



JUNE 2007: WHAT'S IN A WORD?

If that 'word' is 'SERVICE', it can mean many things! To Rotarians, 'service' means "giving of one's self." "Webster" in the 'Merriam-Webster's publication of the 'New Collegiate Dictionary' (2006) defines 'service' as the "act of providing or supplying that which is needed or desired by another." Now, "Service above Self", the Rotary motto and the "4-Way Test" of 'ethical behavior' developed by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in 1932 is as true today as it was in 1932 because it means that we put the 'needs' of others before our own. Do we, as Rotarians, really 'practice' that or do WE get what WE 'need' first and 'give' the 'leftovers' (if there are any) to some 'other' person(s) who are really in 'need'? What does 'service' mean to you; is it just a 'word'?

THE T-M ROTARY CLUB HOSTS HOMESTEAD "STUDENTS OF THE MONTH"

The Thiensville-Mequon (T-M) Rotary Club, chartered in 1937, hosted the HHS "Students of the Month" and their parents to lunch at the Ozaukee Country Club on May 22, 2007 as one final gesture of gratitude for each of the honorees having served as 'Students of the Month' for school year 2006-2007. Honored were Morgan Mathias (Nov. '06), Anna Vredembregt (Dec. '06), Rachel Biblo (Jan. '07), Sonia Jain (Feb. '07), Megan Paetz (Mar. '07) and Margaret Webb (Apr. '07). Rtn. Todd M. Davis, Chair of the Rotary Vocational Service Committee & Director of Vocational Service, also introduced David Markson, HHS Counselor; and T-M Rotarians Ellen MacFarlane and Dave O'Connor. Rtn. Steve Rayl and former Rtn. Barbara Hunt were absent.

The Homestead High School (HHS) 'Student of the Month' program initiated in the winter of school year 2004-2005 by the T-M Rotary Club under the administration of President Doug Hansen (2005-2006), approved a \$500 'Student of the Year' Scholarship. This year, the T-M Rotary Club, under the capable leadership of President Van A. Mobley and the chairmanship of Vocational Service Director Todd M. Davis, conferred a \$500 "Student of the Year" Scholarship on Megan Paetz, the March 2007 'Student of the Month'. Megan, daughter of Mrs. Karen Paetz of Grafton, WI and Mr. Richard Paetz of Milwaukee, WI, plans to attend UW-LaCrosse with a major in International Business. Congratulations and best wishes to Megan.



PRESIDENT-ELECT SHELLEY L. WESTON RECEIVES PHF AWARD



For the past two months, the first two meetings of the T-M Rotary Club, April 3, 2007 and May 1, 2007, have been filled with plenty of ‘drama’. On April 3, 2007, a visiting Rotarian from Kenya presented his mother with a PHF Award for her 80th birthday. May 1, 2007, President-elect Shelley L. Weston received a ‘Paul Harris Fellowship’ (PHF) Award for her many hours of service to T-M Rotary. To say that she was in shock was an ‘understatement’ because an anonymous’ donor contributed \$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation in her name. Rtn. Stan Smith, past president of T-M Rotary (1987-88) and Chair of the T-M Rotary Foundation (TRF) Committee, made the presentation to Shelley and said, in passing, “although she never made the trip to Guatemala herself, she was right there for all who participated in our Guatemala Medical Relief Program.”

EDWIN L. STONE INDUCTED AS T-M ROTARY MEMBER

Edwin L. Stone, the ‘visiting’ Rotarian from Ft. Myers-South (FL) isn’t ‘visiting’ anymore. This Thiensville PHF and business ‘retiree’ was inducted Tuesday, May 15, 2007 as a “full fledged” member of the T-M Rotary Club. Long time friend, former neighbor and sponsor, PDG Karl Hertz, ‘pinned’ Stone as Rotarians also made their ‘condolences’ known at the recent passing of his son. Ed may be reached at home by calling (262) 242-4696 or at 501 Alta Loma Drive, Thiensville which he shares with his wife, Jean. How unfortunate it was to have missed his birthday celebration on April 8th. Welcome, ‘ED’ and ‘belated’ birthday!



SAMANTHA CATENA SEEKS T-M ROTARY MEMBERSHIP VIA TRANSFER

Owing to changes in employment, (first at the ‘Four Points-Sheraton and now at the Hilton-Milwaukee) this former T-M Rotary member, Samantha Catena (2004), is applying for a ‘transfer’ from the Mitchell Park Rotary Club back to the T-M Rotary Club. Her classification is ‘Hotel-Hospitality’. Employed by Hilton-Milwaukee City Center at 509 W. Wisconsin Ave. Milwaukee, 53203, her title is ‘Manager of Sales & Catering’ and her sponsor is Ted Hagen. Her residence is 13817 Green Bay Rd. Mequon 53097. Call her at (414) 390-4641 (W) or (262) 375-2029 (H). This March 21 birthday mom of two boys enjoys photography and event planning.

REFLECTIONS

You know, it’s getting so that every month begins with something really unique. Remember what happened in April? Let us refresh your memory; on April, 3, 2007, a visiting guest, Rtn. Daniel Schmelzer of Kenya, West Africa presented his mother with a ‘Paul Harris Fellow’ (PHF) Award in honor of her 80th birthday. Well, on the first day of May (May 1, 2007), our President-elect Shelley L. Weston was presented a ‘Paul Harris Fellow’ (PHF) Award by Past President Stan Smith (our long-time Rotary Foundation Chairperson). To top it all off, this ‘PHF’ was awarded by an ‘anonymous’ benefactor for the years of ‘unselfish’ service given by Shelley to the ‘Guatemala Medical Relief Project (GMRP)’. This, of course, was followed by a presentation on ‘Alternative Fuels’ given by Dr. Kenneth F. Neusen, UWM Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Director of the Center for Alternative Fuels in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. So, we went from ‘Stem Cells’ by Keith Schmitz to ‘Alternative Fuels’ by Ken Neusen and what it takes to keep up with the State of Minnesota who has managed to ‘work’ with its service stations (fuel service providers). Yet, we managed to have two (2) presentations of PHF Awards; that’s not bad for some who say that nothing ‘exciting’ ever happens at T-M Rotary. On May 8, 2007, Dave Wolbrink treated us to a presentation on ‘Clean Drinking Water’. Do you ever think about your ‘drinking water’ or do you just take it ‘for granted’? Talk to Dave of the ‘Hartford’ Rotary Club. On May 15, 2007, we had our ‘business’ meeting where the discussion centered on the ‘Community Action Council’s’ recommendations. A presentation given by 25-year Mequon resident and ‘Zoo Pride’ volunteer, Judy Raddatz, followed the ‘business’ meeting. ‘Zoo Pride’ is an auxiliary of the Milwaukee Zoological Society. Raddatz told

us how the zoo started in 1892 as the 'City Park' Zoo, how it became the 'West Park' Zoo and then the 'Washington Park' Zoo. In 1954, the 'zoo' moved from the center of the city to the 185 acres it occupies today. To say that 'the rest is history' is to miss the 'educational resource' that the 'Milwaukee Zoo' has become. May 22, 2007, has been 'spelled out', in part, on the front page of this edition. What is not there is the name of the recipient of the T-M 'Vocational Scholarship' that is given annually to a student pursuing a 'vocational' course of study at some 'vocational' or 'technical' college. The 2007 recipient of the T-M Vocational Scholarship was Daniel Briski. This scholarship was presented by Rtn. Todd M. Davis, Director of Vocational Service and Chair of the T-M Vocational Service Committee, at the Homestead High School Awards Ceremony held the evening of May 23, 2007. Just after the 'holiday' (Memorial Day) was observed, we heard about the 'other' country club (Brynwood Country Club) owned by the Marcus Corporation. Now we know that 'Marcus' is into more than just motion pictures. We even listened to what Manager Peggy Williams Smith had to say as we left OCC for a 'summer' in Mequon's Rotary Park on Highland Road. Don't forget to check your summer schedule found on page 4 of this newsletter each month or on our website at www.tmrotary.org.

SAYING "FAREWELL" TO VAN A. MOBLEY, T-M ROTARY CLUB'S PRESIDENT

This '*T-M Rotarian*' newsletter continues to 'update' all T-M Rotarians about the 'leaders' they have elected. In this issue, we re-introduce you to Van A. Mobley, the T-M Rotary Club President for the past year (2006-2007) who has led this club admirably through 'thick' and 'thin', and who will become T-M Rotary's immediate past president on July 1, 2007. Thanks, Van for all you've done and continue to do; we appreciate the effort. As most of you know, we have attempted to share 'some' of the individual's 'thumbnail' as given upon induction.



Van A. Mobley was born on May 28 and grew up (by his admission) on a farm in Alabama. He says he has always had the belief that 'Life' revolves around three poles: Faith, Family and Country. This Concordia University (CUW) Asst. Professor of History and Economics and most recently, CUW's Director of Community and Government Relations (not to mention being elected to a second term as Thiensville Village Trustee) sees these three 'poles' as gifts from God. He also feels that he is a simple man who is resolute when it comes to his pursuit of an objective but still finds himself to be a hopeless romantic.

It was just such an attitude that led this simple man to acquire a degree in Economics from Vanderbilt University. Van served his basic training in the Army at Fort Knox before going to Graduate School at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Van is married to Susie Mobley, a college student he met while at Graduate School at UW-Madison. Not only is she now his wife and the mother of their two youngsters, she is also a professor at Concordia University. Sponsored by former T-M Rotarian, Thomas Thaller, Van Mobley was inducted into the Thiensville-Mequon (T-M) Rotary Club in 2002. His T-M Rotary accomplishments include Director of Club Service (2003-4), Secretary-Community Action Council (2004), President-elect (2005), Club President (2006), Coordinator-T-M Rotary Baseball Fundraiser (2006) and Member-Community Action Council (2007).

When not at any number of meetings across the communities of Thiensville and Mequon, Van enjoys hunting, fishing, skiing and playing golf. On the less physical side, he also enjoys reading, history and politics.

T-M ROTARY CLUB SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2007

- June 3, 2007 Joint Rotary ‘Riverwalk’ Library Loop
“RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONIES”
10:00 a.m. Cedarburg Road, Mequon, WI
- June 5, 2007 T-M Rotary Club Summer Luncheon Meeting
City of Mequon Rotary Park,
Head Chef Frank Bolz & Crew: McNabb, Naggs, Huffman, Treffert, Allen
- June 11, 2007 Joint Rotary ‘GOLF FUNDRAISER’ , Charity Auction & Dinner,
(Andrew Petzold, Chair), Ozaukee Country Club
- June 12, 2007 T-M Rotary Club Summer Luncheon Meeting – City of Mequon Rotary
Park, Head Chef ‘Sandy’ Custer & Cooking Crew: Gannon, Nuernberg,
Casey, Wiese, Ghojallu,
- June 17-20, 2007 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
Salt Lake City Salt Palace, Salt Lake City, Utah
- June 19, 2007 T-M Rotary Club Summer Board Meeting
City of Mequon Rotary Park (11:00 a.m.) Van Mobley, Weston, Petzold,
Nuernberg & BOD (Guests Welcome)
- T-M Rotary Club Summer Luncheon Meeting
City of Mequon Rotary Park (12 noon),
Head Chef Nancy Witte Dycus & Cooking Crew: Von Rueden,
Sommersberger, Bolz, Bendix
- June 26, 2007 T-M Rotary Club ‘FAMILY DAY’ & ‘CHANGING of the GUARD’
Catered’ Summer Luncheon Meeting – City of Mequon Rotary Park
- June 30, 2007 ‘Family Fun Before The Fourth’
10:00 a.m. Thiensville Village Park, (Herb Hillman, Chair)

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER FOR JULY AND AUGUST

- June 5 – Aug. 14, 2007 T-M Rotary Summer Schedule – City of Mequon’s Rotary Park
- July 3, 2007 HOLIDAY – No Meeting
- August 18, 2007
(Saturday) T-M Rotary ‘Softball Fundraiser’ – Thiensville Village Park
Andrew Petzold, Chair of Events Committee
(Rain date if needed – Sunday, Aug. 19, 2007)

**The Thiensville-Mequon Rotary Club
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Mr. Andrew A. Petzold (Secretary / Treasurer)	(262) 241-9910
Mr. Douglas R. Hansen (Immediate Past President)	(262) 242-2700

**The Thiensville-Mequon Rotary Club
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Mrs. Patricia Treffert (Director of International Service)	(262) 242-8045
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