



THE GATEWAY

South Gateway Rotary Club

Service Above Self

Week of
January 27
2009

THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I want to thank all of you that responded to my e-mail concerning The Landing and attendance. Many of you have expressed a willingness to stay and make our Rotary work and I appreciate that. If I may take a few moments and speak from my heart on why I joined Rotary.

I currently teach a Sunday School class at the Nappanee Missionary Church. They call us Sunday School Teachers, i.e. Small Church Pastors because of the size of our classes and the fact that with a church as big as ours, we are the ones that many times are the first contact with people. My class is 140 strong. On any given Sunday, between 95-110 will be there in our room. Accordingly, the average size of churches in America today is 100. That means the class I teach is larger than most churches in America. The time commitment is enormous. I do it because of one word—Passion! When I started with Edward Jones and built a business from scratch, the time commitment was enormous. I did that because of the same reason—Passion! It is because of that passion that I didn't stop for one moment my commitment to our Sunday School class. When I was building my business I was asked to join many local organizations. I looked into many but none really grabbed me because of lack of passion. Until I met Fred! He spoke of Rotary with passion. The same passion I had for my business and my Sunday School class. That attracted me! If I was going to join Rotary, I made a commitment that I would do so with passion or not join at all. That is why and how I joined. Every Tuesday on my calendar, from 11:30 to 1:30 is marked out for Rotary. My office person, Cindy, knows not to schedule anything during that time. Clients are instructed to call me either before Rotary or after, but not during. Now I know that I am fortunate to be

able to do that. Many of you cannot help your schedules, and I fully understand that. But let's develop a passion for Rotary. I enjoy meeting with you on Tuesday. I enjoy MOST of the speakers. I enjoy doing bi-monthly projects. I am not big on hands-on projects because I'm not good at that. My wife will testify to that! I believe Rotary is worth the time, effort and money to impact a community. And if we don't, who will? Let's join together and be as faithful as we can to attendance and let's grow our Rotary club!

Thanks,
Jerry Hunt, President

Future Programs

January 27—Mark Mehall, *Executive Director of St. Joseph County Waste Management Division*

February 3—TBA

February 10—*Riley High School Speech Student*

February 17—*Rob Staley-The Crossing with student*

February 24—*Teresa Harmon—"Your Path to Wholeness"*

Group Study Exchange

Four Rotary clubs in the South Bend area will be hosting a Group Study Exchange Team from Central Turkey from April 18, 2009 to April 25, 2009. These four clubs are: The Rotary Club of South Bend, South Gateway Rotary Club, the Mishawaka Rotary Club and the Elkhart Morning Club.

South Gateway's responsibility will be to host these four young professionals and their team leader on Tuesday, April 21. This will involve some transportation

from hosting families to a central site that day. It will involve transporting them to events of interest that day as well as getting them to our luncheon meeting on the 21st. They will be the program for that day. I have been asked by the Downtown Club Coordinator to assist in the planning for that day. I need two volunteers to step forward in helping with this project.

Group Study Exchange is one of the finest people to people and world wide peace efforts that Rotary offers. We need everyone to get involved on the 21st of April. Call me at 291-5608 if you can help.

World Affairs Conference

Our club has a rich history in annual participation in District 6540's World Affairs Conference. Ten college sites all over Northern Indiana provide the setting for the World Affairs Conference for high school students. The South Gateway Rotary Club will again sponsor this year Riley High School which will send 30 juniors and seniors to IUSB on Wednesday, March 18 to participate and listen to experts on a timely topic. The topic this year is "Living in a Global Economy, The Challenges and Opportunities." Other clubs from this area will be sponsoring other high school students from this area to attend this event on March 18.

We need a coordinator and a couple of more Rotarians to participate in this event at IUSB from 8 AM to 2 PM on April 21. No transportation of students is required on your part. You just need to be at IUSB that day to assist our Riley High School students that we are sponsoring. You will also assist in monitoring your group of students from one building to another at lunch. The students come with their teachers who pretty much control their students throughout this event. You will also be asked to lead a small discussion group after lunch to get feed back from the students on the material presented in the morning session. Please contact Jerry Hunt if you can assist in this event.

Duty Roster

Tuesday, January 27, 2009
Greeter—Don Napoli
Raffle—Megan Craney
Invocation—George May

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

With everyone working together we
can GET OUR DUCKS IN A ROW!!

