

**Rockford East Rotary Club**  
**Clock Tower Resort & Conference Center**  
**7801 E. State Street, Rockford, IL 61108**  
**February 2, 2010**  
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**WE MISSED YOU!!**

JoAnn Blaser, Paul Burkholder, Joe Clinton, Nancy del Castillo, Robert Eichman, Mark Hutchinson, Don Johnson, Craig Klaas, Chuck Lindstrom, Verne Loeppert, Nicolas Meade, Marcia Mueller, Blas Serrano, Chris VanSickle, Dick Wang, Jack Ward, Chris Weber, Jon Whitlock

**GUESTS**

Will Renken – Clock Tower – guest of JoAnn Blaser  
 Tom Micetich – Havana, IL Rotrarian

**ANNIVERSARY / BIRTHDAYS**

**COMING EVENT**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Sergeant</b>
Feb 9	UPS Tour	More to come on this
Feb 16	Club Assembly	None
Feb 23	Mike Williams	Tracy Eastman

**SPEAKER’S NOTES**

Beth Arvidson, one of our newer members, told us a little bit about herself. She grew up in Lake Zurich, attended Catholic schools there and attended Drake University in Des Moines, IA, majoring in religion. It was there that she took a class in Death and Dying, and she was hooked. After graduation, she went on to Worsham College and studied Mortuary Science. She is a member of the Olson Funeral Home staff in Rockford, where she participates in all aspects of the funeral business, including embalming. She met her boyfriend Brian at a funeral and he works, believe it or not, in cemetery management. Thanks Beth for letting us get to know you better in a non-professional

environment.

Pam Kieper was our speaker today. She and her husband are founders of a youth based ministry in Belvidere. She was a former AT&T financial manager for 20 years and was a member of a local Methodist church, where she volunteered in the church in many varied capacities. One of these activities involved starting a group for youth from non-traditional homes. The church didn't embrace this "different" group however and asked that they disband. But the youth and their parents didn't want to see this group end, so they began looking for a place to meet and a curriculum to use in their weekly sessions.

Two years ago she and her husband were introduced to a "biker pastor" who led a "biker" group out of a Belvidere storefront. They were invited to use their space, and so one night a week they meet with 8-30 people, youngsters, teens and adults. These are people with very non-traditional homes. Their goal each Wednesday evening is to feed them with food donated by various groups (The Grange being one of them) and to listen to them. It is fairly non-structured. Fellowship and dinner is from 5-6, where a common bond is created. Next is a youth-led Bible study or worship and then there is a time for games, or just sitting and talking. Most of these people come every week because they want to share. This helps them cope with the things they are dealing with at home.

They have begun a program where they in turn go out into the community and give back, like serving dinner at the Rockford Rescue Mission and the Jubilee Center and perhaps entertaining at a local nursing home. They are working at building a youth center in this storefront's basement, where they can expand and have games, pool table, etc.

This group is called Open Arms for Those People and they are a 501C3 organization. Their goals include raising up youth to eventually become leaders of the youth group, study the word of God and let others know the hope of Christ, and to provide a safe Christian environment, with a non-traditional flair, where youth and adults want to hang out and feel wanted.

**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:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - 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.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life
- 4<sup>th</sup> - 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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