

Rockford East Rotary Club
Clock Tower Resort & Conference Center
7801 E. State Street, Rockford, IL 61108
May 24, 2011

www.rockfordeastrotary.org

WE MISSED YOU

Beth Arvidson, Mike Belk, Joanne Blaser, Ingrid Dohm,
Robert Eichman, Chris Goddard, Scott Johnson, Craig
Klaas, Verne Loeppert, Dee Premo, Julie Rieker, Chris
VanSickle

GUESTS

Ron Spear – Loves Park Rotary

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARYS

COMING EVENTS

May 31 – No Meeting (day after Memorial Day)

June 4 – Charter Night at Starlight Theater – Phantom of the Opera with dinner catered in tent prior to the play. If you would like to attend or bring a guest, please contact Dick Wang. FYI....Tickets for the play are \$16.20 or \$14.40 and the meal is \$13.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pat O'Gorman is our new Vice President Elect. Steve Schmidt has moved out of the area.

The sale of raffle tickets will have to pick up AND they all must be turned in by our next meeting, June 7th. **That is the day of the drawing.** Our current total is \$3670 and the goal is \$8000.

Kathy Hess from the downtown club is looking for other Rotarians who may be interested in participating in the Friendship Exchange that will happen in September. The visitors will be from England this year. Peg has her information if you would like to contact her concerning this program.



Chuck Lindstrom reported on the Let's Roll trip that he took along with 200 other veterans and 100 volunteers in 10 buses, 1 motor home and a truck to Washington DC. They made the trip in order to see the war memorials in our nation's capital. They stopped in Shanksville, PA, where they are erecting a memorial to Flight 73 that went down in a field on 9/11. It was a very emotional trip, but a very worthwhile experience. They were escorted all the way home by the various state police. At every border, they changed. And then when they arrived in Rockford, they were escorted by fire trucks, police cars, military color guards and even a display of fireworks. It was a wonderful and moving time.

SPEAKERS NOTES



Dola Gregory, the Exec. Dir. of Rock House Kids, spoke today. This is a not-for-profit organization located on Broadway near 7th St. They work with intercity, homeless children, ages 4-18. There are 1215 homeless children in Rockford.

She came to Rockford looking to establish a feeding place for homeless adults, but instead found that the children were more the victim. They go without a lot of the time, when welfare money and other handouts go to their parents, who in turn spend it in inappropriate ways.

They are a safe house. All a child has to do to enter is give their first name. They then get a hot meal, sometimes snacks and a place to socialize with others in their same plight. Classes are offered where they teach right vs. wrong, the Ten Commandments, and receive tutoring in their schoolwork.

Beside a kid friendly meal, they also receive warm clothing, shoes, socks, coats and even a Christmas gift, just for them.

They can see the progress of their mission as children return week after week. Some former “clients” even come back years later to affirm to the staff and Dola that what they received at Rock House Kids has helped them do what is right in their lives.

Rock House Kids is always in need of donations of warm clothing, school supplies, back packs, and volunteers to help with the tutoring after school.

Go to their web site to learn more about their mission. www.rockhousekids.org. Their motto is: Help a child today and you won't have to repair an adult tomorrow.

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,

ROTARY MAKE-UP LOCATIONS:

Monday: 12:00 pm Four Seasons Banquets, Freeport
05:45 pm Ellwood House, DeKalb

Tuesday: 12:00 pm Loves Park Civic Center
12:00 pm Rochelle Country Club
12:10 pm Jimmy's Patio Grill, Harvard

Wed: 07:00 am Steam Factory, Belvidere
11:45 am Maxon's Manor, Oregon
12:00 pm Stonewall Cafe, Pecatonica
12:00 pm Carl's Fargo, Sycamore
12:00 pm YMCA, Belvidere

Thursday 07:00 am Four Season Banquets, Freeport
12:00 pm Memorial Hall, Rockford

Friday 11:45 am Desoto House Hotel, Galena

Online Make-up at: www.rotaryclubone.org

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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.