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Last Week at Rotary... August 18th: Steak Fry Social at Isaac Walton League Park

This Week at Rotary... August 25th: Rotary Service Committees: Club, International, Vocational and Community

Upcoming Rotary Programs & Events

9/1/09: Rotary Service Committees: Club, International, Vocational and Community

9/8/09: Ron and Jan Ward, Helping Paws Program

9/15/09: Rotary Fall Conference Re-Cap?

9/22/09: OFF SITE at HOBGOBLIN (we will not be at the St. James this Tuesday)

9/29/09: Crop Walk--Presented by the MN Correctional Facility staff



Notes From President Meg....

Club Survey

We're using Survey Monkey

(http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=N_2bcEuD79QoSyIqjKAOAwNg_3d_3d)

to find out what Red Wing Rotarians think about the different things

we're involved in. We do so many things! It's time to look at everything

and really be intentional about the work we're doing. There is a danger of becoming "a mile wide and an inch deep". We also run the risk of burning out our members. This is the first step in helping to identify the things that are most important to Red Wing Rotarians. We need everyone to be heard!!

Roses! Roses! Roses!

Our biggest Red Wing Rotary fundraiser is right around the corner! October 9th is the day we'll be delivering/selling roses! Diane McNeil has been busy with her green thumb organizing this event! Start now by making a list of people you can ask to buy roses!! Start by committing to buy a dozen roses yourself. Then start your list...co-workers, parents, children, neighbors, friends, church members, team members. Make a list of 25 people you could ask!

GSE Applications

Outbound GSE applications are being accepted for a team going to Nigeria. Do you know any non-Rotarians who may make a good team member? Have you considered going as a team leader? Team leader applications are also being accepted!

District Training

District 5960 training is scheduled for Saturday, September 4th from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Topics covered will include membership, public relations and the Rotary Foundation. This is open to ALL Rotarians... not just board members!!! Comedian Stevie Ray will lead the group in thinking outside the box! Our club will cover the registration fee, but you have to let Meg Walch (meg.walch@uw-gwp.org) know by September 3rd if you want to attend.

Steak Fry Social... A Red Wing Rotary Favorite

The weather was beautiful, the crowd friendly and the food fantastic for Red Wing Rotary Club's Steak Fry, this year held on the beautiful grounds of the Isaac Walton League. Food catered by Randys was thick steaks, brats and all the fixens. Morgan Pavelka and teammate Clare won the Scavenger Hunt competition and it seemed like a great time was had by all.

Thanks to Gary Johnson and his team for putting it together



Membership Increase???? It is Being Done!!!!

In a year of economic havoc that rocked global markets and shook consumer confidence, Rotary International's most important asset – its members – steadily grew.

As of 30 June, the end of the 2008-09 RI year, there were 1,234,527 members in 33,790 Rotary clubs. That's an increase of 3,044 members and 520 clubs from the previous year.

"Businesses in tough economies plan how to grow, and most businesses then do grow. Rotary clubs also have to plan for their futures and take action on those plans," said Mike McGovern, chair of RI's Membership Development and Retention Committee.

"New clubs are forming in communities with existing clubs by offering alternative times and the opportunity to bring fresh perspectives to Rotary," McGovern added.

More than 5,700 clubs in the 534 RI districts achieved a membership growth rate of 10 percent or better during the 2008-09 year. The 10 percent goal was set by 2008-09 RI President Dong Kurn Lee, who presided over 12 presidential membership conferences held on six continents during the year. Each conference was attended by between 300 and 1,500 Rotarians. Lee also made personal calls to each of Rotary's district governors.

Rotary clubs must continue to build membership during the 2009-10 year, said RI President John Kenny.

"I will simply rely on you, as responsible people, to see to it that we have more qualified members, true Rotarians, at the end of the year than we had at the beginning. And I will rely on you to do your best to see to the mentoring of our newest members, for retention is no less important than recruitment," Kenny told Rotarians at the RI Convention in Birmingham, England.