



THE GATEWAY

South Gateway Rotary Club

Service Above Self

Week of
Nov. 18
2010

PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS

It's been so long since most of us have read the preamble to our nation's Declaration of Independence, that we largely have forgotten how significant these words are and how much courage it took of a diverse group of strong-willed men to sign off on the document containing them:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

What this statement proposes was truly earth-shattering in the context of the time period when it was penned: that all human beings regardless of their birth or social stations, have inherent equality of position. We all have hardwired into us an unrelenting desire for liberty, long-term happiness and abundance of life. The American Declaration of Independence does not propose that human rights are or should be unique to America. It asserts that the creative force of the universe has meant for these principles to be applied to the entirety of the human race.

This belief is not confined to those original American statesmen we call the Founding Fathers. Former President Jimmy Carter, who has been both a military veteran and a Rotarian, has written: "America did not invent human rights. In a very real sense human right invented America."

Through engaging in service above self and applying Past District Governor Lancia's five-way test, we as South Gateway

Rotarians can take specific actions to help ensure that life, liberty and happiness are attainable to some who otherwise might not be able to reach them—and we can have a lot of fun doing it.

1. Giving Blood—By donating a little of our blood at the upcoming South Gateway/Grace United Methodist blood drive on the afternoon of Thursday, November 18, we can give a new chance to someone whose life is in jeopardy due to sudden peril or protracted illness. Remember, the Blood Center of America says that one pint of blood can save up to three human lives.

2. Giving small useful items to our troops serving overseas. American men and women risk their health and even their very lives on a daily basis to protect our freedom and that of American allies around the world. When you drop off even small, non-perishable comfort items at Grace United Methodist to send to soldiers this week, you are thanking these men and women for their unfailing courage and sacrifices and celebrating our liberty.

3. Helping a struggling child to succeed. We can do this in many ways: from taking part in a book sale to benefit a library, to making a financial contribution to a private institution such as The Crossing School, to volunteering your time to teach a neighbor child to read or to do basic arithmetic, you are improving not just the lives of the child you see. You're potentially making a profound difference that will be felt for generations to come.

As we sit around our Thanksgiving dinner tables next week, let's be thankful for more than just the bounty of the feast. Let's thank each other and those who have come before us for

providing us with a continuous, unquenchable thirst for helping our world and those who live in it to get to a healthier, freer, happier place. Let's build our community and bridge continents together.

Kane Brolin

DUTY ROSTER

November 18, 2010

Greeter—Fred Bettner

Invocation—John Conlon

ANNIVERSARY IN NOVEMBER

November 1—John and Melva Conlon

Programs

November 18—Blood Drive with Grace United Methodist Church, Other St. Joseph County Rotary clubs and our own Interact Rotary Club at Riley High School

November 25— Thanksgiving Day: No Meeting

December 2—Alicia Coates: Upward Bound at Notre Dame

December 9—Club Assembly: Bring Ideas and Candid Thoughts!

December 16—School Service Project: Details Pending

December 23—Christmas Party—Bring your family, friends and guests-special entertainment will be provided

HONOR OR VETERANS



Operation you will District

Hoosier Honor recall, is our Governor's

project to honor our Veterans in Afghanistan and Iraq. Thank you for the gifts you gave last week that almost filled the third box. We are hoping that those of you who did not bring anything last week will bring you items to the Grace United Methodist Church Thursday to our regular meeting. Remember, these are our Northern Indiana service men and women who are serving our country to help keep us all free. Please see the list below.

The Governor will be sending a box to each soldier on his list of recipients. These boxes will be coming from all 55 clubs in the District. Our small club will fill at least 3 boxes, hopefully more.

At tomorrow's meeting at Grace United Methodist Church, you again will be greeted by three boxes we hope we will fill.. We need everyone's help in this effort. Needed are:

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| shampoo | chewing gum |
| coffee/tea/hot choc. | writing paper |
| bar soap | |
| envelopes | |
| antibiotic onit. | |
| band aids | cookies |
| hard candy | beef jerky |
| mouth wash | a good cigar |
| zip-lock bags | books/magazines |

Saturday, November 20—Rotary Foundation Seminar: Ancilla College. Dan Ryan Foundation Staff do a job on this and it is a opportunity about the foundation and how much good is done all over the world.



and his District wonderful each year wonderful to learn

