



ROTARY NEWSLETTER

THIENSVILLE – MEQUON

TUESDAY, May 1, 1990 - Boder's-on-the-River

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS AND NOTES:

1. Dick Berg (VP) conducted the meeting, sans stock market or weather reports.
2. Members were reminded of the M-T Sunrise Club Charter Night next week (May 9) at Ozaukee CC. Dinner at 7:00, cocktails at 6:00. Further refining of the roll call for attendance was done. "No Shows" will be charged.
3. Don't forget the Changing of the Guard Party at Boders, June 27. Plan ahead.
4. Dick Berg reported on the District 627 Conference at The Abbey in Fontana. It was a fine experience. Only 12 showed up for the Dick Berg breakfast.
5. Attention all T-M Rotarians!! Don't forget the National Honor Society Banquet at Homestead High School Monday night, May 7. Rotarians eat at 5:45, serve at 6:30.
6. Tom Peterson, Fund Raiser Chairman, talked to the club about the summer fund raiser on July 22. In keeping with the Hawaiian spirit, each Rotarian was decked with a lei as he or she entered the meeting. He announced the various chairpersons and thanked the committees and everyone else working on the project. This included every Rotarian. Each Rotarian received a packet of tickets, complete with prices and instructions. The grand prize is a trip for two to Hawaii. There will be other prizes, too. You will be called upon to help. Russ Brown is going to push the ticket selling, both raffle and meal tickets.
7. Ted Elbe, tracing the origin of the Brat Fry and the use of the proceeds, described the need for a piece of cooking equipment (a roaster) for our outdoor meetings. Our club is too large to get by with small grills. A motion was made, seconded and carried to assess each member \$10 for the purchase of said roaster.
8. In sick bay: Ted Liebscher suffered a cardiac arrest and is in the Port Washington hospital

PROGRAM:

John Riley read a letter from Sean Ladlow (now back home in Australia), and then turned the podium over to Mark Smith who described the AFS program in Mequon-Thiensville. Currently we have 7 students overseas, and five more will be going this summer. He thanked our club and the individuals who helped support the program. Adrian Berry, an AFS student from South Africa, was introduced and he presented a narrated slide program about his home country of South Africa. His home is in Capetown. His talk described geographical characteristics, Johannesburg, Soweto, Capetown, the Transvaal, Praetoria, mining operations, parks, flora and fauna, tribal activities, schools, etc. Questions followed.

COMING UP:

May 8 - John Stollenwerk, Allen Edmonds Company

May 15 - Doug Towne, Milwaukee branch of Internal Revenue Service.

May 22 - Sue Edington - Forensics

VISITING ROTARIANS: Jean Hill (M-T Sunrise); John Alston and Bob Biegert (Ced./Grafton).

OTHER GUESTS: Joe Vertovec (Brault); Meta Kocher and Inger Riley (Riley).

MISSING THE ACTION: Banchy, Eckl, Fromm, Gullick, Hansen, Hertz, Hillman, Liebscher, Moriarty, Myers, Naggs, Perlberg, Riemer, Ross, Smith, Sobczak, Sommer, Walker, Wells.

MAKEUPS: Riemer (3), Wiese, Riley, Streifender (2), Mikkelson.

EDITORIAL COMMENT RE: EARLY SCOOTERS:

Today we saw about 1/3 of those in attendance get up and walk out as the speaker was introduced. There are legitimate reasons why a member might have to leave (appointment, biological problem, etc.), but not 15-20. Some of our members were disturbed by this. It has to be an embarrassment for the presiding officers and program chairman. And what about the poor speaker? We do not pay our speakers and in a sense they are doing us a favor. Common courtesy would dictate remaining and paying attention. What about adherence to the Four Way Test (Is it fair to all concerned? Etc.)? There are club members who are concerned. Knowing the composition of our club, I am confident this practice will not become commonplace. It is up to us, all of us.

ROTARILY YOURS,

WEEK OF May 7 (Busy! Busy! Busy!)

MONDAY, May 7, 1990 - National Honor Society Banquet (Rotary Sponsored)

Twenty-five (25) T-M Rotarians, tried and true, turned out to serve the National Honor Society Banquet at Homestead High School. Honored guests were 48 seniors and 28 juniors, faculty advisors, and parents. The T-M Rotarians who turned out for the occasion were: Berg, Bolz, Campbell, Custer, Eldredge, Garcia, Gibb, Hatzinger, Hertz, Hillman, Holtz, Kachel, J. Kurth, Loucks, O'Connor, Pukaite, Reuter, Sigmund, Vanderspool, Von Rueden, Wells, Wiese, Winnemann, Witte, and Worzella. Resplendent in white aprons, the T-M Rotarians went about their job with grace, aplomb and quiet efficiency. Wearing three hats (superintendent, Rotary president and table server) Karl Hertz also gave the invocation and welcome. The Highlander Jazz Ensemble provided peppy dinner music for the evening. Honor Society members carried out the rest of the evening program, consisting of four student speakers and the presentation of National Honor Society members and membership cards. Immediately following the meeting the Rotarians did their specialty, a fast, fast clean-up, learned from 26 years of experience. It was a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

TUESDAY, May 8, 1990 - Round Table - Boder's-on-the-River

Thirty T-M Rotarians showed up for the round table meeting on our regular meeting date; ten were repeats from the night before (Honor Society Banquet). In addition, we had guests Peter Jushka (Rotarian from Port Washington) and exchange student Stefanie Walter. It appeared that this was an unexpected crowd for poor Fred who had one little "round" table set for 7 or 8. However, he adjusted quickly. Fellowship and camaraderie permeated the room, even spilling over to some of the regular diners. Jocular Bolz was at his best. As usual, Briese walked his five miles to lunch, and then walked back home. His scheduled weigh-in was deferred until later. Gullick is probably losing weight carrying the scales around. Present at the round table were: Bardenwerper, Berg, Bolz, Briese, Campbell, Fisher, Garcia, Gullick, Heyer, Hillman, Hinrichs, Holle, Jacobs, Kellner, J. Kurth, Lind, Loucks, MacDonald, O'Connor, Perlberg, Peterson, Riemer (back from Florida), Sass, Starobin, Stone, Thompson, Thompto, Walker, Witte, Worzella. As a reminder about the summer Fund Raiser all Rotarians were served Hawaiian punch, courtesy of Chairman Tom Peterson and crew.

WEDNESDAY, May 9, 1990 - Charter Night For M-T Sunrise Club - Ozaukee Country Club

This was an historic event for both the new Mequon-Thiensville Sunrise Rotary Club and their sponsor, the Thiensville-Mequon Rotary Club which had been sponsored by Port Washington Rotary Club in 1937. About 170 people were in attendance. Dinner music was provided by the Homestead String Ensemble, which played by request, "Turkey In The Straw", among other more elegant selections. Our own M-T Rotarian, Ralph Huiras, was Master of Ceremonies for the evening. The program was as follows: Dinner; Introduction of District Dignitaries (Huiras); Greetings From Sponsoring Club (Hertz); Presentation of the Charter (R. Olson, District Governor); Presentation of Charter Pins, Banner, and Bell; Response (Sridhar Vasuedan, president of new club); Keynote Address (R. Cerwin, Past Rotary International Vice President); and Concluding Remarks (Richard Olson, District Governor). Everything went off like clockwork, even with a scarcity of light at the podium.

NOTICE!! HEAR YE! HEAR YE! T-M ROTARY IS NUMBER ONE!!!!

It was announced at the Charter Night ceremonies that T-M Rotary has been judged to be number one in District 627 (62 clubs in the district), based on its numerous projects, attendance, attention to Rotary, sponsorship of various Rotary activities, attendance at district meetings, etc. This is a singular honor and a much coveted award. Now the pressure is really on us; we must stay number one.

ANOTHER CHURCH BULLETIN HOWLER (not Bill's):

"The service will close with "Little Drops of Water." One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in."

SEE YOU AT ROTARY!

TUESDAY, May 15, 1990 - (back to normal) - Boder's-on-the-River

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS AND NOTES:

1. The Dow is up to a record level. Cloudy and warmer tomorrow.
2. Coming events:
 - June 10-14 - World Affairs Seminar at UW-Whitewater (sponsored by District 627)
 - June 19 - First Outdoor Meeting
 - June 27 - Changing of the Guard Party, at Boder's
 - July 22 - Summer Fund Raiser in Thiensville Park (Hawaiian motif)
3. Tom Peterson reminded us about the Summer Fund Raiser. You can turn your ticket sales money in to Brown or Peterson. Last week our crew of ticket sellers took in over \$1100 in sales proceeds. We need a committee for this Saturday, and several volunteered. This will go on each weekend, sometimes on Sunday, too.
4. We need a chairman for the Annual Dist. 627 Brewer Night, which is June 8. Before then we need to know who is going.
5. President Hertz thanked all who helped at the National Honor Society Banquet. Rotary received a nice "thank you" letter from the Society Advisor.
6. Hertz also thanked all of those who worked so hard to make the Charter Night a big success, especially singling out O'Connor, Winnemann, and Jean Hill (Sunrise Club member).
7. It was reported that the Briese Weight Loss proceeds have gone past the \$7000 mark so far. There are 25 people still to be heard from.
8. President Hertz displayed the T-M Rotary trophy awarded by District 627 to the number one club in the district. We are proud!
9. Franz Meer, long-time T-M Rotarian, has resigned from the club. He will not be in the area much from now on. He expressed how much he has enjoyed Rotary. The club reminded him he was always welcome.

PROGRAM

Doug Towne, of the Milwaukee IRS office, was the featured speaker. He is a graduate of UW-Madison, with a B.A. in English. He is also interested in classical music. He mentioned that the new IRS Director lives in Mequon. Doug focused his remarks on the services that IRS provide to taxpayers, businesses and the community. The list includes: (1) toll-free phone service, especially at filing time. They are trying to increase their accuracy rate, and Milwaukee is 88% accurate; (2) One call a machine number and punch up various topics and refund information; (3) They have 11 walk-in offices throughout the state as an aid to taxpayers; (4) They have a toll-free number to call for publications, guides, forms, pamphlets, etc.; (5) They have a toll-free number for the hearing impaired and Braille publications for the blind; (6) They have various programs to help the public understand the tax structure, including training volunteers to assist taxpayers; (7) There is a program of tax counseling for the elderly, with AARP; (8) They run institutes and seminars for specific businesses and professions; (9) There are seminars on electronic filing; (10) There are outreach programs with speakers such as today's program; (11) They put on student tax clinics in universities for business and law students; (12) Libraries are supplied with forms, publications, etc.; (13) Tax programs are provided for high schools; (14) They assist with community food drives, minority business programs, school programs, American Cancer Society, missing persons, news media, and other community concerns. In response to a question, Doug discussed the Federal Gift Tax rules and regulations.

COMING UP:

May 22 - Sue Edington - Forensics

May 29 - Business Meeting

VISITING ROTARIANS: Ken Quantius (Miles. DT); Bob Howe (Cedarburg/Grafton)

ABSENT T-M ROTARIANS: Bardenwerper, Berg, Briese, Brown, Eckl, Egelhoff, Erickson, Fromm, Gibb, Glick, Gruenwald, Gullick, Holtz, Huiras, Kellner, B. Kurth, Loucks, MacDonald, Mikkelson, Moriarty, Myers, Perlberg, Reuter, Riemer, Riley, Smith, Sommer, Starobin, Wells, Wilke.

MAKEUPS: Pukaite, Naggs

IN MEMORIAM: Last week we were saddened by the death of one of our charter members, Ted Liebscher. All of us are going to miss Ted. Many of us attended the funeral services. George Witte has written a tribute to Ted, a copy is enclosed with this bulletin. It says it all.

NOTICE: A roster of members is printed on the back of the bulletin. Dorothy K. take note.

ROTARILY YOURS,

Auf Wiederschen, Ted

Last week we heard Rev. Freyer eulogize Mr. Liebscher. We all felt comfortable with that, but I doubt that Ted would have. Rev. Freyer also gave us the Law and the Gospel; that was not for Ted, that was for us.

Ted was a loyal Rotarian, a charter member. You will recall that even in his failing years, he worked hard at the Corn and Brat Fry. He was the first and last at our outdoor meals.

He was loyal to his friends, loyal to his work, loyal to his flowers and animals. He spent hundreds of dollars per month feeding his ducks and geese. He was president of the village for many years and was always interested in the welfare of his village. H and several others owned the land that is now Thiensville Park.

A few years ago we removed a mirror from a child's bureau that needed refinishing. The packing behind it was made up of old newspapers. A headline read, "Lindberg Flies the Ocean". I gingerly separated the pages. Inside I found a line score. It read, "Thiensville vs. Belgium", and the shortstop was Mr. Liebscher.

Even though I knew him for over thirty years, addressing him as Mr. Liebscher seemed comfortable. He was such a gentleman, yet he had a very human side too. He loved all sports; baseball, basketball, and football. I remember Ceil chiding him when an Ohio State halfback would run for a touchdown. Ted then knew more four-letter words than Elbe. He also followed Homestead athletics and the local amateurs.

Most of all he touched all of us. We shall miss him.

George

TUESDAY, May 22, 1990 - Boder's-on-the-River

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS AND NOTES:

1. NOTE: June 27, Wednesday, is the Changing of the Guard Party at Boders. There will be a Round Table meeting at Boders on Tuesday noon, June 26.
2. Did you notice the big trophy at the head table in recognition of T-M Rotary being judged number one in the district? This is a traveling trophy and the big challenge is to see if we can keep it next year, not by losing it in Berg's basement either.
3. President Hertz is still looking for a chairman to head up our efforts for Rotary Brewer Day (June 8). Is there interest in our club?
4. Russ Brown reminded the club of our need for extended effort on our summer fund-raiser. So far we have about \$1600 in hand. We have to raise \$80,000 total. Club members have to sell tickets. Russ is recruiting ticket sellers for Saturdays, Sundays, and various other occasions. Uncle Russ needs you. Sell your own personal allotment too--try family, friends, neighbors, and acquaintances. Do your thing.

WE HAVE A T-M ROTARY MEDIA CELEBRITY:

Our own Pete Hiltgen has appeared on WTMJ radio in an interview re: the prisoner of war experiences. He is also being featured in the latest edition of People magazine. No doubt this will cost him a fine if Johannes, The Enforcer, hears about all this media exposure. Maybe we can keep Johannes in the dark about it.

PROGRAM:

A group of Homestead Forensics (speech) students, under the direction of Sue Edington, presented an entertaining program with a few samples of what they do in State competition. They began with a humorous declamation about a caterpillar race, followed by a poetry selection, then a roast, and finally a risqué little example of humorous acting by a very straight-laced high school senior. They were well received as they were very good at what they did. There was something for everyone.

VISITING ROTARIANS: Peter Jushka (Port W.); Bob Biegert (Cedarburg/Grafton).

OTHER GUESTS: Dan McManus (Brown)

ABSENT T-M ROTARIANS: Banchy, Bardenwerper, Berg, Brault, Briese, Casey, Eckl, Egelhoff, Eldredge, Fisher, Fromm, Gibb, Glick, Heyer, Holtz, B. Kurth, MacDonald, Moriarty, Myers, Perlberg, Peterson, Ronzheimer, Sass, Smith, Sobczak, Starobin, Thompto, Vanderspool, Wells, Winnemann, Witte(?).

MAKEUPS: Loucks, Erickson, Riley, Gruenwald (3).

SOME PHILOSOPHICAL PROSE WITH A MESSAGE (If---then):

If you're a little boy---then the big girls kiss you.

If you're a man---then the little girls kiss you.

If you're poor---then you're a bad manager.

If you're rich---then you're dishonest.

If you don't give to charity---then you're a stingy cuss.

If you do---then it's just for show.

If you're actively religious---then you're a hypocrite.

If you're not---then you're a hardened sinner.

If you give affection---then you're a pushover.

If you care for no one---then you're cold blooded.

If you die young---then you had a future.

If you live to an old age---then you missed your calling.

If you save money---then you're greedy.

If you spend it---then you're a loafer.

If you make money---then you're a grafter.

If you don't---then you're a bum.

BUT IF YOU SELL LOTS OF TICKETS---THEN YOU ARE DOING THE RIGHT THING.

See you at Rotary!

TUESDAY, May 29, 1990 (Business Meeting) - Boder's-on-the-River

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS AND NOTES:

1. Some dates to keep in mind:
 - June 8 - District 627 Baseball Outing (Rotary at the Brewers) - Toronto
 - June 10-14 - World Affairs Seminar, U-W Whitewater
 - June 13 - District 627 Changing of the Guard, Silver Spring Country Club
 - June 19 - First T-M Rotary Outdoor Meeting for 1990, Thiensville Park
 - June 27 - T-M Rotary Changing of the Guard Party (spouses, too) at Boders
 - June 24-27 - Rotary International Convention, Portland, Oregon.
 - July 22 - T-M Rotary Summer Fund Raiser, Thiensville Park
2. Russ Brown (of that Band of Renown) reported that activities and plans for the summer fund raiser are under way and "everything is on track".
3. President Karl shared a letter from the Ozaukee County Veterans Memorial Group, asking us to help with their Memorial Fund drive.
4. Joe Fenzel gave an update on the Briese Weight Loss Fund Raiser. Bob's final weigh-in is scheduled for our June 12 meeting. He now has \$2600 in hand, and additional pledges to take it over \$7000. As a reminder, in June members will receive copies of their pledges and they are on their own to collect from their pledgers. Joe says there is still time to make tax-deductible contributions to the cause.
5. District 627 is sponsoring an Eastern European Tour. Anyone interested should contact Karl Hertz for more information.
6. In response to questions from the floor, it was stated that all of the Briese Fund Raiser money (presumably \$7000) would go toward the Rotary Park. However, the Summer Fund Raiser has some long-standing commitments which require about \$8000 to honor; beyond that the money could go toward the park.
7. It was announced that we are looking ahead to a holiday fund raiser too.
8. Legal work, and committee activity, is addressing the present situation of two club foundations (the new park foundation and the 23 year old T-M Rotary Foundation). It is hoped to bring about a resolution whereby there will be one in the end, but which keeps the two disbursements separate and clean.
9. Stan Smith asked for a T-M Rotary Foundation Report in the near future.
10. The new M-T Sunrise Club has shown an interest in the park project.
11. Stan Smith reported that T-M Rotary's Polio Plus contributions to date are \$26,300, of our total pledge of \$29,000.
12. Sandy Custer reported that the park project is in progress, involving work with various municipal entities. As soon as construction starts there will be a sign in place to identify same.

COMING UP (Programs):

June 5 - Fund Raiser Activity

June 12 - Bill Isbister, Wisconsin Economic Education Council

VISITING ROTARIANS: Dick Buchman, Harry Sanders, Carl Edquist (all Cedarburg/Grafton); Bill Isbister (Elmbrook).

ABSENT T-M ROTARIANS: Banchy, Bardenwerper, Brault, Eckl, Egelhoff, Eldredge, Fromm, Gibb, Glick, Gullick, Heyer, Hiltgen, B. Kurth, J. Kurth, Lind, McNabb, Mikkelson, Myers, Perlberg, Peterson, Pukaite, Sass, Sheridan, Sigmund, Steingart, Stone, Wells, Wilke, Winnemann.

MAKEUPS: Vanderspool, Loucks, Naggs, Gullick, Hertz, Smith, Briese (2).

ATTENDANCE:

Latest District 627 attendance figures show T-M in 8th place with an average of 87.4%. Slinger-Allenton is still in first with a 99.3 average. West Bend is 2nd at 95.2%. The District average is 80.1%.

PLATITUDINOUS PREACHMENT (surely a Kachel truism):

"He who stands by the truth must learn to be lonely." (Henrik Ibsen)

ROTARILY YOURS,