



**THE GATEWAY**  
**South Gateway Rotary Club**  
 Service Above Self

Week of  
 Dec. 9  
 2010

**PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS**

I am writing this note on the eve of a highly important session of the South Gateway Rotary club. Please take one or two hours out of your day on Thursday, December 9 to take an active part in our general session at noon, and—if at all possible—to sit in on the Board of Directors meeting, which will begin immediately after our chapter's regular general session sharply at 1:00 PM. This time has been designated as a club assembly: time for each of us to express to one another what South Gateway Rotary means to us and how we should position ourselves within our community so we can make a difference and so we all attract new members in 2011.

In last week's newsletter I documented specifically the attrition our club has been going through in these last several months. For us to continue to be viable and to make lasting impact on those whose lives we touch, it is critical that we bring in fresh members who have a fresh perspective, and it's just as critical we update our vision and our outreach so that we remain relevant to South Bend as it is in 2011. The shaping of our club and our future rests with each one of us. Please take time out of your busy holiday schedule to bring your feedback—good and not so good—and your ideas.

I wish to devote a few sentences of my Presidential Musings this week to the thoughts of our Club Foundation Chair, Paul White, our District Foundation Chair, Dan Ryan, and our District Governor Steve Van Scoik, who remind us that the mission

to help our world's children is a mission that has meaning in all places and to all Rotarians. With everyone and everything so busy, it is important to remember that many of the children in the world would consider it a tremendous gift if they could just have the necessities of life. This is where you can have a huge impact with your giving for the Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) Annual Fund.

The Rotary Foundation and Rotarians worldwide do amazing things with your donations. Remember, it's not about the money; it's about what the money can do. So as you figure out where to spend those dollars you have allocated to purposes unique to these holidays, these gentlemen urge you to take just a moment to make that donation on behalf of those less fortunate. Sadly only 25% of Rotarians donate to our Rotary Foundation. 75% do not. Think about all the good we could do in the world if everyone were to give just a little. Many of us can afford the suggested \$100 and even more. Let's all give according to our means and create possibilities for the children of the world. Let's continue to practice "Service Above Self" the principle that likely attracted most of us to Rotary in the first place.

Kane Brolin

**DUTY ROSTER**

**December 9, 2010**

Greeter—Paul White

Invocation—Jerry Hunt

**ANNIVERSARY IN DECEMBER**

**December 20**—George and Ann May



## Programs

**December 9**—Club Assembly: Bring Ideas and Candid Thoughts!  
**December 16**—Barbara Hubbard: Xavier School of Excellence  
**December 23**—Holiday Fellowship: Bring family and guests  
**December 30**—Holiday Break: no meeting  
**January 6, 2011**—Debra Adams and Lori McAbee: Community Casket Company  
**January 13, 2011**—Dan Ryan: Rotary's Global Outreach  
**January 20, 2011**: Jon Backstrom: Busting Myths About Insurance  
**January 27, 2011**: Christina Dougherty: Membership and Fabulous Rewards!

## THIS 'N THAT

**DECEMBER 23, 2010**

This is a very special meeting day since it will be our family Christmas celebration day. Our own Tom Schneider (past member) has agreed to bring a quartet from his Valleyairs Choral group and provide a program of Christmas music.



This is a wonderful opportunity for you to invite guests and your family members to be a part of our fellowship, i.e. spouses, kids, grandkids, etc. A head count Dec 16 will help our own Travis plan for the food. Thanks for your help in this matter.

### REMINDERS:

Don't forget to pay you December luncheons: There is no meeting on December 30<sup>th</sup>—so the amount due is \$40.

## OFFICER ELECTIONS

**E=MC2**

**Einstein found an equation that science uses to unlock the mysteries of the universe.**

**TRIUMPH = TRY + UMPH**

**Joe Blow from Kokomo found an equation anyone can use to reach a goal.**

**The effort needed for our club to succeed comes from all of us in equal ratios. You do what you do, your officers do what they do, most of the time we do it together, but we do it with the same kind of effort**  
**EFFORT IS THE ONLY WAY TO ACHIEVE A GOAL**

Club election of officers must be completed and reported to our District 6540 Office by December 31<sup>st</sup>. These elections are critical to the future of our club. They go hand in hand with the direction our membership chooses to take our club during the Rotary Year of 2011-2012. Your President, Kane Brolin, will be pursuing this topic at Club Assembly tomorrow, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Do you want to make a difference in our club? Can you make a difference in our club? If so, be prepared to say, "YES" when asked in the remaining weeks of December.

## MODERN WISDOM-HUMOR

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