



THE GATEWAY

South Gateway Rotary Club

Service Above Self

Week of
December 9,
2008

Great Meeting Last Week

David Carr of Comcast provided us with information we can all use about the digital TV conversion occurring in early February, i.e. who is affected and needs to purchase converter boxes and who does not. We hope you were there.

Future Programs

December 9—Southhold Dance Theater-Dan Pfeiffer and Marti Heirty

December 16—Mr. Koller-Trinity School

December 23—Christmas Celebration

December 30—TBA

January 6, 2009—Leslie Eides—Iraqi Students

January 13, 2009—Mark Meehal—Exec. Dir. Solid Waste Management of St. Jos. County

January 20, 2009—Theresa Hanure—Holistic Healing

Breakfast With Santa Review

Breakfast With Santa started Friday night, Dec 5 with set up—trees, Santa's rocker, craft table, table decorations. With lots of members helping hands got us out of the church by 7 PM.

6:30 Saturday morning came early. But despite the snow and cold we were up to the task and when the first guests arrived the pancakes and sausage were ready. Kids and more kids enjoyed the food but especially the face painter, balloon maker and Santa. We had a large number of kids and member volunteers working at the craft tables.

There was a great turnout of members who participated in this fun project—just a few missed it but we are sure the Sgt. of Arms knows who there were and probably will be recognized at next Tuesday's meeting (get out your wallets)

Important

Please remember-there will be a Board meeting after the regular meeting this coming Tuesday, December 9. Even if you are not an officer and you want to be heard, please feel free to attend.

Future Projects

It is important to note that the club is successfully building a strong bridge of communications with the principle of Riley High School, Mr. Ed Bradford. In late November a meeting was held with Mr. Bradford inviting him to have his students participate in RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award), World Affairs Conference and the District Speech Contest. All these programs will occur early in 2009. There are many opportunities for our members to participate in these projects. Information will appear in the next issue of this newsletter giving dates and details of these great Rotary programs for kids. Stay tuned!

"Chuck the Chicken"

"Chuck the Chicken" is a South Gateway Rotary membership program designed to get our members to bring guests to every club meeting.

At a Club Assembly in late November, the club members voted to grow by 8 new members by the end of this Rotary year, June 30, 2009. A Membership Committee was appointed by Chairman Fred Bettner. These members are Ton Schneider, Gary Pippinger, Greg Melton, Mark Goodhew and Butch Owen. This Committee met shortly after the Club Assembly and agreed upon a club membership effort that will begin December 1, 2008 and end

April 30, 2009. The membership will focus on motivating our members to bring guests to every meeting to learn more about South Gateway and Rotary International. All this in the hopes that the guests will accept an invitation to join the club.

The motivation will take two forms. One will be a STICK and the other will be a CARROTT. We want this promotion to be fun even though some times it will be at our own expense—if we don't bring a guest. Each week a name will be drawn from a hat. That person will receive the now famous "Chuck," the rubber chicken. That member will keep "Chuck" for a week and if he or she brings a guest the next meeting, "Chuck" will pass on to another member whose name will be drawn from a hat. If no guest is brought, the member holding "Chuck" is to pay \$5 to the Rotary Foundation and keep Chuck for another week and will hopefully bring a guest the second week. If that does not happen, another \$5 dollars will be paid to the Rotary Foundation and another member's name will be drawn to get "Chuck." **HOPEFULLY, NO ONE WILL KEEP "CHUCK" FOR MORE THAN A WEEK.**

The "Carrot" will be a \$300 cash prize to be given to the Rotarian who brings the most guests during the promotion period. Other inducements will probably be added as we move through the promotion.

Membership is a very serious issue, but we can have fun at the same time we are growing our club. We hope every member will get in the sprit of doing his or her part to obtain our minimum eight new members.

Remember, our District battle cry this year for membership growth is **"IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO ME."**

Fred Bettner, Membership Chair

Helpful Information

District Web Site: www.rotary6540.org

Club Web Site:
www.southgatewayrotary.org

Rotary Club Make-up Locations

Monday-Mishawaka Rotary Club-**Noon**
Varsity Club, Main and Edison Rd.
Mishawaka

Wednesday-Sunrise Edison Lake Rotary-
7AM
Honkers Restaurant, 211 E. Day
Road, Mishawaka




Wednesday-South Bend Rotary—Noon
Century Center, 120 St. Joseph St,
South Bend

Thursday-Roseland Rotary—Noon
Holy Cross Collage, Schubert Villa,
St. Rd. 933N, Roseland

Friday-Goshen Rotary—Noon
Maple Crest Country Club,
611 Hackett Rd, Goshen

Do you know the Rotary International attendance rule? If you have to miss a club meeting, you can get credit for a make up by visiting one of the clubs listed two weeks before the date you will miss or two weeks after the date you missed.

Top Three Reasons New Rotarians Quit

-  **Poor club leadership**
-  **Cost**
-  **Lack of service opportunities**

Thought for the Week

"Blessed are those who can give without remembering, and take without forgetting."