

Rockford East Rotary Club

Clock Tower Resort & Conference Center

7801 E. State Street, Rockford, IL 61108

December 5, 2006

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WE MISSED YOU!

George Carlson, Robert Eichman, Brent Flaming, Jerry Flaming, Gerald GeRue, Lynn Godina, Scott A Johnson, Peggy Otto, JoAnn Pearson, Dolores Premo, Jeffrey Reiersen, Chris Van Sickle, Jack D Ward, Teri Watts

GUESTS AND VISITORS

Bob Pressman- Downtown Rotary

Robert Sproule-guest of Mike Belk

Rockford East Cherry Valley is looking for at least 3 volunteers for this program. Chuck Lindstrom has already agreed --- please see Marsha Abramson at the next meeting or call her (484-7504) for more information. Commitment is 1 day a week for 1 hour. The next semester begins on January 17, 2007 - still plenty of time to sign-up

Salvation Arm Bell Ringing ... Logli on E State - Tuesday, December 12, 2006

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY - Tuesday, December 19, 2006...7:30 am to 9:00 am

Membership Contest - Steve Pang reminded the group of the contest ... keep inviting your business associates, friends and family to join Rotary. Reminder...winning team members receive \$25.00 Lino's gift certificate.



Bob Pressman - Rotarian from Downtown Rockford Rotary addressed the group about a literacy initiative available to our Club members. The program is an opportunity for volunteers to read to second grade students through the

Rockford Reads program. This program could not be easier..volunteers can pick the day of the week, time of day and even the school. Bob has been volunteering in this capacity for a couple of years and shared how very rewarding the experience has been for him as the children he has knows begin to read on their own. What a sense of accomplishment for a small investment of your time.



Speaker: Darrell Stitzel - Pork Producers of Illinois

Darrell is a third generation Illinois farmer and the co-owner and operator of Stitzel Hog Farm near Shannon Il. Darrell and his father manage the company's wean-to-finish swine operation that markets 7,000 pigs per year. Darrell is also responsible for the company's grain operation that raises 600 acres of corn and beans.

Darrell discussed the strides that the Pork Industry has made in the past several years. Today's hogs are breed more lean...the fat content has decreased about 33%. It takes about 6 months to raise a pig for slaughter...starting at 16 pounds when they are weaned from their mother until they are finished at around 250 pounds. Today pigs are raised inside of climate controlled buildings - first in a nursery setting for the first 8 weeks and then on to the finishing building to reach their final weight.

In addition to Darrell's duties on the farm, he is also an elected official, serving as Shannon-Cherry Grove Township Trustee where he oversees the business of the townships of Cherry Grove and Shannon.

Rotary International Motto

“Service Above Self”

COMING EVENTS!

Dec 12th - David Preece - President of Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

Dec 19th -Family Christmas Party

Dec 26th- No Meeting

Jan 2, 07- Mike Ginter, Manager of the Clock tower will give us a tour of the new water park. (He will be guest for breakfast)

Jan 9 07- Alan Brown will present "Connecting our Future"

Jan 16 07- Business meeting.

Jan 23 07-Karen Sheffels - Literacy Council

Jan 30 07- Gary Maitland Cherry Valley Police Chief.

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

President	Chuck Lindstrom
Vice President	Steve Pang
Secretary	Gary Hamburg
Treasurer	George Ohlendorf
Past President	Gary Rothwell
Club Service	Marsha Abramson
Community Service	Teri Watts
International Service.....	Jonathan Whitlock
Vocational Service	Craig Klaas
Historian & Ex Officio Advisor	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?

ROTARY MAKE-UP LOCATIONS:

Monday:	12:10 pm	Guest House Hotel, Freeport
	05:45 pm	Ellwood House, DeKalb
Tuesday:	12:00 pm	Loves Park Civic Center
	12:00 pm	Rochelle Country Club
	12:00 pm	Harvard Memorial Hospital
Wed:	07:00 am	Steam Factory, Belvidere
	12:00 pm	U S Bank, Pecatonica
	12:00 pm	Carl's Fargo, Sycamore
	12:00 pm	VFW, Oregon
	12:00 pm	YMCA, Belvidere
Thursday	07:15 am	Highland College, Freeport
	12:00 pm	Memorial Hall, Rockford
Friday	07:00 am	Harlem Twsp Machesney Park

Online Make-up at: www.rotaryclubone.org

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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 Rotarians' 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.

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.

Thought for the Day: What I do today is important because I'm exchanging a day of my life for it.