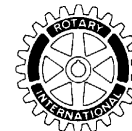




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Thiensville - Mequon Rotary Club Newsletter



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Feliz Navidad

This is, of course, another way of saying, “Merry Christmas” and Happy New Year to all of the members and friends of our T-M Rotary Club. It is also our way of acknowledging the presence of our Rotary exchange student from the Federal District of Mexico, Cris Sancen. She is currently with her second host family, the Hoells of the M-T Sunrise Rotary Club. She can be reached at (262) 242-5088 for Rotary transportation.



Sometime after Easter (or before), Cris will be with her third host family, the Winnemanns of our T-M Rotary Club (affectionately known as the “Lunch Bunch”). Not to be forgotten are Cris’s first host family, the Monroes of the M-T Sunrise Rotary, who thoroughly enjoyed their new family member.

We also wanted to remind our T-M Rotarians of their responsibility to pick up Cris at Homestead High School on Tuesday mornings at 11:45 a.m. so that she may be transported to all T-M Rotary Club meetings. If the designated Rotarian cannot pick Cris up for these Tuesday luncheon meetings, please make sure that you make arrangements with someone else for Cris’s transportation. This is best accomplished by calling Cris (or her host family) on Monday evening preceding our Tuesday meeting. The designated Rotarians (for January and February, 2003), are as follows:

January 7, 2003 – Karle Naggs
January 14, 2003 – A. Jay Metzler
January 21, 2003 – Stan Lind
January 28, 2003 – Roger Kirgues
February 4, 2003 – Marc Jorgensen
February 11, 2003 – Dick Johannes
February 18, 2003 – Sue Jarvela
February 25, 2003 – Bob Jacobs



Please be sure and call Cris at (262) 242-5088 on Monday night before your pick up, so that she will know who will be there for her! In case you can’t make it, please arrange for another member to make the pick up. As it gets colder, we don’t want our Rotary exchange student waiting in the cold for some one to pick her up! If all else fails, call Vanessa (414) 964-0487 or Ray (262) 242-3183 for further arrangements.

STEVE RAYL INDUCTED TO T-M ROTARY CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Steve Rayl, CEO of ‘Home Instead Senior Care’, located at 10602 N. Port Washington Road, Suite # 204, Mequon, WI 53092 was accepted for membership by the T-M Rotary Club Board and inducted at the November 19, 2002 Luncheon Meeting. Steve lives at 9639 W. Huntington Drive in Mequon, WI 53097. He may be reached at home at (262) 242-3768 or at work by calling (262) 241-8460. Sponsored by Ted Weirather, Steve enjoys scuba diving and is a ‘Harley’ enthusiast. Welcome to Rotary!

TWO NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

Two new member applications (Barbara Hunt and Huton Ghojallu) were presented and accepted (after publication) by the T-M Rotary Club Board at its November and December, 2002 Board Meetings.

Barbara Hunt, who lives at 930 Seventeenth Avenue in Grafton, WI 53024, serves as the Director of Foundations and Corporations for Concordia University Wisconsin, 12800 North Lake Shore Drive, Mequon, WI 53097-2402. Barbara and her husband, Cecil M. Hunt, have been active in a number of organizations across Ozaukee County. With her four children: Jeff, Greg, Kathy and Kristine, she has found time to be involved in 'Gathering on the Green', 'The Milwaukee Symphony Organization', and a national college sorority. "Above all," she says, "I enjoy travel, reading, cooking, gardening and playing with my grandchildren." She can be reached at home(262) 377-7766 or at work by calling (262) 243-4533. Barbara Hunt's sponsor is Stan Smith.

Huton Ghojallu is a Doctor of Chiropractic Medicine, who is currently opening "Balance Chiropractic Center, LLC" at 10033 N. Port Washington Rd., Mequon, WI 53092. His business phone is (262) 240-0136. He is in the process of relocating from 2424 Bowen Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901, where he was a Rotarian with the Oshkosh Morning Rotary Club. His sponsor, Diane Robertson, says that Huton enjoys being able to provide pain relief and natural health care in a modern healing environment that will correct misaligned joints, improve posture, reduce stress and improve nutritional needs. And, if that doesn't 'float your boat', his wife, Stephanie, says he is a great kickboxer, snowboarder, enjoys percussion instruments and loves to travel. Until he relocates, you can reach him by e-mail at BalanceChiro@msn.com.

Resignation: Chris Ireland, Director of Development at Concordia University Wisconsin, submitted his letter of resignation to T-M Rotary Club President, Jay Metzler, citing out-of-town job responsibilities as the cause. The T-M Rotary Board accepted the letter of resignation with regret.

Leave of Absence: Ram Iyer, self-employed Consultant in Information Technology, of 10703 N. De La Warr Circle, Mequon, has requested a six month leave of absence citing business problems as the reason for his request. He indicated that he is still very much committed to the development and enhancement of the T-M Rotary web site and would remain available for that activity. After much discussion and deliberation, the board granted Ram's request for a leave beginning Nov. 1, 2002 through May 30, 2003. He is to be notified, herewith, that his sponsor, Doug Hansen, will remain in contact with him during his leave and that he will continue to be assessed club dues (as are all members granted leaves of absence).

CLUB COMMITTEES TO BE FORMED

The T-M Rotary Club's Board of Directors discussed the formation of a committee structure for all members of the T-M Rotary Club beginning with the first meeting of 2003. Every member of record will have the opportunity to select the committee of his or her choice or be assigned a committee responsibility by the Board. Committees will be developed from the T-M Board's Avenues of Service.

NEW MEETING LOCATION AT THE OZAUKEE COUNTRY CLUB

Due to remodeling being planned by the Ozaukee Country Club, the T-M Rotary Club will have its future meetings at the 'Curling Club' located in the lower level of the Ozaukee Country Club. This will take place at T-M Rotary Club's first luncheon meeting of the new year held on Tuesday, January 7, 2003.

T-M ROTARY CLUB'S HOLIDAY MEETINGS CANCELLED

Two T-M Rotary Club Luncheon Meetings, December 24, 2002 and December 31, 2002, have been cancelled by action of the T-M Rotary Club's Board of Directors at its November Board Meeting. The last meeting of the year will be held on December 17, 2002. Please do not forget that all members and their spouses or significant others are invited to hear the Homestead High School Madrigal Singers on December 10, 2002.

AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEW YEAR

We would be remiss, indeed, if we did not review some of the great presentations put forth last year (2002). For instance, there were presentations by: 'Advocates' under the leadership of Marilyn Gierczak; Chamber of Commerce in Mequon-Thiensville by Linda Oakes; Changing of the Guard with Mike Stack presiding; Coping With Changes in I-43 Construction in 2002 by Mike O'Brien, WI Department of Transportation; Downtown Mequon-Thiensville Improvements (Report of Consultants) by Dianne Robertson, Thiensville Village Administrator and Lee Szmborski, Mequon City Administrator; Habitat for Humanity In Ozaukee County (Grafton, WI) by Daniel O'Connor (no relation to Dave); History of CAC and Rotary Park Foundation by Ted Weirather and Herb Hillman, respectively; Homestead High School Honors Society Banquet by John Box; Metro Milwaukee Sewerage District (MMSD) by Kevin Bacon; Milwaukee Public Television: History and Transition to Digital Programming by Ellis Bromberg, Manager of Channels 10/36; Issues In The News by Jerry Taff, TV News Anchor-Channel 12; New Castle Project: The New Milwaukee Protestant Home in Mequon by Matt Furno, CEO/President, Milwaukee Protestant Home; People Advancing Values in Education (PAVE) by Dan McKinney; Paul Harris Sustaining Member Program by Stan Smith; Political Presentations by Gov. Scott McCallum; Curt Gielow, and Lin Clousing; RI Convention Report (2002) by Steve Derfel; RI Presidential Appearance at Waukesha Rotunda of Bhichal Rattakul, RI President, as reported by PDG Karl V. Hertz; Russian Project: Conversations and Visitation arranged by Fred Swider and others; Scheduled Renovations at OCC by Paul Anthony of Ozaukee Country Club; and Summer Concerts on The Green by Bruce Rowe, et alia.

Do you remember the tours that we took at the WE-Energies Plant in Port Washington arranged by Roger Kirgues or the tour of Concordia's new Health Education and Fitness Center arranged by Van Mobley? Did you also miss the receipt of the coveted Paul Harris Annual Award by Karl V. Hertz, Ph.D.; PDG and PP of T-M Rotary (1989-1990)? Because if you did, you also missed the presentation of the 'Sustaining Paul Harris Awards' given to John Riley and Merton V. Campbell. There was certainly no better way to 'cap off' our last meeting at OCC (upstairs) than to have our "Annual Christmas Mini-Concert" by the Homestead Madrigals (December 2002), under the capable leadership of Miss Winnie.

IN RETROSPECT

This column, originally intended for a previous issue, is presented here because we have a web page, www.tmrotary.org that will have a lot of information of ‘historical’ value to T-M Rotary Club members and other ‘interested’ publics. Check it out; Dave O’Connor, of O’Connor Systems is hosting it for free!

There have been many of us who have been heard to say of late, “How did this whole T-M Rotary thing begin?” and “Who are some of these people (that we count as members), but whom I’ve never seen?” Well, it might interest some of you, by way of an answer, to know that the first meeting of the Thiensville-Mequon (T-M) Rotary Club took place on July 29, 1937. That’s right, before some of you were born! Of note is the fact that there were 20 original members and that Edwin Wiese was our first president. It’s no small coincidence, then, that in 1967, John R. Wiese did the ‘Wiese’ name proud and followed in his father’s footsteps as president of the Thiensville-Mequon Rotary Club.

T-M ROTARY CLUB MEMBER ‘THUMBNAIL SKETCHES’

It would be a shame not to mention some of the things we learned about our members in 2002. We learned about Vanessa’s love of horses and how she had always wanted to be a journalist. But what is a person to do who was born on a banana plantation in Puerto Rico? She was truly the one person who can claim a Caribbean birthright. You should have seen her and hubby, Andrew, at the Black Tie Fundraiser in November, 2002. Not even Ray MacFarlane can top that! After all, just because his parents were born in the Danish West Indies (now the USVI), he was still born in Dayton, Ohio. We won’t bore you with what she went through, and the variety of jobs she had to get where she is today. Just suffice it to say that she enjoys working for ‘Special Olympics-Wisconsin’.

Then there was Beth Burgess who always hated “Public Speaking”. Now, can you imagine anyone coming out of the Chicago suburbs with civic-minded parents hating to talk? She managed, however, to talk about that ‘Goodwill’ furniture that the family had. She said that she has a chair and love seat that will be 50 years old in 2003. Beth also shared what it was like working two part-time jobs to support herself while in college. She added that animals have long been her passion and she is affiliated with the Ozaukee Humane Society. Moving to WI in 1993, she is an avid MSN - E-mail ‘listener.’

Now comes Van Mobley, the CUW History Prof. He has the belief that ‘Life’ revolves around three poles: Faith, Family, and Country. He sees these as Gifts from God. He also feels that he is a simple man who is ruthless in pursuit of his objective but, is nonetheless, a hopeless romantic who grew up on a farm in Alabama. He even named his favorite mare, “Horse”. Although legally blind, the Army took him anyway and he went to graduate school at UW-Madison (1990) after having graduated from Vanderbilt in Economics. He stated that he became involved in politics, when as a Ballot Security Officer, he helped prevent candidate Hubbard from being elected to the post eventually garnered by Governor Hunt. Here is one man who enjoys talking and skiing; not necessarily at the same time. But, you never know! Thanks for sharing, Van!

I guess, in the interest of space, I’ll leave what was revealed about Gannon, Kirgues, and Metzler for another time and place. Believe me, it’s worth reading. By the way, you may want to ask Jay Metzler what the ‘A’ stands for in ‘A. Jay Metzler’. It’s probably a long story, so get comfortable! Kirgues and Gannon, you’ll enjoy the ‘genealogical’ implications because those ‘Metzlers’ are all over the planet.

“CARIBBEAN NIGHTS” – OUR ‘BLACK TIE’ FUNDRAISER

The theme of T-M Rotary Club’s Annual Black Tie Fundraiser, held on November 10, 2002, was more than a little different from those held in the past. This year, ‘Black Tie’ was optional and casual Caribbean wear was encouraged. It featured a number of festive decorations that portrayed the theme. Kudos to Sue Weirather and Beth O’Connor for their hard work. And, while we are passing out our thanks for all the preparations that made this event a huge success, we can’t forget Sue Jarvela and her family, Roger Kirgues, Chuck Winnemann, Ted Wierather, Dave O’Connor and the rest of the O’Connor family, Steve Derfel, Greg Huffman, Ray and Ellen MacFarlane and the many other Rotarians who made our ‘finished product’ the success that it was. Thanks to our proceeds and the many members, friends and supporters of our T-M Rotary Club, we will be able to provide assistance to some 20-odd organizations in Ozaukee County. As we are in our eleventh year of our “Black Tie” Fundraiser, the club has begun to look at other alternative ways of raising funds for our local charities. The T-M Rotary Club’s Board of Directors, upon recommendations made by the Community Action Council, has determined that some limitations need be made to one-time philanthropic requests. A committee will be formed to look at alternative ways of raising funds for these one-time requests.

If it is true that a picture is worth a thousand words, you can see what ‘fun’ was had this year (2002)!



HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE



'Doc' Witte, who remembers the good old days of brat fries, those summers in Thiensville Park and Conrad Plautz's backyard, provided this picture. When it rained, during the summer, all the club members would run to Thiensville Park for shelter from the 'elements'. Thus began the

building of the Rotary Shelter in Thiensville Park; that was years before Mequon's Rotary Park that exists today. Do you know all the meeting places we've had in the T-M Rotary Club? Although, it's now called "Brew City", the club spent a lot of happy hours at the then, "Wulff's Island". How many times have you passed the "Spaghetti Factory"? Did you know that T-M Rotary met there when it was "Steer and Stein?" It boggles the mind to think of all the places that T-M Rotary has outlived over the years. Before "Boder's On The River", there was "Club Forest" on County Line Road (now called the 'Blue Agave'); The "Nantucket" on the corner of Port Washington and Highland Roads (now a Doctor's Office); then, on to "Stemmlers" (now an empty lot on Main Street in Thiensville) and, lest we forget, there was the old "Bowling Alley" on Main Street in Thiensville (now under 'new' management as 'Remington's River Inn) near the corner of Green Bay and Main Streets.

Yes, the Thiensville-Mequon Rotary Club (so named because it was founded by many Thiensville merchants and later expanded to include Mequon merchants and community leaders) has had a rich and varied past. That past is what makes our Thiensville-Mequon Rotary Club so unique. When you heard Ted Weirather and Herb Hillman talking about the formation of the Community Action Council (CAC) and the T-M Rotary Club Foundation (in 1968), did you know that the first foundation was committed to only two projects: HHS Scholarships and Boy Scouts? Did you know that the CAC is composed of five persons (usually ex-presidents and a person appointed at-large) or that they serve staggered terms of office (per the appointment process of T-M Rotary and sitting T-M presidents)?

When the Thiensville-Mequon Rotary Club officially launched its Rotary Park project, on September 17, 1987, it celebrated its 50th anniversary and formed the new T-M Rotary Park Foundation, which is in existence to this very day. In 1992, the T-M Rotary Club turned its 93-acre site on Highland Road (near N. River Road) over to the City of Mequon. The T-M Rotary Club has been actively involved in its development as a community resource ever since.

CURRENT T-M ROTARY CLUB 'TRIVIA'

How well do you know your T-M Rotary Club members? Do you know how many live in the Village of Thiensville, the City of Mequon, or the surrounding areas (i.e., Shorewood, Menomonee Falls, Brown Deer, Cedarburg, Grafton or Port Washington)? Do you know how many 'Senior Actives' (formerly used classification) there are in our club? Because of recent changes in 'classification' procedures, do you know what 'classifications' there are in T-M Rotary (i.e., Doctors-medical and otherwise, Bankers, CPAs,

Attorneys, Dentists, Land Developers, Financial Advisors, or Consultants of various kinds and in various fields)? How many members are in the T-M Rotary Club (as of 1/30/03); how many are women? How many new members did the T-M Rotary Board approve in the year 2002? How many T-M Rotary Club members resigned? Do you know the top three T-M Rotarians with 'perfect' attendance' by name and years of service? Do you know the name of our present District Governor in District 6270? Do you know the name of the RI President for 2002-2003? Do you know the 'Four Way Test'? Do you know the colors of Rotary? Why is Rotary characterized by a 'wheel with cogs'? What is the name of the RI Magazine; the District 6270 Newsletter; and the newsletter of T-M Rotary?

SCHEDULE FOR T-M ROTARY BOARD MEETINGS POSTED

T-M Rotary President Jay Metzler has posted the schedule for Board Meetings of the Thiensville-Mequon Rotary Club (for 2003). The Board of Directors will meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month unless notified otherwise. All meetings will continue to be held in the Egelhoff Community Room at Homestead High School (courtesy of the M-T School Board and Dr. John Box). Unless notified otherwise, the T-M Rotary Club's Board of Directors will retain the meeting time of 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. The usual practice of distributing the Board Agenda by E-mail several days before the meeting will be continued. The same will generally apply to the Minutes of said Board Meetings. The 2003 dates are:

January 21, 2003
 February 18, 2003
 March 18, 2003
 April 15, 2003
 May 20, 2003
 June 17, 2003

It shall be the responsibility of T-M Rotary Board members to get an 'Agenda' or 'Minutes' from those T-M Rotary Board Members having E-mail or computer capabilities. "Sharing" is "Caring". Thanks!

TRADITIONAL 'BLACK TIE' FUNDRAISER TO BE REVIEWED

Although the "Caribbean Nights" Black Tie 'Fundraiser' of the Thiensville-Mequon Rotary Club was deemed a success, it was determined by the T-M Rotary Board that the T-M Rotary Club look at additional ways of generating funds for its charitable giving. The Community Action Council (CAC), responsible for making recommendations to the T-M Rotary Board said that proceeds from the T-M Rotary Club's Fundraiser (now in its eleventh year) is reflecting less than significant returns. These returns have caused the CAC to recommend alternative measures for raising funds.

CORRECTIONS

Please note changes to the 2002-2003 Rotary Roster for Briese, Metzler, Nuernberg, Robertson, Smith, Weirather, and Witte.

Attendance Reports Will Be Posted in the Next Issue**UPCOMING T-M ROTARY CLUB PROGRAMS FOR JANUARY**

- January 7, 2003 Highlights of December T-M Rotary Club's Board of Directors;
Induction of Barbara Hunt, Concordia's Dir. of Development; and
Demonstration of www.tmrotary.org website by Webmaster, David O'Connor.
- January 14, 2003 Presentation on Juvenile Diabetes by David Kern, partner in Quarles & Brady
law firm and President of the SE Wisconsin Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes
Research Foundation.
- January 21, 2003 Presentation on Health Care, Insurance, and Local Service Issues by Leo
Brieffau, CEO of Columbia-St. Mary's Hospital.
- January 28, 2003 Regular Monthly Business Meeting
CAC Recommendations;
T-M Rotary Club Committee Structure;
T-M Rotary Club RI Anniversary Project;
Other T-M-Rotary Club Issues & Reports