

Valley View Rotary Update

Wednesday February 3, 2010

Program:

Membership Drive – February and March

Russ Callahan & Natalie Hartigan presented and lead discussion about this very important issue for our Club. First, Russ provided some background information about Rotary and explained that our current number of members is 66, down from a high of 76 a couple of years ago. At each table were examples of the "New Membership Packets" and a diagram outlining the Membership Process; Find Them, Bring Them In and Keep Them Interested. Russ then split the group attending into smaller groups of 3 to 5 members each to discuss and present what each group thought Rotary was all about, or a brief infomercial if you will, and how each group can find at least two new potential members. The membership drive will continue through the end of March. Natalie discussed her role as the New Member Orientation Coordinator and also explained the importance of identifying and inviting quality people who will help to make our Club even stronger. Members who did not attend this week's meeting will be added to a team and teams will provide an update of their progress each week.

New members bring important benefits to the club, including diversity, fresh ideas, and new energy. Existing members are crucial to sustaining our club's membership and continuing the many good works of Valley View Rotary. Please do your part and help your team make this membership drive successful!

Announcements:

Mobile Meals – Note from Rosalie, Community Service Chair

Here is the list for mobile meal delivery for February. As you can see, we need one person to help Sondra on Wed. February 24, two people for Thursday Feb 25 and one person to help Dave Olson for Saturday, Feb 27. Thanks to all who participate!

Monday, 2/22	Rosalie Hooper Thomas, Terry Crollius
Tuesday, 2/23	Sue Dillenbeck, Natalie Hartigan
Wednesday, 2/24	Sondra LeGrand
Thursday, 2/25	
Friday, 2/26	Roger Imes, Tammy Fisher
Saturday, 2/27	Dave Olson
Sunday, 2/28	Heidi Blanke, Scott Blanke

Thanks to Rosalie for organizing this!

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 last week. Jon and Claire joined us as guests again this week to remind everyone of their Service Auction to help cover the costs of this trip which is Thursday night, February 4th 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.

They are also looking for nebulizers for the clinic in Nicaragua. If you have one that you no longer need, or know someone that does, please bring them in to me and I will see that they get to the Rotaract member in charge of this.

We also announced to the Club and to Jon and Claire that last week after their presentation, the Valley View Board approved a \$500 donation to their group to help cover costs of their upcoming service trip.

December Rotarian Magazines

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

Thanks and have a great week!

Tom