

Valley View Rotary Update

Wednesday April 28, 2010

Program:

Japan Group Study Exchange Team

District 6250 has been very supportive of the Group Study Exchange (GSE). It is a Foundation supported program that allows groups of young people to participate in cross cultural experiences with the goal of ultimately increasing awareness of, and appreciation for, other cultures. Our club was fortunate to have the opportunity to have the Japan GSE Team join us on Wednesday. They did an excellent power point presentation and discussion sharing all sorts of interesting information about themselves, and their families, careers, rotary clubs and cities in which they live. Thanks to Keli Highland and Sondra Le Grand for arranging this interesting and informative program. It truly did meet the goal of increasing awareness of, and appreciation for, the Japanese culture and helped us to extend our thoughts beyond our borders!

Announcements:

Rotarians at Work Day

Rotarians at Work Day Saturday, May 1st (tomorrow) at Myrick Hixon EcoPark. Many of you have already signed up, however, it is not too late to get involved. You can still show up to work at 9:00 that day, or if you cannot make it you can provide food for the lunch fellowship gathering from 11:30 – 1:00. Those working can of course also bring food. Coordinate any food arrangements with Sue Dillenbeck. sdillenbeck@robertsonryan.com Thanks to Rosalie for organizing this event and to Sue for arranging the lunch!

Classic Car Raffle

Next stops – Westby Syttende Mai, Sunday, May 16, Arcadia Broiler Days Car Show, Sat, May 29

Please visit the car raffle website at www.drivinganoldie.com for more information. If you have any questions contact Del at dudleydorite1@centurytel.net or call 792-6519.

Membership

I am happy to welcome another new member; Tom Byerly. Tom works in risk containment / insurance for John Deere, has been very active in Rotary, as well as other community service organizations, and was proposed by Pam Culver. Thanks Pam! Make sure you introduce yourself to Tom, if you haven't already done so, and make him feel welcome.

We also had the second reading for Matt Whalen, who is being proposed by Ben Hauser. Matt is a staff accountant at Wipfli LLP. Thanks to Ben for proposing Matt as a new member!

2010 District Conference

The 2010 District Conference is in La Crosse May 21 and 22. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend at least some part of the conference. Since it is right here in the area it is a great opportunity to spend some time with other Rotarians and learn more about Rotary. To make a great event even better, there is no registration fee this year! Learn more about this year's District Conference go to http://www.rotary6250.org/events/2010/05_20_DistrictConference.shtml

Other Notes

Marcos joined us Wednesday. It has been nice to see Marcos at our meetings all year on a regular basis!

Heidi Blanke announced that next year's inbound exchange student is from Finland and will be in the Central School District. If you are interested, or know anyone that would be interested in being a host family, please contact Heidi.

Thanks to the following people who helped out on short notice to contribute to an excellent meeting; Gary Brown for taking pictures; I plan to get them to Sue for the website, Dar Isaacson and Mike Klug, who handled the Rotar Rooter and Invocation duties, respectively, and to Sondra Le Grand, who averted a minor crisis by doing some quick shopping for a projector cord for the presentation. Thank you all!

Have a good weekend,

Tom