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Rotary Club Newsletter

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DECEMBER 2005: THE T-M ROTARY CLUB'S MONTH OF GIVING SAYS IT ALL!

Yes, it is month number twelve. December 2005, according to that Gregorian Calendar used by most countries around the globe does refer to December as the twelfth month. It is also the month after the T-M Rotary Club's 'Annual Black-Tie Dinner & Charity Auction' which was held on November 12, 2005, about a week and a half before Thanksgiving! Kudos to the many 'volunteers' and 'donors' who made this event possible and thanks to our 'members and guests' who braved the chilly, windy and rainy weather to participate in this annual event. The co-chairs and their committee "thank you, one and all"!

December is also that month of the year when we give all those non-perishable foods to 'Ozaukee Family Sharing'! Give someone's family hope for the holidays and help others by bringing your canned goods to our T-M Rotary Luncheon Meetings. December is also when we get to hear from Homestead's best chorales. All members should plan to attend this winter concert and bring their families. No matter what we believe or choose not to believe, we all have a reason to celebrate 'life' in this holiday season; so, Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, a Bountiful Kwanzaa and a Joyful New Year's Eve to all!

William M. Miller is "Student of the Month" for November



Since the picture of our 'Student of the Month' is published at the end of the month in which she/he is chosen, the picture of William M. Miller and his parents appears in this issue of our newsletter. 'Bill' is a senior at the Homestead High School where he has served for almost four years as a member of the Homestead

Swim Team. He has distinguished himself by earning the exemplary status of Eagle Scout in Troop 352 while serving as a member of the Schroeder YMCA Swim Team. Swimming and scouting aside, Bill has found the time to improve the riverside trail at Riveredge Nature Center, serve as a tutor, work at the recent Dahliwal Soccer Tournament and provide countless hours volunteering in the community and in his Fox Point church. A promising student who is reluctant to tout his many accomplishments, Bill is an example of what it is to be T-M Rotary's "Student of the Month" for November 2005.

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T-M Rotary's Annual "Black-Tie Dinner & Charity Auction"

We can only hope you were at the Ozaukee Country Club on Saturday evening, November 12, 2005. Since we also believe that a picture is 'worth a thousand words' and that 'many pictures speak volumes', we'll let them speak for themselves. Just look at your members and friends who volunteered their time and talents to set-up the Ozaukee Country Club and then look at yourselves and your friends (if we chanced to get you) at the social, the auctions and the dinner.. And, as a parting thought lest we forget, "it was all for a good cause"!

You know, there's this notion that if you live in the Village of Thiensville or in the surrounding City of Mequon, that you're living better than over half of the population in the State of Wisconsin. While there are other communities who would take issue with that notion, we can all make someone's life a little richer. There are still some members in our population who need our help! That's why these 'fundraisers' that you see all across our communities are held in the first place! If this holiday season is any reflection of our giving spirit, please remember those less fortunate. Give the gift of service that keeps on giving; show them that "**Rotary Cares**"!

Rotary: A "Winner" in Everyone's Book

If you didn't get in on the Joint Rotary Club's "Win A Trip to Paris, France" raffle, you really missed out! While we are happy to report that two Rotarians were among the winners drawn at the T-M Rotary Club's Black-Tie Fundraiser held November 12, 2005, it was anybody's chance to win the big one. **The grand prize, a 'Five day trip for two to Paris, France'** or a \$3,000 cash option, was won by M-T 'Sunrise' Rotarian Deb Patton. **The second prize, a 'Family Portrait'** (by Worzella Photography) along the Milwaukee River in Thiensville was won by non-Rotarian, Mary Felda (who bought her ticket at 'Lobster Fest'). **The third prize, a \$100 Dinner for Two with Wine** overlooking the Milwaukee River at Remington's River Inn in Thiensville, WI. was won by T-M Rotarian Herbert Hillman. Winners did not need to be present; all proceeds from the raffle went to the Rotary Riverwalk. Thanks to Brian, Doug, Ron, Ray and the many 'unsung' heroes and heroines who made this 'raffle' possible!

Who and What Do You Know

Tuesday noon during the month of November at the Ozaukee Country Club was full of information. Did you know that many of you (especially those of you in Mequon) were the subjects of a poll that asked what you liked about where you lived and the services you received? Well, you were and you seemed pretty satisfied over all! That doesn't mean you didn't think there was room for improvement. Wonder what role labor plays in your life? A representative of the Teamsters told us what many already knew and others didn't want to hear. He seemed to be saying that we are all 'workers' but at different levels. Just ask young 'Bill' Miller what it took to become an Eagle Scout! His answer might surprise you! If you are a 'sports buff', you would have enjoyed what an assistant coach, formerly of Barberton, had to say about the UWM Panther basketball team. If you really want to 'make' it, a lot of work is required. How things change when you have responsibilities. A coach who knew what it meant to have a 'mentor' provided a unique perspective on life. We all received a 'recipe' that we should want to follow even if we don't follow sports. Check your 'work' ethic; do you follow the 'Four Way Test'?

A 'Word or Two' from President 'Doug'



Before I begin my discussion about what we can do in this month of 'giving', I just want to step back a month to the 'Black-Tie' and tell those of you who participated in our annual fundraiser, how good it was to see you, whether it was in 'setting up' for our auction or just being there for the event. Although things started off rather slowly and it was hard to be optimistic at times, everyone stepped up and we got it done. I want to thank our past president, Bruce Rowe and his co-chair, Ellen MacFarlane for their perseverance when many people thought our 'Black-Tie' had seen better days. The real winners in this annual fundraiser aren't the members T-M Rotary; the real winners are the communities in which we live, the people we serve on a daily basis and the various organizations we support. Thanks to all of you, we are all **WINNERS!** In the midst, however, of all these accolades and pats on the back, we must look toward next year. What will we do? Was this a wake-up call; can we afford to wait until the last minute? Every part of me says "NO"! We must find a better way and we must do it a lot sooner! Is it time to try something else? Should we go to a different facility? Before any other questions are asked or opinions expressed, I would be remiss if I didn't thank T-M Rotarian

Ted Hagen, owner of Chuck's Place Family Restaurant in Thiensville who hosted us as we evaluated our Annual Black-Tie Fundraiser on that Thursday, a week before Thanksgiving. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, I'm open to any of them; write or call me. Doug Hansen, T-M Rotary, P.O. Box 104, Thiensville, WI 53209 or by phone at 262-242-2700.

Although I may have failed to mention it, December is a month of giving and every member who can bring at least five (5) cans of food or non-perishable items throughout this month of December 2005 and into 2006, T-M Rotary will give you a make-up for each group of five items that you can spare. Help make Family Sharing of Ozaukee County (in Grafton) the kind of place where others less fortunate than many of us can get help. I have asked Greg Sommersberger to chair this project because he, like many other Rotarians, has shown that **"ROTARY CARES"**!

Yours in Rotary,

Douglas R. Hansen, president
Thiensville-Mequon Rotary Club

p. s. Lest we forget, **"Of the things we think, say or do: 1) Is it the TRUTH? 2) Is it FAIR to all concerned? 3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? 4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"**

T-M Rotary Presentations and Observances for December 2005

- December 6, 2005** **T-M Rotary Luncheon Meeting - OCC**
Presentation: William Delwiche, Associate Investment Strategist. CFA, Robert W. Baird
- December 13, 2005** **T-M Rotary Club's 'Family Day' Luncheon Meeting - OCC**
Presentation: Steve Rayl for T-M Rotary's "Student of the Month" (December)
T-M Rotary Club's 'Holiday Concert' – HHS Madrigal Chorale & Canzone Singers
- December 20, 2005** **T-M Rotary Luncheon Meeting – OCC**
Presentation: To be announced
T-M Rotary Club's Board of Directors Meeting
5:15 p.m. Egelhoff Community Meeting Room - HHS
- December 24, 2005** **Hanukkah** (The eight-day Jewish 'Festival of the Lights' which begins at sundown on this date)
- December 25, 2005** **Christmas** (The Christian Holiday observed as the birth of Jesus, The Christ)
- December 26, 2005** **Kwanzaa** (African American Festival Begins)
- December 27, 2005** **T-M Rotary Luncheon Meeting - OCC**
Presentation: Business Meeting
- December 31, 2005** **New Year's Eve (Holiday Observed)**
5:15 p.m. – Egelhoff Meeting Room

“Happiness pursued, eludes; happiness given, returns”!

“HAPPY HOLIDAYS”