

## **Valley View Rotary Update**

**Wednesday April 7, 2010**

### **Program:**

#### **Katie Thomson Classification Talk**

Katie Thomson provided an excellent presentation that helped us all get to know her better. Katie is the Corporate Communications Specialist at Dairyland Power. My guess is that she is very good at what she does since she provided an abundance of interesting information about what she does at Dairyland, what services Dairyland provides and plans regarding renewable energy and their direction in the future. We also learned about Katie's family; husband Peter who works at the La Crosse Tribune, four year old son, Peter and two year old daughter, Brooke. Thanks to Stephanie Fraase for introducing Katie to our Club and thanks to Katie for sharing her story with us!

### **Announcements:**

#### **Classic Car Raffle**

Next stop for the 1966 Mustang is the Viking Chapter 34<sup>th</sup> Annual National Automobile Club of America Car Show at the Onalaska Omni Center, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. See Del to sign up for a time slot. Larry Peterson, Sue Weidemann and I met with Del last week to get an update and discuss the game plan for the next few months. With all of the sponsorships that Del brought in and tickets sold at the first car show this fundraiser is off to a great start! Get more tickets and have them in your pocket – I have to admit that yesterday another person asked me for 3 tickets and I only had 2 with me at the time. I will be replenishing my supply!

Please see all of the additions Del and Sue have made to the car raffle website at [www.drivinganoldie.com](http://www.drivinganoldie.com).

*Ticket Selling Tip* – send an email to your friends, co-workers and family members with a link to the website.

If you have any questions contact Del at [dudleydorite1@centurytel.net](mailto:dudleydorite1@centurytel.net) or 792-6519.

#### **Exchange Student Trip**

There was a great response to our "ask" for funds to help Marcos with his costs associated with the exchange student trip. He is planning to take the Western Tour. Between individual contributions and the portion from the Jeremiah fund the total so far was nearly \$600! Thanks for the contributions. You can still donate to the cause at next weeks meeting – turn money in to Dick.

#### **Directory Update**

Brad Quarberg is updating the club directory. If you have not already done so, please make sure your information is correct and if you have any other information that you think would be helpful to include please see Brad. Thanks Brad for taking care of this!

### **New Member**

If you haven't already done so, please introduce yourself to our newest member, Ben Hauser, and make him feel welcome! Ben is originally from the Rhinelander area and works at McGladrey and Pullen, CPA Firm.

### **Membership Drive**

We have had a few guests the past several weeks; however, we would like to see more membership activity! 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!

### **2010 District Conference**

The 2010 District Conference is in La Crosse May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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](http://www.rotary6250.org/events/2010/05_20_DistrictConference.shtml)

### **Other Notes**

**Rotary Club of Onalaska 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** - Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, Cedar Creek. \$25 pp, RSVP by April 5<sup>th</sup> with email to [info@onalaskarotary.org](mailto:info@onalaskarotary.org) or call 783-2750. *You can still get tickets.*

### **Assignments**

Thanks and I hope to see you on Wednesday,

Tom