

ROTARY RUMORS



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 5th, 2006

Speaker: Dr Steve Hallam

Greeter/ 4 Way Test: Debby Thomas

Invocation: Stacie Beck

Pledge: Jay Valerian

January 12th, 2006

Speaker: Marvin Montgomery

Greeter/ 4 Way Test: Peter Balunek

Invocation: Angie Howell

Pledge:

January 19th, 2006

Speaker: Club Assembly

Greeter/ 4 Way Test:

Invocation:

Pledge:

January 26th, 2006

Speaker:

Greeter/ 4 Way Test: Stacie Beck

Invocation: Peter Balunek

Pledge: John Groth

February 2nd, 2006

Speaker: CLUB ASSEMBLY

Greeter/ 4 Way Test: John Groth

Invocation:

Pledge: Jim Leib

February 9th, 2006

Speaker:

Greeter/ 4 Way Test: Debby Thomas

Invocation:

Pledge: Jay Valerian

February 16th, 2006

Speaker:

Greeter/ 4 Way Test: Angie Howell

Invocation:

Pledge: Stacie Beck

ROTARY UPDATE



At our latest board meeting, we discussed several issues and determined that we needed to focus our efforts most on the following:

- The importance of increasing our membership
- Potential fund raising activities
- How to encourage participation among members

Increasing Membership: It was decided that having a committee that focuses specifically on membership recruiting and retention is the most important committee for our club.

Fund Raising Activities: Although there are many things that we can do it was decided that for this year, we would focus on a few that would hopefully help us to collect a significant amount of money without a lot of work.

The first event that we will be having will be a golf outing. We are hoping to have this in June. Proceeds from this event will go directly to the Solon Rotary club to help us offset some of our costs.

The "BIG EVENT" of the year will be a

reverse raffle. We will plan to hold this raffle in October. Money collected at this event will be donated to local charities, which are yet to be determined.

How to Encourage Participation: It was decided that our monthly meeting that is typically set aside for a general assembly will now be a working session. At our general assembly, each of us will get with a group and work on a particular project. This will allow us to get things accomplished without having to commit a lot more time. So, at our next general assembly, you will need to choose membership, golf event or reverse raffle.

So, come prepared to work!

KUDO KORNER

We would like to extend a special thanks to members of our group that have gone above and beyond in helping our club to be a success.

First and foremost is our fearless leader, Dennis Demshar. Dennis has a true passion for seeing that this club succeeds. Even though he is very busy, he has made a special effort to do his best for us. From pushing us to

increase our membership, to faithfully bringing in new prospective members, to single-handedly planning a golf outing, he has shown a true commitment to the Solon Centennial Rotary.

And in his spare time, he has married the lady of his dreams.

Way to go Dennis!
You're awesome!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (cont)**February 23rd, 2006****Speaker:****Greeter/ 4 Way Test: Chris Fisher****Invocation:****Pledge: Peter Balunek****March 2nd, 2006****Speaker: CLUB ASSEMBLY****Greeter/ 4 Way Test:****Invocation:****Pledge: Andy Karhu****March 9th, 2006****Speaker:****Greeter/ 4 Way Test:****Invocation: Marty Baris****Pledge: Chris Fisher****March 16th, 2006****Speaker:****Greeter/ 4 Way Test:****Invocation:****Pledge: Jay Valerian****March 23rd, 2006****Speaker:****Greeter/ 4 Way Test:****Invocation:****Pledge: Angie Howell****March 30th, 2006****Speaker:****Greeter/ 4 Way Test: Dave Schmader****Invocation: Andy Karhu****Pledge: Debby Thomas**

OUR GREAT SPEAKERS

We have had the honor of having several great speakers in our rotary club. We have learned about many opportunities that we have to make a difference in the lives of others. What a wonderful feeling to be able to make a difference in so many ways! The only question is "where do we begin?"

One of our most notable speakers thus far has been Roger Cram. Roger is a professor at Hiram College. Imagine being one of his students. He is so motivational that to have him as an instructor would be a true pleasure.

We were lucky enough to have him speak to our club not once, but twice. His voice is lulling while being dynamic. Personally, I am a terrible student and listener, but when he spoke, it wasn't a problem. Not paying attention or being bored was not even an option. He is just too compelling. Maybe we can all take a few tips from him to improve our

own speaking abilities.

Here are just a few of my observations about his presentations:

- His topics were not only different, but interesting
- He made excellent eye contact with everyone in his audience
- He was passionate about his topics
- He didn't fidget, say "um", "ok" or use other "fillers" when gathering his thoughts
- He had notes that he relied on to keep him on track but didn't read from them

There are also several members of our club that are great speakers and we have had the pleasure of listening to some of them. Maybe they could provide us with more tips to that we may all benefit!

CLUB NEWS

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: The following have agreed to be on these committees:

- CLUB (Chair: Andy Karhu) members John Groth and Harry Jacob
- VOCATIONAL: (Chair: Dave Schmaeder) members Deb Thomas and Mark Mizenko
- INTERNATIONAL: (Chair Sue Singh) mem-

bers Ted Yamaue and Bill Chandler

- COMMUNITY SERVICE (Chair OPEN) members Marty Baris, Theresa Roberts and Jay Valerian

EVERYONE should be involved with the rotary and take part in a committee. Please see the committee chairs and sign up to participate in your area of interest.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

JANUARY: STACIE BECK 19TH, CHRIS FISHER 22ND
 FEBRUARY: TED YAMAUE 8TH, BILL PINCOE 13TH,
 JOE REGANO 14TH, JAY VALERIAN 24TH
 MARCH: NÉCOLE CUMBERLANDER 17TH, GEORGE
 RANDALL 27TH, MARTY BARIS 28TH, DAVE
 POMERANTZ 30TH

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

FEBRUARY 7TH GLENDA HALTER
 GEORGE RANDALL MARCH 2ND