



THE GATEWAY
South Gateway Rotary Club
 Service Above Self

Week of
 January 20
 2009

**THOUGHTS FROM YOUR
 PRESIDENT**

No, not President Obama, but me, Jerry Hunt

Fund Raiser

I met recently with the Rotary Presidents of Edison Lakes and Roseland to discuss being a part of their annual fundraiser. It was a great meeting and one where we can help them as well as they us. Every year they do a dinner followed by a benefit auction to raise monies for their individual Rotarys. When I mentioned to them that we would like to be involved, they were excited to have new people. These are some of the high lights that we came away with:

Every person would bring one item to auction. This would not be a clean-out-your-garage item but an item of value, items such a new drill, gift certificate to a favorite eating place, selling a special service that you do, etc.

If members know of or have contact with special places that might be willing to donate an item(s) such as coupon for oil changes, gift certificates at a food store, works of art, weekend get-aways, etc. These items would be used for a “silent” auction.

A catered in meal would be held at the Windsor Park Center on Friday night, April 24th followed by a live auction complete with auctioneer. (Guess who? Yes, me!)

This is a great opportunity to raises monies for our Rotarys. Please, please mark this date on you calendars and be a part of this fundraiser. WE CANNOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU! It will be fun. Have you ever been to an auction and not had fun? Last year they had close to 100

people come and with adding us, we SHOULD HAVE A GREAT TURN-OUT (Hint!. More information to come.)

January and February Focus

Food Bank—the need is great! The supplies are low. Rather than bring canned goods, bring cash as they can purchase almost 10 to 1 ratio. Would it be too much to ask for each member to bring and extra \$10 per month (January-February=\$20) that we might give to the Food Bank?

Final Thoughts

Attendance has been low—I know the weather has been bad, but????!!!. The Landing is meeting with me on Tuesday and I know they ‘re going to ask for a specific guaranteed number in order for them to make it worth their trouble. Please be advised—we either need to increase attendance or we will be forced to charge more for the meal

God Bless,
 Jerry Hunt, President

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Future Programs

January 20, 2009—Rob Staley: *The Crossing with Student*

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

February 3—TBA

February 10—TBA

Duty Roster

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

Greeter—Butch Morgan

Raffle—John Conlon

Invocation—Jerry Longerot

SEE YOU ALL NEXT WEEK!

PLEASE BRING A GUEST!