



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

Week of  
 June 17  
 2010

**Notes From Emee**  
**June 17, 2010**

Our final board meeting for the Rotary years was held last Thursday. John Conlon and John Toepp, both officers for many years have requested to become honorary members. The request was approved. Please bid them thanks for the many hours both gentlemen have given South Gateway as treasurer and secretary.

The board also approved a \$500.00 donation to The Crossing in lieu of a \$1000.00 scholarship to a Riley student.

The scholarship was not awarded because the school never returned the many phone calls I placed to the administrative office in May. South Gateway received a letter from a South Bend student attending The Crossing in Elkhart. I will pass the letter for all to read during lunch.

Hope your week is going well. See you at lunch.

In Rotary,  
 Emee Miller

**June 24**—Christine Pochert, Assisatnat Governor: Installation of Officers and Celebration

**July 1**—Farewell Party for Slovakian Exchange Student Karina Benova at the home of the Bettners—no regular noon meeting

**July 8**—Libby Feil: Genealogy Research

**July 15**—Open

**July 22**—Dr Mick McConnel: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Chiropractics

**July 29**—Open

**August 5**—John Kurdelak and Gene Stowe: Getting the Most Out of PR

**August 12**—Bonnie Bazata: Bridges Out of Poverty

**THURSDAY, JUNE 24**  
**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**  
**PARTY**

Next Thursday will be a very special meeting. Christine Pochert, Assistant Governor and Past President of Downtown Rotary Club will be installing Kane Brolin and his leadership team. It is very important for all the new officers, nominated and elected, to be present for their installation. We will also honor our outgoing President, Emee Miller.

**HAVE YOU SEEN YOUR E-MAIL INVITATION TO OUR EXCHANGE STUDENT' KARINA BENOVA'S GOING AWAY PARTY? SEE THE ATTACHMENT.**

**DUTY ROSTER**

**June 17, 2010**

Greeter—Mike Tinny  
 Invocation—Jerry Hunt

**ANNIVERSARY IN JUNE**

June 2—John and Marilyn Toepp  
 June 25—Mike and Nancy Tinny

**Programs**

**June 17**—Steve Henry: Robert Henry Corp. and Green Construction

## President-Elect Ponderings

.....Kane Brolin

A few days ago, I ran across a quotation that describes the current state of our world and the feelings it evokes, better than anything I could ever come up on my own:

*“Our earth is wounded. Her oceans and lakes are sick; her rivers are like running sores; the air is filled with subtle poisons. And the city smoke of countless hellish fires blackens the sun. Men and women, scattered from homeland, family, friends, wander desolate and uncertain, scorched by a toxic sun....If wisdom and harmony still dwell in this world, as other than a dream lost in an unopened book, they are hidden in our heartbeat. And it is from our hearts that we cry out. We cry out and our voices are the single voice of this wounded earth.”*

Where do you suppose this quotation came from: An address from Al Gore or the Secretary-General of the U.N.? A memo from a zealous environmental activist group discussing the Gulf oil spill?

No, the above quotation is from the Warrior Song of King Gesar, created more than one thousand years ago. It's part of an epic ballad from Tibet. If this ballad sung about the adventures of King Gesar were completely written down, scholars estimate it would take up more than 56,000 pages and would constitute the longest work ever in world literature.

This only proves that the environmental shock, the conflict, and the heartache plaguing our planet and those who occupy it is as old as the earth itself. To keep the corruption from overrunning us, there

must always be a heartbeat that circulates the life blood of compassion, justice, and understanding through our world. Unfortunately, when we try to check for vital signs in today's ever more complex and deadly world, all too often it seems as though we can't find a pulse.

The heartbeat of Rotary arises from the mind of Paul Harris, a single man who decided to battle his own sense of alienation by reaching outside of himself and forming a network to provide hope, health, and access to knowledge for the world's most marginalized people, as well as for the people who find themselves in need right here in Middle America. The good news is that we don't have to fall victim to negative headline, depressed economic data, and the forces of compassionless violence that would destroy us all. Though just a little effort from everyone, we can be the good news and can prove to the world that we can still rebuild our community and bridge the world's continents even in the face of danger and disintegration. We can foster conflict resolution and beneficial understanding between peoples more powerful than any bomb or poison. Let's make our heartbeat echo throughout the world and make our voice heard everywhere, starting right here in Michiana, starting right now.



**YOU ARE ALL INVITED**

Going Away Party

Potluck

for our Slovakian Exchange

Student, Karina Benova will be  
held at the home of Fred and Bev  
Bettner on Thursday, July 1, 2010

6:00 PM

Watch the mail for your invitation!

