



THE GATEWAY

South Gateway Rotary Club

Service Above Self

Week of
July 22
2010

From the President...

How can we all move toward the same goal unless we're all speaking the same language? It's a rhetorical question, both one I ask myself every day, as a franchise business owner, as a family man, and as a Rotarian.

It's easy to convince ourselves that putting out fires and just dealing with what's in front of us is what should take up most of our time. Urgency takes the place of importance. And sometimes, Rotary seems like little more than a one-lunch-per week time to socialize and learn about our communities. So let's step back and read the recent expressions of Rotary International's president, Ray Klinginsmith;

Klinginsmith asks Rotary clubs to get "bigger, better, and bolder." As the 2010 RI Convention in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, drew to a close on 23 June, RI President-Elect Ray Kinginsmith outlined his plans for his term, which begins 1 July. Participants also got a preview of next year's big event in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA where the Host Organization Committee has planned fun for the whole family.

"Klinginsmith will ask Rotarians to apply 'cowboy logic' and make Rotary clubs 'bigger, better, and bolder.'

"The fundamental principles of cowboy logic are taking pride in your work, talking less and saying more, doing what has to be done, and remembering that some things just aren't for sale" he explained during the closing plenary session.

"I believe that the way for Rotary to remain viable and vibrant in the next century is to help our clubs be bigger, better, and bolder."

Klinginsmith said. "The clubs are the life and breath of Rotary. Therefore, it is clear to me that my job is to help the district governors to help the clubs. We can do it, and we will do it, if all of us follow the simple solution of cowboy logic."

Klinginsmith also listed improvements that he and the RI Board have already authorized, including revisions to the RI Strategic Plan to make it easier to implement and evaluate, a realignment of RI coordinators, and a commitment to finding new ways to attract younger members and enable them to serve as district governors.

What we do—even the little things we do to raise a few hundred dollars—makes a big difference in the betterment of our world.

One of those things is the South Gateway Rotary Potawatomi Park **corn roast** now in its second year. In short, we got approved! That's one piece of good news. The other piece of good news, which goes hand in hand, is that we've all got a great opportunity to help! Save the date: Sunday, August 15, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM, just prior to the Michiana Jazz Assemblage's concert in the band shell.

At this week's general session, we ought to have more info about exactly where in the park we can go—and since no pavilions are available—how much it will cost to house our corn roast inside a big tent in the designated picnic area. And, of course, to make it a good corn roast, we'll have to have corn!

Many hands make for light work. So let's spend a little time during and after this Thursday's SG Rotary meeting putting this event together. We have a chance to net much more than the \$750 last year on what turned out to be a rainy Friday night

with far fewer potential eaters. Let's make this event something that makes our community sit up and take notice!

Also, just as a reminder... dues checks for each of our individual memberships in Rotary are due. Regrettably, costs have increased all along the chain; so we're increasing each SG member's 2010-2011 dues to \$140. Please make checks payable to South Gateway Rotary and give to Penny or Jerry as soon as possible. Your promptness in meeting this financial commitment is deeply appreciated.

Kane Brolin

DUTY ROSTER

July 22, 2010

Greeter—Jerry Hunt

Invocation—Fred Bettner

ANNIVERSARY IN JULY

July 6—Don and Carol Napoli

BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

July 5—George May

Programs

July 22—Dr Mick McConnell: 21st

Century Chiropractics

July 29—Bob Eady: Tales of A WWII

Submariner

August 5—John Kurdelak and Gene

Stowe: Getting the Most Out of PR

August 12—Bonnie Bazata: Bridges Out of Poverty

August 19—Brother Sage: Revisiting the Underground Railroad

August 26—Jean Parrin: Ivy Tech

Workforce & Economic Development

September 2—Kay Clark-Cox—South

Bend Medical Foundation Blood Bank

IMPORTANT REMINDER

It will soon be August. There are four meetings in August. Be prepared after August 1 to pay your \$40 for August lunches.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Our Rotary Exchange Student, Karina Benova flew home to Slovakia last Wednesday, July 14. If you were at the going-away party, you know that she made a very emotional thank you to those who have made her exchange year a very special one in her young life.

She told us that while she had a really great time in the US, home is home and she was ready to go.

She has many of our e-mail addresses and we know she will communicate with us after she gets settled. (School starts in Slovakia early August.)

This youth exchange effort this year hopefully was good for all of us. It reminds us that Rotary is truly "International" and that a club can serve beyond its immediate sphere of influence. On behalf of my wife Beverly and I, we want to thank each of you for whatever role you played in assisting Karina while she was with us. We hope that this was a life changing experience for her and that we will all be remembered fondly as her life returns to normal in Slovakia. Thanks again. We truly believe that our Rotary club grew this year by participating in this wonderful Rotary program. Let's hope we will consider doing either another inbound exchange or possibly an outbound exchange.

