

Valley View Rotary Update

Wednesday June 30, 2010

Program:

Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Award Presentation – presented by John Lyche

CONGRATULATIONS to TERRY BAUER! Valley View Rotary's 2009-2010 PHF Award Recipient.

Following is a shortened version of John Lyche's award presentation:

It has been a yearly tradition for our Club to recognize an outstanding individual or individuals and present them with Rotary's Paul Harris Fellow award. The Paul Harris Fellow recognition is Rotary's way of expressing its appreciation for a substantial contribution to its humanitarian and educational programs. For each \$1000 contributed to the Rotary Foundation by our Club, we are eligible to name an outstanding Valley View Rotarian as a Paul Harris Fellow.

This morning we have the pleasure of recognizing a Rotarian who truly represents Rotary's ideals and values and exemplifies the real meaning of the Four Way Test.

Our honored Rotarian has been a very busy member of our club since October of 2000, serving as president in 2007-08; worked in our annual float building for the Rotary Lights Parade, hosted our summer picnic, hosted a Taiwanese exchange student, and has been a zealous participant in many club activities.

This Rotarian has also been very involved in his kids school activities; chaperoning many marching band outings, parades, trips and also serving as a main driver behind the Best Band Tour which proved to be a great money maker for the Onalaska High School band.

This individual also likes to draw cartoons having Dilbert as a favorite character, other hobbies outside of Rotary, school activities and music include reading and playing "Free Cell" on the computer while munching on popcorn and slurping a coke. This person is also a Fox news junkie who relishes camping, kayaking and being with family.

Hailing from Durand, WI; and going to college at UW Eau Claire; this Rotarian has two sons, both State Troopers; Brooks married to Melissa, with two children and Mitchell who is married to Carrie and have four children. The blessing continues with three lovely daughter's Brittney, Nicole and Heather.

This person has taken on the self proclaimed title of "Director of Fun" while working at Reinhart Foods since 1992. Our favorite Rotor Rooter loves to get dressed up and act out in some truly unforgettable fun fashion such as when he played the Grinch that stole Christmas one year, only to come back as Santa the next, as Baby New Year's complete with a huge white diaper and as Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer plus many others. Thank you Terry for your outstanding contributions and your friendship to the Valley View Rotary Club. *****

Thank you to John Lyche for doing a great job of presenting the PHF Award and to Russ Callahan, Jay Jaehnke, Tom Sahlstrom and especially Sue Wiedemann for help in getting Terry to the meeting and in filling in all the background information.

Announcements:

Classic Car Raffle

Next stops; Del and Laurie are taking the car to Augusta (and spouses)

Sunday, July 11th - Trempealeau, Catfish Days

Friday, July 16th - La Crosse Interstate Fairgrounds Race

The search for a car has also begun for next year's raffle!

Waffle Fly In - 7:00–11:30, Sunday August 8th

See Becky to buy an ad for the placemat. Spots are filling up.

Other Notes

Heidi Blanke presented two \$250 checks to Tia and Kitty, outbound exchange students who visited our club along with Ryan Scott, a member of the Holmen Rotary Club.

We had the second reading for Christina Mc Ardle Rojo, Laurie Tweten's proposed new member. Thanks Laurie for the recruiting efforts!

Carol Gross announced upcoming fellowship events – July 21st - Boathouse Gathering, club to provide meat and members to bring a dish to pass. August 19th – Annual Picnic, at John Lyche's house.

Passing of the Gavel

Sixteen Past Presidents took part in the passing of the gavel to our 2010-11 President – Larry Peterson! Best wishes for a great year Larry!

Final Note

I am honored to have had the opportunity to be the president of such a great club and wonderful group of Rotarians! Thank you for all of the support during the past year; specifically Terry Bauer for asking me to be the Secretary three years ago, last year's president Keli Highland for helping with the transition, Del Schreck for spear-heading the Car Raffle and Becky Brockman the Waffle Fly In, Dick Spencer for all of the administrative work and help during the year, Larry Peterson for heading up the Club Visioning, Sue Weidemann for the website work, the Kringle crew; Russ Callahan, Steve Fritz, Nick Benz, the monthly program coordinators for arranging an excellent line-up of programs, and all of these individuals and other

members who enthusiastically supported me and Valley View Rotary with their time, talents and dollars, making the year a great experience for me and wonderful success for all involved!

Thank you all and have a great week! Tom