

Rockford East Rotary Club

Clock Tower Resort & Conference Center

7801 E. State Street, Rockford, IL 61108

December 8, 2009

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WE MISSED YOU!!

Beth Arvidson, Joe Clinton, Jerry Flaming, Scott Johnson,
Craig Klaas, Verne Loeppert, Nicolas Meade, Marcia
Mueller, Chris VanSickle

GUESTS

Bob Pressman – Downtown Rotary – promoted Rockford
Reads, a program for listening to 2nd graders read one hour
a week in the school of your choice

Dave Smith – Loves Park Rotary - speaker

ANNIVERSARY / BIRTHDAYS

Joanne Blaser – Dec. 12

COMING EVENT

12/15 – Business Meeting

12/22 – Christmas Party

12/29 – No meeting –roundtable at the coffee shop only



Tracey Eastman and Chris Weber
ringing bells at Logli's

SPEAKER'S NOTES

Dave Smith from the Loves Park Rotary spoke to us today about the Rotary Youth Exchange. He has been a member of the Loves Park Rotary for 30 years, and for 20 years of those years he has been chairman of the District's Youth Exchange Program. He has been involved with over 300 young people and rather than explaining the details of the program, he was asked to share stories of some of his experiences.

He began his interest in Youth Exchange when his children were only 3 and 9 months. Their neighbor's son was injured and they asked them to host a Japanese girl for them. She was the first of 104 students they have hosted over the years.

Another of their students was a girl from the outback of Australia. She lived in a house on stilts with no indoor plumbing. She was afraid of nothing, including snakes and mice. She followed Dave to work one day and he taught her computer editing. She changed her major from Physical Therapy and eventually became the only female dialog editor in Australia. She has worked in Hollywood and is now in New York City working for the Rockefeller Foundation.

Then there was Hannah Warren, an outbound student, who wanted to go to India. There were no openings, so she went to Thailand and had a wonderful experience. She did go to India later on a Rotary Ambassador Scholarship. She lived with families, taught women how to read, after she learned their language in 90 days, and after receiving a degree from the University of London is now help women establish cottage industries in weaving. These women can now buy their own supplies, make saris for sale around the world and they are earning income to build a retirement home in the future to house elderly women who are alone.

The third story was of a black man who was sponsored by Rotary Clubs in Africa to come to Sturgeon Bay, WI. They then found a way for him to go to college in the United States and he now holds an MBA.

Dave also promoted a book entitled New Global Student Written by Maya Frost. The sixth chapter is written exclusively about the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and she touts it as being the best program for youth exchange.



Dave Smith

Marsha Abramson presented the proposed slate of officers for the next year, beginning July 1, 2010. They are as follows:

- President – Peg Wilkerson
- Vice President – Mark Hutchinson
- Secretary – Lynn Godina
- Treasurer – Chris Weber
- Past President – Scott Johnson
- Club Service – Dick Wang
- Community Service – Tracy Eastman
- Foundation Chair – Jonathan Whitlock

- Vocational Service – Mike Belk
- Club Advisor – Craig Klaas
- Club Historian – Don Johnson

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

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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