

Rockford East Rotary Club

Clock Tower Resort & Conference Center
7801 E. State Street, Rockford, IL 61108

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WE MISSED YOU!!

Amy Donahue, Robert Eichman, Jerry Flaming, Don Johnson, Charles Lindstrom, Nicholas Meade, Pat O'Gorman, Dee Premo, Chris Weber, Peg Wilkerson,

GUESTS

Rex Otey – a former member of our club

ANNIVERSARY / BIRTHDAYS

Birthday - Jon Whitlock – August 25

COMING EVENTS

9/1 – Vocational Tour of Rosecrance Williamson Campus, North of NIU site off E. State St.

9/8 – Becky Simpson, Volunteer Coordinator for Hospice Care of America – Sergeant at Arms-Nancy Bieck

9/15 – Business Meeting – Sgt. At Arms-Mike Belk

9/22 – District Governor – Sgt. At Arms-Bill Mohr

9/29 – Dr. LaVonne Sheffield, Supt. Rockford Public Schools – Sgt. At Arms, Dick Wang

10/20 - A Panel discussion by Appellate Court Judges Kathryn Zenoff, Mary Schostok, and Ann Jurgensen. Their topic of discussion will be: "So the trials over, now what?"

REMINDERS

Brian Bates will be in concert at Tabor Lutheran Church, Sunday, Aug. 30. at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 each.

JoAnn Blaser thanked everyone for donating to MDS in the form of her bail.

Gary Hamburg reported on the First Tee's Golf Play Day on Friday, Sept. 25 at Elliott Golf Course. Lunch is 11-1 by

Alvarez of Cherry Valley and dinner is at Giovanni's. \$100 per person. Hole sponsorships are also available.

Jon Whitlock talked about Every Rotarian Every Year and the Paul Harris Fellow request. He encouraged us all to consider contributing.

Don't forget our tour of the Serenity Garden at Rosecrance on Sept. 1st.

And looking ahead, on October 20th, we will have a panel of judges with an interesting topic of discussion. See under **Coming Events**.

SPEAKER'S NOTES



Beth Thacker, Asst. Governor

She spoke on the offices she has held in Rotary and in the District. She thanked our outgoing officers for their service and encouraged us all to get involved with our own club and possibly as a part of the District, both with our time and our contributions.

Craig Day from Heartland Church and Sharefest spoke about the history and beginnings of this organization. It began with Hurricane Katrina. Volunteers collected and organized a HUGE clothing drive and drove semis filled with clothes down to Mississippi, where they manned a "store" for the victims of this disaster, where everything

was free. There were so many volunteers and the project went so smoothly, that everyone began to ask the question, "What's next?"

After several Dream Meetings, it was decided by physically going into the Rockford Public Schools and transforming them with paint, lights, landscaping and such that the goals of helping Kids, the Under-resourced and the Rockford Schools would all be met.

They have done this now for three summers and the projects have spawned thousands of volunteers and the involvement of businesses, organizations and trade unions beyond anyone's wildest dreams. They have become community events and have changed the looks and atmosphere of 4 elementary schools, 1 middle school and 1 complete high school.

Remember also their ministry of Sharestuff and Sharestuff Furniture & More when you are doing your fall cleaning. The proceeds from this store in the old Bishop's Buffet Building act as seed money for next summer's Sharefest.

What is Rockford Sharefest? "It is a God-inspired and led service-oriented outreach developed to bring 'help and hope' to the community through volunteer service."

Visit Rockfordsharefest.com for more information and to watch video recaps of the 2007, 2008 and 2009 projects.



Craig Day from Sharefest

THE FOUR WAY TEST

First, is it the truth?

Second, is it fair to all concerned?

Third, will it build goodwill & better friendships?

Fourth, will it be beneficial to all concerned?

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 1st - the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- 2nd - high ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- 3rd - the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life
- 4th - the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

ROTARY MAKE-UP LOCATIONS:

Monday:	12:00 pm 05:45 pm	Four Seasons Banquets, Freeport Ellwood House, DeKalb
Tuesday:	12:00 pm 12:00 pm 12:10 pm	Loves Park Civic Center Rochelle Country Club Jimmy's Patio Grill, Harvard
Wed:	07:00 am 11:45 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 12:00 pm	Steam Factory, Belvidere Maxon's Manor, Oregon Stonewall Cafe, Pecatonica Carl's Fargo, Sycamore YMCA, Belvidere
Thursday	07:00 am 12:00 pm	Four Season Banquets, Freeport Memorial Hall, Rockford
Friday	11:45 am	DeSota House Hotel, Galena

Online Make-up at: b

Rotary International Motto
"Service Above Self"

The Four Avenues of Service

Based on the Object of Rotary, the four Avenues of Service are Rotary's philosophical cornerstone and the foundation on which Club activity is based:

Club Service focuses on strengthening fellowship and ensuring the effective functioning of the Club. The committee organizes social activities for the Club, maintains and order supplies, promotes Club involvement and friendships.

Community Service covers the projects and activities the Club undertakes to improve life in its community. The committee supports the effort of the Club to achieve community understanding by developing projects, assisting in community efforts and supporting the continued overall improvement of the community.

International Service encompasses actions taken to expand Rotary's humanitarian reach around the globe and to promote world understanding and peace. The committee raises money for the Rotary Foundation which supplements Club and District projects to improve the quality of life, provide health care, clean water, food, education and other essential needs primarily in underdeveloped nations.

Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their vocations and to practice high ethical standards. The committee provides opportunities for members to learn more about other vocations through weekly guest speakers, member vocational talks and community service tours.

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