distribution of school supplies and dental hygiene products, a clean water and well project and maintenance and improvement of nursing homes, schools, clinics and other buildings. The club is also holding a Service Auction to help cover the costs of this trip on February 4, 2010 at the Lunda Center on the WTC campus. The event will begin at 6:00pm with hors d'oeuvres and the live auction at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$10. See more information about this new and energetic group at <http://rotaractoflacrosse.org/default.aspx>

Thanks, to Heidi Blanke for arranging this excellent program.

Announcements:

Membership

We are losing another longtime member (22 years), Past President and Paul Harris Fellow. Al Brott is fleeing the cold weather and moving to Florida. Give Al a call or send an email to thank him for his many years of service and wish him well.

Today was the second reading for a proposed member, Katie Thompson. Katie visited our club again as Stephanie's guest. If you see Katie introduce yourself, tell her how great we all are and make her feel welcome. Thanks Steph!

For the year we are down about six members. Next week is an important program for our club to help us bolster our ranks. Russ Callahan will be talking about Rotary, membership, how to find new potential members and will be looking for ideas from each of you for the upcoming membership drive. Please give this some thought in the upcoming week and come with your ideas!

Natalie Hartigan, who is responsible for new member orientation, has requested that you bring your December Rotarian Magazines to her at upcoming meetings. She plans to give these to proposed members to help them learn about Rotary. I am sure after the inspiring talk from Russ next week that we will need many of these so please bring yours in.

Rotary Lights Board

Along with Jim Warren, Al Brott has been one of our club's representatives on the RL Board. If you are interested in filling Al's spot please see Jim Warren.

Assignments

I wanted to thank those who had assignments in January; Program – Heidi Blanke, Rooter – Larry Peterson, Greeter – Stephanie Fraase, Invocation – Rosalie Hooper Thomas and Takedown – Past Presidents. The programs were excellent and I believe everyone was their for every assignment and did a great job. Also, thanks to Sue Weidemann, who has been on permanent assignment for updating the website and setup of the projector and computer for programs. Thank you all!

Upcoming Programs

- 2/3 Membership Program – Russ Callahan
- 2/10 Green Building and Energy Efficiency – Mark Etrheim
- 2/24 Valley View Vision meeting report – Larry Peterson
- 3/3 The Science of Snowflakes - Dan Baumgardt, National Weather Service
- 3/10 Exchange Student Presentation - Marcos Buss
- 3/24 Rotary Lights Presentation
- 3/31 Rotaract Presentation of Nicaragua Trip

February Assignments:

- Programs: Doug Bruha
- Rooter: Dave Olson
- Greeter: Nick Benz
- Invocation: Gary Brown
- Take Down: Paul Harris Fellows

Dates to Remember:

4/26-29 Japanese GSE Team

4/24-28 Uruguay GSE Team

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

Thanks and have a great week!

Tom