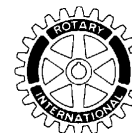




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January 2005: Rekindling the 'Flame of Service'

"Happy New Year"! Yes, it's January 2005 and what a better way of knowing where we're going than to know where we've been. January is also the 'birth' of the legend that was Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. While in the process of trying to put our Rotary files in order, several pieces of our history came into view! Some of those 'pieces' have been included in the 'insert' to this newsletter along with a 'trivia' quiz about our T-M Rotary Club. It's really a way of looking at some of the things that happened not only last year but in years gone by. **Will what we had in the past be the same or better than that which we'll have in the future?** Only 'time' will tell! Statistically, T-M Rotary has gotten 'older'; sixteen (16) of our members (formerly called, 'Senior Actives', were inducted from 1947-1978) are aged seventy (70) or older; fifteen (15) members were inducted between 1980 and 2000 and twenty-nine (29) members have been inducted between the years 2000 and 2004. Think about it; almost half of our members were inducted between the years 2000 and 2004! As we enter this New Year, there is much for us, as T-M Rotarians, to do to **'rekindle the flame of Rotary service'!**

T-M Rotary Inducts Delahunt and Van Straten into 'the Family of Rotary'

David G. Delahunt, a 'Real Estate' executive and Jeffrey J. Van Straten, a 'Bank Administrator' were inducted into the Rotary 'family' on December 14, 2004 by T-M Rotary President, Bruce E. Rowe. **David G. Delahunt**, is a Partner/Director of Relocation for Realty Executives-Metro, located at 8320 W. Brown Deer Road in Milwaukee, WI 53223. Sponsored by Rtn. Frederick Swider, he will have the classification of 'Residential Real Estate Director'. **Jeffrey J. Van Straten**, is the Branch Manager of M&I Bank-Mequon, located at 1155 W. Mequon Road in Mequon, Wisconsin 53092. Sponsored by Rtn. Ted Weirather, he will have the classification of 'Financial Services Administrator'.

Jeanette Anderson Receives T-M Rotary 'Student of the Month' Award



The Thiensville-Mequon Rotary Club #2763 launched its 'Student of the Month' award in December 2004 with the selection of Homestead High School senior, Jeanette Anderson, as its first recipient. 'Jenny', daughter of Kent and Nancy Anderson of Mequon was chosen for her exemplary service and volunteerism to the Mequon-Thiensville school community. T-M Rotarian Patricia Treffert, Director of Vocational Services and members of her committee made the selection. The T-M Rotary 'Certificate of Recognition' was awarded December 21, 2004 at the T-M Rotary's Family Luncheon held at the Ozaukee Country Club on River

Road in Mequon. One student will be selected each month from the applications received by the committee by the first week of each month. Students may be nominated by parents, teachers, counselors, and members of the community or by the students themselves. Congratulations, 'Jenny', for being the first to demonstrate your outstanding accomplishments!

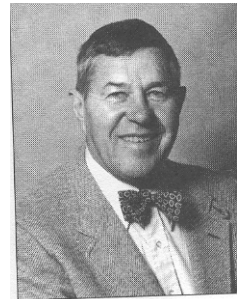
Madrigal Singers and Canzone Ensemble Entertain T-M Rotarians & Guests



The Thiensville-Mequon Rotary Club, their family, friends and guests were treated to a Mini-Concert of Holiday Toasts, Transitions, Tales with Traditional and Non-Traditional Celebratory Music rendered by the Homestead High School Madrigal and Canzone Singers. The Ozaukee Country Club on River Road in Mequon ‘fairly shook’ at noon on December 21, 2004 with the 15 mixed voices of the ‘Madrigals’ and the ‘auditioned’ co-curricular ensemble of 13 women’s voices that make up the ‘Canzone Ensemble’. It’s become an annual tradition for the T-M Rotary Club to be honored with this Holiday Music provided by the Homestead Fine Arts Department under the direction of Ms. Rebecca R. Winnie.

Theodore (Ted) C. Egelhoff Departs Rotary After Forty-Four (44) Years

It came as a ‘shock’ to most of us when we heard that ‘Ted’ Egelhoff was resigning from the Thiensville- Mequon Rotary Club after 44 years. His exemplary commitment to Rotary began in 1960 under the presidency of Ned Kellner (now deceased). Dr. Merton Campbell will remember when ‘Ted’ came into the ‘fold’ because he came in with him. Ralph J. Huiras will also ‘give testimony’ to ‘Ted’s’ appearance because that was ‘Ralph’s’ year as ‘past president’ (having been president of T-M Rotary, 1959-60). Serving in a variety of capacities, ‘Ted’ became president of T-M Rotary in 1975-76. Many of us remember seeing ‘Ted’ in the summers at the park, hovering over the grill while trying to give ‘Frank Bolz’ culinary directions. It ought to be no secret to anyone in this community why the ‘meeting room’ at the high school has been named in his honor. In like fashion, it ought to be no secret why ‘Ted’ Egelhoff received the honorary ‘Paul Harris Award’ in May of 2001! So long, ‘Ted’; we’ll miss you!



T-M Rotary Club Approves 2005-2006 Officers and Board Members

By a unanimous vote of all in attendance on Tuesday, December 28, 2004, T-M Rotarians voted into office the ‘slate’ of candidates proposed by recommendation of the ‘Nominations Committee’ under the chairpersonship of Rtn. ‘Tony’ Von Rueden. The Officers for 2005-2006 will be Douglas R. Hansen, president; Beth Burgess, president-elect and Van Mobley, president-designee. Bruce E. Rowe, immediate past president; Anthony Von Rueden, Sgt-at-Arms and William Ronzheimer, Exec. Secy./Treasurer, all serve at the pleasure of the president. The T-M Board of Directors for 2005-2006 will be: Karl V. Hertz, Director for International Service; Patricia Treffert, Director for Vocational Service; Gregory Sommersberger, Director for Community Service; Ellen MacFarlane, Director for Club Service; Robert R. Jacobs, Director for Council of Past Presidents (COPP) and the Rotary International Foundation and Samantha Catena, Director for Fundraising. The At-Large Board of Director Members for 2005-2006 will continue to be Merton V. Campbell –Historian; Ramon H. MacFarlane – Newsletter Editor; and David M. O’Connor - Electronic Communications.

Catena to Serve Brown-Nerbun's Unexpired Term on T-M Rotary Board

T-M Rotarian Samantha Catena, owner of 'Catering by Catena' has been selected to serve the unexpired term of Vanessa Brown-Nerbun on the Thiensville-Mequon Board of Directors (2004-2005).

Catena was the first Rotarian to be inducted in 2004 and was sponsored by Rtn. Nancy Witte-Dycus, owner of 'Fantasy Flowers' and Chairperson of the T-M Rotary Awards Committee. Rtn. Catena will serve on the T-M Rotary Board from January 2005 until the 'Changing of the Guard' (COG) in June of 2005. Her primary responsibilities will be that of 'Director of Fundraising' together with the solicitation of ideas from her committee and those of others who may want to help in T-M Rotary fundraising.

T-M Rotary Community Action Council (CAC) Elects Officers

At its first meeting of the year, the Thiensville-Mequon Rotary Club's Community Action Council (CAC) elected Rtn. Gregory Huffman, owner of 'Wildlife Images' as its Chairperson. Rtn. Van Mobley, PhD., History Professor at Concordia University, was elected Secretary. The 'mission' of the CAC is to recommend to the T-M Rotary Board what charities demonstrating the greatest financial need in the Ozaukee and Mequon-Thiensville school community, should be considered for 'donations' given the fundraising efforts of the T-M Rotary Club during the year. Annually, the current T-M Rotary Club President selects three members to this Council: two members are to be past presidents with two and three-year terms, respectively, and the third member is to be a non-president with a one-year term. In 2003, for instance, then T-M Rotary President, Roger Kirgues selected Vanessa Brown-Nerbun to a one-year term; Ray MacFarlane to a two-year term and Karl Hertz to a three-year term. In 2004, President Rowe selected Van Mobley (one-year term), Mike Stack (two-year term) and Roger Kirgues (three-year term). The Council, as presently constituted, is composed of Karl Hertz, Greg Huffman, Roger Kirgues, Ray MacFarlane, Van Mobley, Mike Stack and Jack Wiese. Every year, with staggered terms, three members go off the Council. Guests were Ted Weirather and Dave O'Connor.

In Retrospect: T-M Rotary Club Presentations from December 2004

This section is devoted to giving some excerpts of those programs and presentations that occurred during the month of December 2004 (which ended a 'year of service' for Rotarians worldwide).

December 7, 2004 Dr. James Burke, of Concordia University Wisconsin, discussed the topic: "Remembering Pearl Harbor: Parallels to 9/11". Dr. Burke's presentation was an 'eye-opener' for those of us who have some difficulty in thinking that 'the past can repeat itself'. While it is true (at least in recent recollection) that we have not had a 'war' fought on our soil, Dr. Burke spoke of 'precedents' that make a 'war' possible, none the least of which has to do with, 'who knew what and when did they know it'! Although there are those who may feel that 'comparisons are odious', there are 'parallels' that still exist between Pearl Harbor and September 11, 2001! Were you at Rotary on that date (9/11)?

December 14, 2004 was the date that **Mr. Paul Roback**, of the University of Wisconsin-Extension, gave a presentation on Ozaukee County's Interurban Trail. Mr. Roback passed out brochures and maps to all in attendance that explained the Interurban Trail and what its Advisory Council (a coalition of businesses, nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies) has done for Ozaukee residents. Pictured on a map, courtesy of the Ozaukee County Tourism Council, were six (6) geographical areas showing where the Trail began in Ozaukee County's Village Park in Belgium, where it passed through the municipalities of Port Washington, Grafton, Cedarburg, Thiensville and where it ended at The Logemann Community Center in Mequon. Mr. Roback stated that the Ozaukee Interurban Trail's Advisory Council has as its 'mission', the promotion and facilitation of safe public use of the Ozaukee Interurban Trail for transportation, recreation, health, education, economic development and enjoyment of Ozaukee County's unique cultural, historical and natural resources. For more information on how you can participate in the Trail's many projects, please contact Andrew Struck, Chair of the Ozaukee Interurban Advisory Council at (262) 238-8270 or on-line at astruck@co.ozaukee.wi.us.

December 14, 2004 (evening) Due to the annual holiday program, scheduled for Tuesday, December 21, President Rowe asked that the monthly meeting of the 15 member T-M Rotary Club Board of Directors meet at 5:15 p.m. on this date to conduct business. With fourteen members in attendance, the 'quorum' was met, the agenda was approved and the meeting was called to order by President Rowe. Rtn. Ted Weirather who presented the Board with an 'Update on the T-M Rotary Club's Annual 'Black Tie' Fundraiser gave a brief report'. He explained the income, the expenses to date, and the total amount generated by this year's fundraiser. The minutes of the last meeting were circulated, discussed, corrected, moved and accepted. The financial report was distributed by Sec'y/Treasurer Ronzheimer with comparisons made between the 2004 T-M Rotary Budget and the 'proposed' 2005 T-M Rotary Budget, as approved. The financial report was moved, seconded and passed by all Officers and Board members in attendance. **Director Treffert (Vocational Services)** was permitted by President Rowe to go out of order because of another previously scheduled meeting. Dir. Treffert reported that several applications for the 'Student of the Month' project had been 'read' by her committee and that one person's application stood out among the rest. As a result, she and her committee were recommending the name of 'Jeanette Anderson' as the T-M Rotary Club's December 2004 'Student of the Month' and that a framed certificate be given this recipient. A picture with appropriate news releases would be made available to local media outlets. A motion was offered, seconded and passed. Dir. Treffert stated that she would bring similar recommendations to the Board as other students are identified as 'Student of the Month'. President Rowe then turned to **president-elect Hansen** for an update on the 'Guatemala Project'. President-elect Hansen reported that, as of this date, all 26 of the adults going on this T-M Rotary 'Humanitarian Project' (with the 'team' being led by President Rowe) had acquired that which was needed for the trip and that the date of departure had been set at January 22, 2005. Board member, David O'Connor, raised a 'Point of Inquiry'. He asked the Sec'y/Treasurer if there was enough money in the 2005 'Proposed Budget' to accommodate the 'Guatemala Team' if said reimbursements from Rotary District 6270 and the Rotary International Foundation were not immediately forthcoming? After some discussion, it was agreed that such funds would be available, with 'donated' funds being held for medical needs on-site. President-elect Hansen also indicated that a class of 10 participants would be taking an 'abbreviated' Spanish course for those interacting with the natives. It was at this point that President Rowe indicated that he had received a letter of resignation from long-time T-M Rotarian, Theodore 'Ted' Egelhoff, to also become effective at year's end. After some initial shock and discussion of the 'Rule of 85' as related to 'attendance', PHF Egelhoff's letter of resignation was accepted with 'profound' regret. **Director Rayl**

(**International Services**) said that the ‘Guatemala Project’ was being successfully handled by President-Elect Hansen and that he and his committee is still interested in ‘hosting’ this year’s Rotary Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team. He indicated that he would be looking for some T-M Rotarians to provide ‘living quarters’ for members of the GSE Team during their stay in this area. **Director Brown-Nerbun (Fundraising)** stated that this was her last Board meeting as a member of the T-M Rotary Club. She said that she wanted to thank all those Rotarians with whom she had worked, for their help and support. She went on to say that since her ‘heart’ was still with many of the projects that she had started, she would be willing to work with whomever was selected to fill her unexpired term on the Board of Directors. In leaving the club, she ‘challenged’ the Board to look at and to think about the membership of the T-M Rotary Club. How do we attract ‘younger’ members to our club; what needs to be done differently? With much discussion on this topic, Dir. Brown-Nerbun gave the Board much food for thought! **Director Mobley (Club Services)** stated that he is working on three ‘potential’ members and encouraged all T-M Rotarians to give him some names of ‘potential’ members with whom he can ‘follow up’! Rotarian MacFarlane said that if Dir. Mobley had access to some of the local papers, many of the ‘newcomers’ to our community are often listed there. Dir. Mobley said that he appreciated the suggestion. **Director Sommersberger (Club Services)** was given a letter from Big Brothers/Sisters of Ozaukee County, announcing the upcoming ‘Bowlathon for Children’ to be held in Saukville in March of 2005. Dir. Sommersberger said he would make contact with the organization which has their offices in Grafton, Wisconsin. As an item of ‘New Business’, Rtn. MacFarlane moved, that with the concurrence of the four ‘major’ T-M Rotary Officers: Kirgues (Past President), Rowe (President), Hansen (President Elect) and Burgess (President Designee) that seven (7) ‘Certificates of Recognition’ be made available as ‘gratitude’ for services rendered the T-M Rotary Club. The motion was seconded and passed by those in attendance. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

December 21, 2004 This meeting has been annually designated as ‘**The T-M Rotary’s Family Luncheon**’ when all T-M Rotarians, their family, friends and guests assemble to hear the ‘**Madrigal Singers and Canzone Ensemble**’ from the **Fine Arts Department of Homestead High School**. The Chorale of 28 persons walked in singing ‘Here We Come A-Wassailing’ followed by ‘Deck the Halls’. After singing five selections from their ‘Toasts, Tradition & Tales’ folio, they then sang four selections from their ‘Hanukkah & Kwanzaa Celebrations’. Following these ‘celebratory’ renditions, a member of the Chorale, ‘**Jeanette Anderson**’ was honored as the T-M Rotary “**Student of the Month**”. After this presentation, the Chorale sang three selections from their ‘Renaissance Tradition’ folio with three selections from their ‘Sacred Christmas’ folio. The Chorale ended their Mini-Concert with two selections from their ‘Love and Joy Come to You’ folio: ‘A Merry Christmas’ and ‘God Bless the Master of This House’. **The Madrigal Singers** is an ‘auditioned’ co-curricular ensemble of 15 mixed voices selected from the Tartan Choir each year. **The Canzone Ensemble** is an ‘auditioned’ co-curricular ensemble of 13 women’s voices also selected from the Tartan Choir (an advanced curricular choir for juniors and seniors). The choral program at Homestead includes four daily curricular choirs and four weekly evening co-curricular ensembles.

December 28, 2004 The T-M Rotary Club was pleased to have as its presenter, **Officer Brad Caddock**, of the Brown Deer Police Department, Brown Deer, Wisconsin, who spoke to the topic: “**Identity Theft: How To Avoid It**”! Officer Caddock attempted to provide all in attendance with a power point presentation. Due to technical difficulties, he discussed many of the pitfalls that can happen to any unsuspecting ‘victim’ who thinks ‘all is as it should be’. The key words in every situation in which one is victimized are ‘should be’!. ‘Should be’ suggests that most situations are ‘risk

free' when in reality, they're not. Whether at a mall, a grocery store, a license bureau or even an ATM machine, one cannot take every situation for granted. **"Should you carry your Social Security card with you?"** Officer Caddock suggests that it may be a matter of choice if you're using it for identification. **"Do you 'discard' your credit card receipts?"** Officer Caddock suggests that you ask yourself, "Should I tear this up, throw this away or should I 'shred' this?" **"Awareness"**, suggests Officer Caddock, is the chief deterrent in most situations!

A Celebration of 'Kwanzaa' Bridges 'Christmas' and 'New Year'

In 1966, an African American Professor of Pan African Studies by the name of M. Ron Karenga, 'developed' an African American holiday to remember the 'first fruits' of the harvest that many African 'indentured servants', slaves, freedmen and their descendents, planted in the soil of American colonies. It is said that the word 'kwanzaa' comes from 'Swahili', an East African language. In developing this 'holiday', Karenga focused on the '*Nguza Saba*' from which he designed the 'seven principles' of the African American culture. These seven principles beginning on December 26 is '*Umoja*' (humility); on December 27, the principle is '*Kugichagulia*' (self-determination); on December 28, the principle is '*Ujima*' (collective work and responsibility); on December 29, the principle is '*Ujama*' (collective economics); on December 30, the principle is '*Nia*' (Purpose); on December 31, the principle is '*Kuumba*' (creativity) and on January 1, the principle is '*Imani*' (faith). On January 1 of the New Year, the entire community ends the holiday with a '*karamu*' (feast). One black candle separates six candles (three green and three red) in the center of a '*kinara*' (candleholder). Each day of the celebration, a candle is lit until on the last day, the black candle is lit, bringing finality to the celebration. Characterized by African-inspired dress, the ceremonies end by honoring one's ancestors through acts of 'remembrance' of the 'old' and by making 'commitments' to the 'new' with food, music and dance.

Upcoming T-M Rotary Club Programs and Observances for January 2005

- January 4, 2005** T-M Rtn. **Dave O'Connor**, Electronic Communication Director and Rtn. **Jo Lynn Mechenich**, Rotary Youth Exchange District Director, on **"The 'Whys' and 'Wherefores' of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program"**
- January 11, 2005** **Robin Phillips**, Executive Director – Volunteer Center of Ozaukee County, on **"Volunteer Trends for Service Organizations"**
- January 15, 2005** **Birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** (Born, January 15, 1929)
- January 18, 2005** **Kent Johnson**, CEO, YMCA of Metro-Milwaukee, on **"YMCA Services to Metro-Milwaukee Area"**
- January 18, 2005 (evening)** **T-M Rotary Board of Directors Meeting**, Egelhoff Community Room, HHS – 5:15 p.m.
- January 25, 2005** **Paul Westrick**, Vice President, Columbia-St. Mary's Hospital, on **"Expansion Program – Columbia-St. Mary's Ozaukee Campus"**