



THE GATEWAY
South Gateway Rotary Club
Service Above Self

Week of
April 8
2010

Notes from President Emee

Fellow Rotarians:

This month proves to be another productive one for our club. Mike Tinny has graciously spear-headed the RYLA event with two Riley students attending the weekend camp.

Paul White, once again is chairing “Christmas in April—Rebuilding Together” which will take place on Saturday, April 17. Should you be willing and able to volunteer that day, please let Paul know that he can count on you.

Big change coming next week; as you may remember there was a translation error and the GSE team from Mexico is visiting **next week**. Therefore our meeting is on **Tuesday, April 13 at The South Bend Chocolate company**. Volunteers are needed this day to take the guests around town. If you can help, please contact Fred Bettner.

The more the merrier at lunch so please make every effort to attend our meeting.
Happy April,
Emee Miller

DUTY ROSTER

April 8, 2010

Greeter—Nikki Hutchinson
Invocation—John Conlon

BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

April 25—Jerry Longerot

ANNIVERSARY IN APRIL

April 9—Gary and Charlene Pippinger

Programs

April 8—Mark Koopman: Hoosier Burn Camp

TUESDAY April 13 —Group Study Exchange Guests from Mexico

April 22—Mike Rivera: Ivy Tech Business School

April 29—Terri Stahl: Center for Hospice

May 6—Rudy Reyes: Social Enterprise and Literacy

May 13—Dr. Richard Cohen: Close-Up View of Haiti

May 20—Mike Seamon: ND Game Day Event Manager

DON'T FORGET! #1

Our club will hold its regular weekly meeting next week on Tuesday, April 13 **NOT** on Thursday, April 15 as we normally would. We will meet at noon at the Chocolate Café in downtown South Bend. We will be hosting the Group Study Exchange Team from Mexico on Tuesday, April 13. They will be the program for that day. We will order our food from the menu at

the Chocolate Café. Our meeting will be held in the Rockne Room of the Café.

A full day of activities has been planned for the Mexican GSE Team and our club will be transporting them to the South Bend Civic Theater and the South Bend Chocolate Factory in the AM. As noted, we will bring them to the Chocolate Café for a regular Rotary luncheon meeting. After lunch we will walk over to the Mayor's office and will be given a tour and a program by Mayor Steve and his staff. Following the visit with the Mayor, we will transport the team to the Woodwind and Brasswind Musical Instrument Distributor on the Northwest side of the city at Cleveland Road and the Bypass. Following that tour, our club will transport the team to the parking lot of the Farmer's Marker where each team member will be picked up by his/her host family for the evening.

Group Study Exchange is a wonderful, fun way to meet and learn the customs and ways of people from other nations. It will be a fun day. We need at least two more drivers to assist Eme Miller and Fred in transporting the team that day. Please advise Eme or Fred Thursday if you can help all or some part Tuesday, April 13, 2010.

PONDERINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT-ELECT.

Going to President-Elect Training Sessions and other high profile Rotary events always give me a mixed feeling. On the one hand, I

come away excited, knowing that my fellow Rotarians are doing unbelievable things., clearing away deadly obstacles that get in the way of success and (in some cases) the very survival of human beings in the world's most challenging places. On the other hand, though, I come away feeling more than a little intimidated and insignificant. After all, I've never placed polio vaccine on a child's tongue or built a school or reached out my hand to give direct help to the HIV-positive resident of an orphanage in Africa. Until last week, even the concept of giving direct help to child in need seemed rather abstract, because I've never been a dad.

My feeling about this type of work, and specifically about the international missions of Rotary, though, has begun to change in just the last few days. On Monday, March 29, my wife, Danika and I became the foster parents of two little children—one boy, one girl—both under the age of two. What I realize is that giving love, care, and opportunity to a child is more important than anything else I could do. As adults, coming from the greatest land on earth, we have literally the power of life and death over children. It starts with the ones in our home, but doesn't end there.

As Rotarians, the beautiful thing is we don't just have to settle for writing a check to some mysterious charitable organization that advertises on TV about which we know nothing. We can contribute to disease prevention programs, literacy programs, clean water programs, and other efforts that are spearheaded by folks we can

meet personally. Or we can go and lend a hand to needy children ourselves. And in economic time like these, it doesn't have to involve buying a plane ticket to Pakistan, Nicaragua, or Tanzania. It can be as simple as taking a couple of hours out of our day to conduct a book drive for a charter school, or to read to a class of third-graders, or to build a playground or work in a food pantry for disadvantaged kids just down the street in our own neighborhood.

As Rotarians, I'm impressed by the fact that we do so much more than just saving a lunch date on our calendars each week. Make no mistake about it: we save lives too, and we make our world a place that everyday becomes a little better to grow up in. I for one count myself blessed to be given this opportunity.

-----Kane Brolin

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DON'T FORGET # 2
There will be a Board meeting
tomorrow immediately
following the club meeting

