

Valley View Rotary Update

Wednesday February 24, 2010

Program:

Club Visioning Report

Larry Peterson, our incoming President, reported on last weeks Club Visioning Session that the following members took part in; Keli, Judith, Natalie, Steve, Del, Pam C, Rosalie, Brad, Jill, Dick, Larry, Patrick and Mike K. Larry explained the process that took place during the Visioning Session and the outcome of the discussions. The main categories of the Vision Planning involved the overall vision for our club and what we as a club want to be in 5 years, and also specifically dealt with each of the Four Avenues of Service, as well as fundraising, membership, participation in the Rotary Foundation and public relations. Brad will be submitting potential club vision statements to Larry next week who will then coordinate quarterly meetings to follow up on the Club Vision.

Thanks to Larry for doing an excellent job of organizing this event and for all of the members who took part in helping to chart our Club's path for the future! We look forward to hearing more from this group in upcoming months.

Announcements:

Western Student Business Plan Review

We have a wonderful opportunity again to review business plans that Western's Business Management students developed for their class. Pat Mielke has 49 students this year so we need many more volunteers than we had last year. She is planning to give a Rotarian a student business plan to review over a week's time and then arrange for the Rotarian to meet with the student to provide feedback on the business plan.

The week that Pat has scheduled the review is from March 2 to March 11. Please contact Judith Erickson if you are able to assist with this great service project! apperick@charter.net or call 780-8795

Thanks to Judith for organizing this project!

Benefit Dinner (Sponsored by Rotary East)

Rotary East is sponsoring a Benefit Dinner for Rosine Urujeni. Rosine was born in Rwanda and is dedicated to serving her country or other countries in addressing human rights and humanitarian issues. Her current mission is to specifically advocate for Rwandese widows and orphans. The dinner is Saturday, March 6th, 5:00-7:00 at the VFW Post 1530, 630 South Sixth Street in La Crosse. For more information see the attachment to this week's update email.

Membership Drive – February and March

Membership Teams have been created. Please check the list (attached to this weeks update email) to see who is on your team and come to upcoming meetings with ideas to report regarding membership and identifying and inviting quality people who will help to make our Club even stronger. 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!

Thanks to Russ Callahan for leading this effort!

Other Rotarians in action

Brad Quarberg – congratulations to Brad who will be the Area Assistant District Governor in 2010-11.

Tom Sahlstrom and family – took time during a recent trip to the Dominican Republic to help install water purifiers for those less fortunate.

Larry Peterson – is the new Secretary for the Rotary Lights Board. (Larry has been and is going to be keeping quite busy with Rotary in the upcoming year).

Larry Clark – thanks once again for handling the invocation duties on short notice.

Dave Olson – thanks for a Rotor Rooter job well-done and for volunteering to fix our podium which had an accident of sorts.

Pam Culver – good luck to Pam in her marathon this weekend in New Orleans. Mardi Gras is over so I assume this marathon does involve running. 😊

Thanks and have a great week!

Tom