

Club Assembly

Chaired by President Sam Stagliano

March 10, 2008

The following are some of the matters covered at the Club Assembly:

- Rotary Promotional Videos – President Sam Stagliano showed three 30-second Rotary public service announcement videos that are available to promote the mission of Rotary in our community.
- Club Calendar – President Sam reviewed Club and District events on our calendar for the rest of this Rotary year, including the District Assembly, District Celebration, New Member Orientation, Scholarship Luncheon, Group Study Exchange visit, and our annual Recognition and Installation Banquet. The dates and more information on these activities can be found in the “Calendar” section of our website or the “Our Calendar” section of the weekly Rotary Messenger.
- Club Goals Presidential Citation – Rotary Clubs that complete a specified number of activities in each of the four “Avenues of Services” are awarded the Presidential Citation at the April District Celebration. Sam updated the Club on our goals and progress toward earning the Presidential Citation. He thanked the members for their hard work throughout the year.
- Financial Statements – Jerry Reinecke reviewed the financial statements pointing out some of the highlights including the fact that our Club’s fund balances were approximately \$35,000 at January 31. Of that amount, a number of commitments will be funded by the end of the fiscal year, including \$5,000 for the high school scholarships. He also indicated that the Club is always looking for worthwhile programs and projects in which to invest some of these fund balances.
- Website – Jerry reported that our Club website has been up for a little over two months. While good progress has been made in some areas, including the membership directory, newsletter, photo album and calendar, a number of other areas are still in the “under construction” stage. He invited all members to provide suggestions and input.
- Poinsettia and Chocolates Sale – Vicki Hoehn, who along with Lisa Stelter chairs this annual fund raiser, provided an overview and summary of the project. In November, our members sold 673 poinsettias, 452 boxes of chocolates, and/or donated monies that resulted in a net profit of approximately \$13,000. These funds support many of our Club projects throughout the year.
- Youth Exchange – Robin Shih reported that Richard’s year in Eau Claire and at Regis High School is going very well. The rest of the year will be filled with many activities, including a weekend in Janesville later this month, the District Celebration in April, a presentation to our Club in May, and the annual Central States Youth Exchange Bus Tour to California in early summer.

We are also looking forward to receiving information within the next few weeks about our 2008-09 exchange student. This means it’s time to begin the host family recruiting process. Give it some thought.

- Avenues of Service Reports – Each of the Avenue of Service Chairs that were present provided a brief report on their many accomplishments and ongoing activities:
 - Community Service – Barb Wiedenbeck reported that her committee’s primary function is to review incoming donation requests, and if necessary, find out more information and then make a recommendation to the Board of Directors.
 - Vocational Service – Marcia Van Beek and her committee’s primary activity is to arrange two meetings per year at an off-site location. In October, we traveled to the UWEC campus to learn about the University’s Center for International Education. On April 21, we will be hosted by Ayres Associates and learn about their operation.
 - International Service – Mark Morse reported that the Group Study Exchange team from Argentina will be visiting the Chippewa Valley beginning Sunday, April 27. Our Club, along with the Chippewa Falls Club, will serve as hosts, which means that, as the dates get closer, Mark will be looking for lots of help.

Mark also reported on the progress being made on the Mexican Water project... a joint project with the four other Chippewa Valley Rotary Clubs. This \$55,000 project will be funded by Club donations, and matching grants from both the District and the Rotary Foundation. We have committed \$4,000 to this effort.