



THE ROTA-TELLER

Newsletter of the Champaign West Rotary Club – November 1, 2008



Thanks to the 30th Anniversary Party Planners! It was a great time.

Co-Chairs were: **Eileen Prillaman** and **Jon Rector**
Committee folks:

Decorations - **Eric Robeson, Greg Gonda, Race Raccioppi**

Pictures - **Anita Broeren, Jane Solon, Eileen Prillaman**

Food - **Barb Burch & Christie Martin**

Cake - **Eileen Prillaman**

Charter Member/District invites - **Greg Gonda & Eileen Prillaman**

Trivia Contest - **Jane Solon & Kevin Yonce**

Sign-ups and Announcements - **Cindy Somers & Jon Rector**

Trivia Contest Winners were: **Terry Prillaman** - 1st place; **Mike Hirschi** - 2nd place

Mark Your Calendar:

- November 8 – Acheson Project
- November 7 – Wine Tasting Party at Lyn & Mike Jones' - 6:30
- November 8 – Cleanup project at St. Jude Catholic Worker House
- November 13 – Ron Zook Show at Associated Transfer
- November 29 – Crisis Nursery Holiday Shop Work Day
- November 26 – **deadline for Poinsettia orders**
- December 3 – Rotary Charities, Inc., Annual Meeting
- December 4 – Happy Hour at Houlihan's
- December 5 – Poinsettia Pickup Day
- January 16-19 – Rotary Trip to San Juan, PR
- January 10 and July 18, 2009 – Rotary Leadership Training

At the Board Meeting Oct. 27, 2008 . . .

Our membership stands at 142 as of the end of September. We had 85% attendance, a good number, also, despite a few members with attendance problems. The board will contact those members.

A new member proposal for Kim Summers was approved subject to the 7-day notice.

The Community Service Committee (Pete Tomaras) reported that it has lots of projects in store for us. Look forward to bell ringing for the Salvation Army; working on the bathroom vanities at Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club; painting the Edison teachers' lounge; putting on a "Good Grades Party" for the Boys & Girls Club; and doing some varnishing in the cabins at Allerton 4-H Camp. We'll be putting Rotarians' elbow grease to good effect.

Next month's meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 25 at noon at the Champaign Public Library. All club members are welcome to attend.

Your Tin Cup Dollars – November, 2008



Meals on Wheels
(Family Service of Champaign County)

This month's Tin Cup proceeds will help the Meals on Wheels program offered through Family Services. Meals on Wheels delivers hot noon meals, and cold suppers in some cases, to persons who are not able to cook for themselves or get out and purchase meals. The clients pay a modest price for the food, but the organization relies on donations to pay for fuel for the delivery volunteers (which was a BIG expense this last year), and for staff to coordinate the program.

The program is always looking for volunteers to help with delivery, on weekdays between 10:30 and 12:30. Call 352-5100 for more info.

Legal Notice:

The Annual Meeting of Champaign West Rotary Charities, Inc. (our club's charitable 501 c 3 arm) will be held at our club meeting December 3, 2008, for the purpose of electing directors and officers for the coming year.

Rotary's Youth-Oriented Programs

By Izak Griffiths

Rotary International now has over 1.2 millions members, and a common passion is improving the lives and opportunities of children around the world. As such, there are numerous programs to help make this happen. Here are a few details:

Interact

14-18 year olds. Almost 200,000 members in 10,700 clubs in over 120 countries. Their current motto: *Lead. Connect. Serve.*

Interact clubs are fully self-governed and self-supporting, but trust to their sponsoring Rotary chapters for support, mentoring, and guidance. CW and St. Thomas More Interact Club are partnered in this relationship.

Each Interact club completes two services projects a year; usually one is local, but one must further "international understanding and goodwill." Their focus:

- Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
- Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
- Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work
- Advancing international understanding and goodwill

Rotaract

18-30 year olds. About 170,000 members in 7,300 clubs in 150 countries.

Like Interact clubs, Rotaract clubs are sponsored by Rotary clubs and complete two community service projects a year, one being an internal service project. "Rotaract clubs enable Rotaractors to grow personally and professionally, address community needs, and promote international understanding through friendship and service." Rotaractors are very much partners to Rotarians in service to community.

In addition to service projects, Rotaract clubs focus on building leaders. So they may also organize seminars, workshops, and training programs on communication, business ethics, marketing, management, career planning, technology, etc.

Rotary Youth Exchange

15-25 year olds. 75 years. Over 80 countries.

There are short term and long term programs. More than 8000 students a year attend school and live with a few host families organized between more than 32,000 Rotary clubs. Now that's a global community!

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)

14-30 year olds. Intensive Rotary-sponsored training programs that focus on leadership, citizenship, and personal growth. Training can be organized from the club through the multi-district level; participating Rotary clubs often cover expenses. RYLA aims to

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth
- Recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities

The core curriculum includes leadership, ethics, problem solving, conflict management, building confidence and self-esteem, and what Rotary is and does for our world and community.

In addition, there are Ambassadorial Scholarships for college-aged youth; and are other educational opportunities for adults through Rotary International!

Ron Zook Radio Show Indoor Tailgate - Information



On **Thursday, November 13**, come to Associated Transfer & Storage Warehouse, which is the big yellow building behind Sonic on Mattis

Park in front or on the side as available and come in either entrance on the Southeast corner of the building. Tailgating will start at 5:00 p.m. At 6:30 or 7pm. the radio show begins. Family and friends are welcome!

Thanks to Kevin Yonce/Twin City Tent & Awning for providing the chairs.

The Fellowship committee will provide some snacks - Please bring your own drinks.

Questions? Ask Art Warren (art@gowithats.com)