

# The Rotary Gale

Report of the Galesburg Rotary Club meeting of October 16, 2008

## TODAY'S LEADERS

Greeter:	Doug Gibb
Cashier:	Tom Brown
Invocation:	Bob Herath
Song Leader:	Susan Meisinger
Introductions:	Milt Peterson
Presiding:	Darrell Lovell

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

- October 23 Club Assembly
- October 30 Membership Development Day—Bring a prospective member to hear Bob Seibert.
- November 6 Doug Gibb will speak about Hospice camp for children.



## NEW MEMBER

Our new member is well known in this club, as he has been a visitor on many occasions. Ed Peterka introduced George Inness, farmer and founder of Inness Farm Supply. George is a past president of the American Shorthorn Association, a member of First Baptist Church, and has served on many boards and committees in the community. He currently does a little farm work, a little fishing, some traveling, and a little therapy. He has been married to Marcy for 48 years, and they have three sons: Mike (Lisa), Jim (Eileen), and John (Kim). They enjoy seven grandchildren.

## HAPPY BUCK ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Rol Friestad contributed a buck for himself and fellow Minnesota natives, Bud Davis and Ed Peterka, as they are rejoice in Minnesota's victory over Illinois.
- Dan Sherwood was very pleased to announce that his son Ian (former RYE outbound to Japan) now has a job and is doing fine; Liz Sherwood had surgery this week and proved to be a very strong patient.
- Bruce Lauerman has resolved to turn over a new leaf and start attending Rotary every week...he is starting off by leaving town for two weeks.
- Lee Farrar attended a recent 50<sup>th</sup> college reunion and is now an official Golden Girl.
- Rick Brown thanked Rotarians for help with the basketball game. Rick had several sheets of photos of the event that were passed around the tables.
- Harry Bulkeley's University of Texas Longhorns defeated the giants from across the Red River.
- Dave McDonald wants everyone to be aware that KU beat Colorado this week.
- Darrell Lovell was delighted to contribute \$5 for three pieces of good news in a call that they received this week. Their son-in-law was the successful applicant for a job transfer from Washington, DC, to Chicago; he works in counter-terrorism and was recently named director of the year; he will have to remain in Washington for a while to be available to brief the new President.

## VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Susan Meisinger introduced her husband, Brian, and RYE guest, Eduardo.
- Chuck Bednar visited from Oak Park.

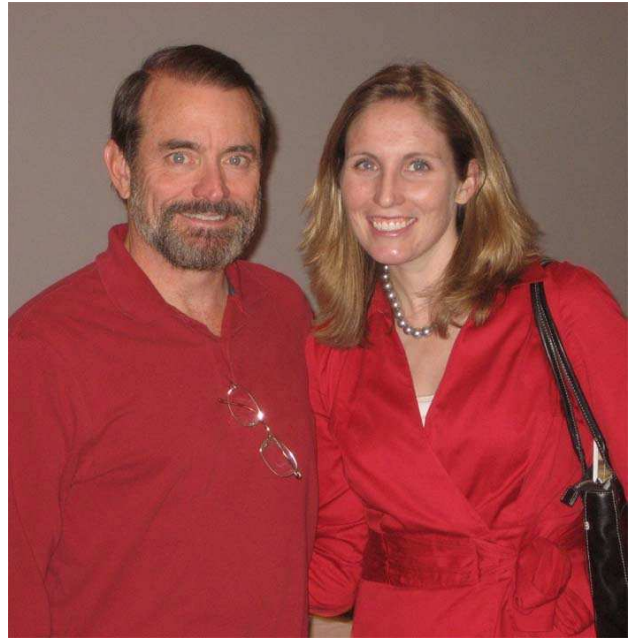
## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Jennifer Bulkeley shared a lot of information about her experiences in China and her impressions of the country, its people, and its future. Jennifer speaks Mandarin and has made a number of trips to China during her post-graduate studies over the past six years. She spent the summer working at the US embassy in Beijing on energy policy for their economic section. Being there on the front lines was an amazing experience, and being there for the Olympics made it even more incredible.

Jen had three main topics for her presentation: the US embassy and how it works, what's going on with the US and China right now, and the Olympics.

The US has embassies in 180 countries each with a well-trained staff equipped to represent our government in diplomatic, political, economic, issues. They also have many other people working in areas that affect the relationship between the countries. Our brand new embassy in Beijing is second in size to the new one in Baghdad. They have about 1,000 employees. Half of those are local Chinese who perform translations and other duties where they can better interact with the people in governmental offices than Americans can. Security is always a major consideration in conducting business in an embassy.

The Chinese perception of the Olympics is quite different from the view in the rest of the world. The Chinese media reported there was a conspiracy to make China look bad in the Western media. In spite of that they were told that the rest of the world respects that the Chinese can do things so well. Everyone in China always knew the latest overall and gold medal count at that moment, and their success in the games validated that they are as good as anyone else in the world.



## EDUARDO TORRES

Eduardo is our RYE guest for the year. According to the editor's road atlas, Eduardo's home city of Guaymas is a 258-mile drive south of Nogales, AZ, and they say that the drive should take 5 hours 7 minutes. The Torres family home is on the eastern coast of the Gulf of California. Eduardo has two younger brothers: Daniel (12), and Jose (11). The family owns a cattle ranch, and the extended family sometimes gathers there to work. Eduardo's father is a businessman with several interests. His mother is a high school teacher. Eduardo will be happy to show you his home on a Google globe, and he can help you find information about Guaymas on the Internet. Take time to meet our RYE guest.



*Eduardo and his high school friends enjoyed a graduation trip to the west coast of the US and Canada.*

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Greeter:	Bob Shafer Mac McGee
Cashier:	Tom Brown
Invocation:	Lee Johnson
Song Leader:	Susan Meisinger
Introductions:	Don Anderson
Presiding:	Darrell Lovell

## VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Chris Ryner hosted two guests today, her husband Gary Ryner who is a candidate for Knox County sheriff, and Larry McKover.
- Chuck Bednar visited from Oak Park.
- PDG Ron Riggins visited from Peoria North.
- Dan Ashton visited from Monmouth.

## HAPPY BUCK ANNOUNCEMENTS

- It's a busy week for the Wolf family: October 10<sup>th</sup> was Louise and Bob's 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; on October 12 they celebrated their grandson's 15<sup>th</sup> birthday; next weekend they will be inducted into the Knox 50-Year Club; and they will be hosting 90 people for Sunday brunch.
- Tom England is leaving to go fishing for a few days and is trying to find a creative way to finance the trip. He found no sympathy for a plan to borrow Foundation money.
- Tom Brown is pleased that Sandy received a favorable report on a vision problem, but Tom warned his friends to stay clear if they see her out driving.
- Harold Watters publicly thanked Mac McGee for volunteering to transport Eduardo and a group of RYE students to Granite City. He needs more drivers, and they are anxious to find host families to provide at least two more family living experiences for Eduardo. He currently resides with Harold and Jeanne Watters.
- Don and Phyllis Anderson returned to Northwestern to visit their grandson fifty years after Don's graduation from Northwestern.

## CLUB ASSEMBLY

PDG Ron Riggins presented the club with an award for our annual giving to the RI Foundation. We were the third highest club in the District. The top three clubs, Jacksonville, Bushnell, and Galesburg, provided over \$100 per capita to the Foundation last year.

Mike Godsil presented a report about our club's Galesburg Rotary Club Foundation.

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

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- November 20 Russ Dahms will talk about the PACS radiology system at OSF St. Mary Hospital.

## GALESBURG ROTARY CLUB MATCHING FUND OPPORTUNITY

Fifty dollars from each member will trigger a matching gift of \$8,000

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## TODAY'S LEADERS

Greeter:	Rick Brown
Cashier:	Tom Brown
Invocation:	Bob Herath
Song Leader:	Steve Cramer
Introductions:	Susan Meisinger
Presiding:	Darrell Lovell

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

- November 6 Doug Gibb will speak about Hospice camp for children.
- November 13 Our speaker will be Sky Huston representing John Wick Homes.
- November 20 Russ Dahms will talk about the PACS radiology system at OSF St. Mary Hospital.
- November 27 Thanksgiving

## VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Darrell Lovell's guest was Van Steckelberg.
- Sherry Foster had two guests, Jim Arkeilpane and Todd Good.
- Ruth Pecsí introduced Sue Dutell.
- Don Brown presented Gene Tribbey.
- Steve Hawkinson brought a familiar name to Rotary, Mike White, better known to us as the father of Mick White.
- Susan Meisinger had two guests at Rotary today, Jennifer Peck and Casey Johnson.
- Gary Ryner attended Rotary with his wife, Chris.
- Harold Watters hosted Nina Morlang.
- Elisa and Kevin Kerr and Joseph Riley were guests of Doug Gibb.
- Kelsey Cole brought Chris Campbell.

## HAPPY BUCK ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tom Maloney's son, Michael, will be conducting a men's a cappella choir in Galesburg, November 15.
- Tom England paid \$5 to relay some good news about members' contributions to the Foundation. To date he has taken in \$9,600 with 65% of the members contributing on an annual basis.
- Dave Rice paid a buck to thank Tom.
- Gordon Aulgur announced that his son has been made a partner in his law firm.
- Who has the biggest fish story this week? Steve Cramer told an even bigger story than Tom England ever attempted. Can you believe this? A group of men from Bethel Baptist Church went on a fishing expedition to Lock 47. The guys in Steve's boat caught 979# of fish. What do you say, Tom?
- Dick Lindstrom, "How about them Hawks!"
- Quent Brown spent a dollar to respond to Lindstrom.
- Steve Hawkinson tried to edge in on the fish stories via tales from his dad, Lloyd Hawkinson, who used to fish with Gene Tribbey, one of our guests today. We'll bet that Gene and Lloyd never caught 1,000# of fish on one outing.

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## **TODAY'S PROGRAM**

Dave McDonald introduced today's speaker, Prof. Bob Seibert. Bob was once a Rotary Foundation Fellow, a prestigious graduate scholarship program, and he spent a year in the Philippines working on a research project for his thesis. Bob has been teaching at Knox for 42 years. He is a member of the Sunrise Club and has spoken to our club numerous times. He will be speaking today about significant facts about the upcoming elections.

Bob opened the discussion with some of the reasons that this Presidential election is unusually noteworthy. He moved on to talk about another important fact, that this election has brought us to the cusp of holding virtual elections with unprecedented levels of participation. Because of the unusual circumstances calling for government attention at this time, Bob called this, "one damned big and important election."

We received Bob's expert opinion about the outcome, but we're not publishing the numbers, because it could cost Bob a lot of cups of coffee if his predictions fail to materialize. He did comment on the information he considered in reaching his conclusions. Bob did offer one other opinion. He thinks that, because of the length, intensity, and cost of this election, we may find that campaign reform is now a possibility. He would like to see elections cut to a six week cycle.

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Report of the Galesburg Rotary Club meeting of November 6, 2008

## TODAY'S LEADERS

Greeter:	Dennis Renander
Cashier:	Tom Brown
Invocation:	Lee Johnson
Song Leader:	Susan Meisinger
Introductions:	Steve Hawkinson
Presiding:	Darrell Lovell

## VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Mike White was the guest of Steve Hawkinson.
- Ruth Pecsí invited Sue Dutell to join her for lunch at Rotary.
- Our RYE guest for the year, Eduardo Torres, maintained his excellent attendance at Rotary today.
- Dan Ashton visited from Monmouth.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Susan Meisinger introduced one of our newest members, Doug Gibb, to speak about The Prairieland Hospice Foundation's grief camp for children. Children are often the forgotten mourners when there is a death in the family, and the camp helps kids deal with their loss.

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

- November 13 Our speaker will be Sky Huston representing John Wick Homes.
- November 20 Russ Dahms will talk about the PACS radiology system at OSF St. Mary Hospital.
- November 27 Thanksgiving



## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

PDG Ken Buel spoke to our club on September 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss his work as a member of the Council on Legislation. He provided an informative and entertaining talk. Two clubs in our District have submitted proposals to the clubs in the District, and we have been asked to approve them. Chuck Farrar will invite discussion on the following proposals at the November 13 meeting:

1) Decrease the number of Rotary International Nominating committee members from 34 to 17.

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

(2) Remove the mandatory interview of candidates and give discretion to the Nominating Committee for RI President for interviews.

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

3) Switch from "appointment" to "nomination and election" of Trustees of the Rotary Foundation.

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

4) Approve "One profits most who serves the best." as secondary motto changing from "they profit most..."

Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

The first three proposals have been submitted by the Rotary Club of Springfield. Item #4, the secondary motto resolution is submitted by the Macomb Rotary Club and is endorsed by the Rotary Club of Springfield.

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## TODAY'S LEADERS

Greeter:	George Inness
Cashier:	Tom Brown
Invocation:	Dave Rice
Song Leader:	Susan Meisinger
Introductions:	Scott Peet
Presiding:	Darrell Lovell

## VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Sue Dutell was introduced by Ruth Pecci.
- Alice Stenander's guest today was Betty Nelson.
- Steve Hawkinson introduced Mike White.
- Chuck Bednar visited from Oak Park.

## HAPPY BUCK ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tom Maloney publicized an upcoming performance by *The Other Guys*, a vocal ensemble from the University of Illinois. The student director of the group is Tom's son, Michael.
- Marv Dahlberg paid a premium to solicit signatures for his petition for reelection as City Treasurer.
- Tom Brown promoted the seasonal Choral Dynamics show.
- Dave Rice had a couple of items of good news from the Scout executive's office: they have raised \$84,000 from popcorn sales; membership in the district is up 2% for the year.
- Sherry Foster recommended a high performance seminar to be held on November 24.
- Darrell Lovell reported that the club has been contacted by the Register-Mail, and they are conducting interviews with Darrell, Lee Johnson and Mac McGee about the club's service projects in the Philippines. (*Editor's note: Two articles were in the Sunday, November 16, edition of the Register-Mail.*)

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

- November 20 Russ Dahms will talk about the PACS radiology system at OSF St. Mary Hospital.
- November 27 Thanksgiving
- December 4 We will have a joint meeting with the Sunrise Club at the Kensington.
- December 11 Tom England will preside over the presentation of Paul Harris Fellow awards.
- December 18 Rob Purlee and Knox College basketball.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Susan Meisinger introduced her dad, Sky Huston, to talk about panelized home construction. Sky is a 25-year resident of Galesburg. He is a member and past president of West Central Illinois Association of Realtors, and is past president of Western Illinois Builders Association. He has sold and built over 100 modular and panelized homes throughout Western Illinois during the past 20 years. For the past 4½ years he has been the business development manager and builder trainer supporting 39 midwest builders for John Wick Homes of Mazomanie, WI.

Using a PowerPoint outline, Sky discussed the various methods of home construction and the advantages and disadvantages of each. Sky discussed the advantages of panelized construction: factory controlled conditions with reduced exposure of the materials to the weather, improved quality control, reduced time on the jobsite, and cost savings.

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## TODAY'S LEADERS

Greeter:	Lee Farrar
Cashier:	Tom Brown
Invocation:	Lee Johnson
Song Leader:	Rick Brown
Introductions:	Dick Lindstrom
Presiding:	Darrell Lovell

## VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Harold Watters introduced Nina Morling.
- Steve Hawkinson invited Mike White to sit at a table with three Browns.
- Sue Dutell was Ruth Pecsí's guest again today, but Hawkinson noted that she wouldn't sit with Ruth.
- Eduardo is a friendly guy who was here and willing to sit with any and all Rotarians.

## HAPPY BUCK ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Some things never change. Steve Hawkinson was privileged to announce that "the best ushering team ever" showed up to greet our Travelogue guests last Tuesday evening.
- Quent Brown will be leaving to spend some time in sunnier places, so hand your Travelogue ticket sales reports to either Mike Godsíl or Chris Ryner.
- The Reed Robertsons are celebrating their 64<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- Barry Swanson circulated a petition for the school board.
- Mac offered a buck to recognize the great reporting in the Register-Mail relating to the club's overseas projects. It was the first time Mac can recall having been called "a big bear." With another buck Mac expressed his appreciation for the opportunity that he will have to participate in Part II of the Rotary Leadership Institute.

## CLASSIFICATION TALK

Doug Gibb is a native of Monmouth, and he has never strayed too far from the Monmouth/Galesburg neighborhood. He came from a family of educators and began his career as a fifth-grade teacher in Monmouth. He later moved into administrative positions and served with the regional Office of Education. We are familiar with Doug in his current position with Prairieland Hospice, as he spoke recently about the grief camp for kids. Doug is married to Julie, an associate dean at Sandburg, and they are parents of two boys: Zachary will be attending Illinois State to study sports medicine and management; Jordan is in 8th grade.

## PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS LEAD FOUNDATION EFFORT

Tom England called four Rotarians forward to receive a Rotary pin with one sapphire. Each sapphire in a Rotary pin designates a contribution of an additional \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation. (That's above the original donation.) The Rotarians recognized were: Tom Maloney, Sherry Foster, Quent Brown, and Rick Brown.

Chuck Farrar was awarded a pin with four sapphires signifying a total contribution of \$5,000.

## **TODAY'S PROGRAM**

Linus Vander Wyst introduced our speaker for today. Russ Dahms has been in Galesburg for 31 years, and he has made several presentations to our club. He will discuss what's new in cardiovascular care.

The latest innovations in the cardiac care department is a Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS). Analog testing equipment has been replaced with digital, and they have upgraded the media and reporting structure. Not only is the system a means of keeping OSF competitive, but it also makes it possible to share all of the patient's information throughout the OSF system. Security concerns prevent them from placing the information on the Internet. Secure means are used to transfer information outside of the system. Since all records and images are paperless, physicians can access it from anywhere in the world. Record keeping has been streamlined, and space has been saved.

## **FUTURE PROGRAMS**

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- December 18 Rob Purlee and Knox College basketball.

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Greeter.....Dave Rice  
Song Leader.....Rick Brown  
Presiding.....Darrell Lovell

Cashier.....Tom Brown  
Invocation.....Lee Johnson  
Guests & Visiting Rotarians.....Ed Peterka

**President Darrell** called the special meeting to order at Kensington Ball Room at 12:20 p.m. and led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance **Lee Johnson** delivered the invocation giving thanks for the club and the good works done. **Rick Brown** announced the birthdays for December before leading the club in singing *Happy Birthday*.

**Harold Watters** introduced Nina Morlang and **Susan Meisinger** introduced Annie Baker of the Kensington staff. Visiting today were two visitors from Galesburg Sunrise, President Jeremy Kleine and Jeanne Watters.

## Happy Bucks:

**Carl Strauch** thanked **Gene Denisar** for buying his lunch today.

**Marv Dahlberg** donated \$3 to report that United Way is over 50% of goal and to thank our speaker for the contributions of BNSF and the railroad employees for their generous support.

**Harrell Timmons** proudly announced the Timmons clan is increasing by another grandson.

**Bruce Lauerman** requested everyone sign his petition to become a member of the CSC board..

**Dennis Renander** brought greetings from **Bill Pillsbury** with assurances Bill will be returning as he is able.

**Harold Watters** expressed his gratitude for having secure host families for Eduardo for the balance of the year.

**Chuck Borden** reported he and his wife have again survived a visit from children and grandchildren although somewhat economically strapped from the experience.

**Dave McDonald** said something about a "gutsy win" or perhaps it was a "gutsy wind."

**Darrell Lovell** reported his daughter and son-in-law are moving to Oak Park.

**Announcements: President Darrell** reported on the board meeting on Tuesday. He thanked **Mac McGee** as well as assistants **Chuck** and **Lee Farrar** for having boxed up 43 boxes of books to be shipped to the Philippines. The next step is to wait for the inspection of the pallets before shipment. District 6460 has given a grant of \$1000 to the club in support of the project. An additional grant request is in prospect for a Literacy Grant.

**PP Rick Brown** as chair of the Nominating committee wanted first to encourage new members to become involved in our club. He also announced the slate of officers for the coming year. We will be voting on the slate of officers on December 18, the last meeting of the year. .

The officers for 2009-2010 recommended by the Nominating Committee are:

President **Carl Strauch**, President-Elect **Linus Vander Wyst**, Vice-President **Marv Dahlberg**, Secretary **Charles Farrar**, Treasurer **Tom Brown**, Travelogue Director **Kelsey Cole**, Travelogue Treasurer **Quentin Brown**, Club Service **Dennis Renander**, Community Service **Susan Meisinger**, Youth Service, **Alice Stenander**, Vocational Service **Mark Pfeifer** and International Service **Bruce Barkley**.

**Tom England** announced that next week we will be awarding ten Paul Harris Fellows. Some are members of the club and some are not. He asked that since this will be a somewhat lengthy meeting that everyone make a special effort to clear their schedules and remain for the entire meeting. It would also be appropriate to wear your Paul Harris Fellow Medallions.

Due to the expected length of next week's meeting, **Ed Peterka**, chair of the New Member Orientation Committee, has asked to postpone the induction of three new members from next Thursday, December 11 to the following Thursday, December 18, 2008. this will allow sufficient time for both the presentation of Paul Harris Fellows next week as well as for the induction of new members the following week.

**PE Carl Strauch** reported on the upcoming meetings for the balance of December. On December 11 we will make ten Paul Harris Awards. On December 18 the coach at Knox College will talk about the sports program at Knox College.

Since both Christmas and New Year's Day occur on the subsequent Thursdays we will have no meeting for December 25 and January 1, 2009.

Our crack Program Committee for January has not yet submitted the list of programs for January but that list is anticipated by next week.

President **Darrell** introduced Rick Danielson, Terminal superintendent for the Galesburg Terminal of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad.

Rick has been married to his wife for 25 years and they have two sons, both of whom are now in college. He has worked for BNSF for 32 years. He has been in Galesburg for the past eight years and hails from Nebraska.

Rick says he started with the Burlington Northern Railroad in Lincoln, Nebraska and has been privileged to work for the company for 32 years in a wide variety of places. He has been stationed from Minneapolis to Texas and from the East Coast to the West Coast but says he really likes being here in Galesburg.

The traffic volume here is very heavy but not so heavy as it has been due to the recent economic downturn. Last year BNSF had 150 trains per day coming through Galesburg but that is now down to about 100 per day. What makes the volume so heavy is that Galesburg sees all types of traffic passing through. This is the only location in the BNSF system where trains can go in seven different directions from this point.

Another unique factor in the very heavy traffic volume is the Classification Yard, better known as the "Hump." Trains come into the yard to be reassigned, or classified, into trains headed in many different directions. The railroad cars are assigned to different tracks, each track having a specific destination. The cars are released from the crest of the hump and gravity pulls them down into the bowl. The computer, taking into account the weight of the car, the wind direction, the speed of the car, and other factors applies retarders or brakes to keep the cars at no more than 4 miles per hour and selects the one track out of the 27 available. In that way a train is made up and prepared to go off in the assigned direction pulled by locomotives. Working 24 hours per day the Classification Yard can process up to 1800 cars per day. Each day 20 trains arrive into the yard and 20 trains leave the yard.

Trains are now usually about 6000 feet long but could be up to 9000 feet long. It will not be long before those same trains will be up to 12000 feet long. The power of the locomotives has steadily increased and the way in which trains are made up has changed. It used to take five locomotives to pull a string of coal cars but now it can be done by two. We now know that by placing the locomotives at different points in the train it will make a difference. Those locomotives that are at the end of the train can push more than the locomotives at the front of the train can pull.

BNSF is working on expansion plans and there are plans work now to expand the diesel shop. There are now three bays and when the expansion is completed we will have four. Completion is expected in three years.

The BNSF work force is great. It has now been 650 days without an injury. That is almost two years and speaks to the quality of the people of this area working on the railroad. The railroad will probably not be doing much hiring so long as the economy remains in this downturn.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**December 11, 2008.....Paul Harris Recognitions.....Broadview Restaurant**

**December 18, 2008.....Knox Coach.....Broadview Restaurant**

**December 25, 2008 & January 1, 2009....No Meeting..Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**

**Share Rotary with a friend-Each one bring one!**

**Don't forget! Go to Broadview!**

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## TODAY'S LEADERS

Greeter:	Bruce Lauerman
Cashier:	Tom Brown
Invocation:	Bill Abel
Song Leader:	Ruth, Kelsey, & Joan
Introductions:	Louise Wolf
Presiding:	Darrell Lovell

## VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Chuck Farrar introduced Don White.
- Barry Swanson's guest was his wife, Gail.
- Nina Morlang was Harold Watters's guest.
- Mike White was back today with Steve Hawkinson.
- Harold Watters invited Rosemary Eisemann to Rotary.
- Kelsey Platt introduced members of her family: Mary Jane Cole, Connie Thurman Cole, and Bud Cole.
- Susan Dutell returned as a guest of Ruth Peci.

## PAUL HARRIS AWARDS

Tom England presided over the presentation of ten Paul Harris awards. Each of the honorees had a sponsor who paid \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation to name an individual a Paul Harris Fellow. We are listing the awards in the order the recipients are pictured, starting with the front row, left to right and then the back row.

- **Homer Zumwalt** was surprised to receive an award presented by Barry Swanson that was also supported by Barry's wife, PHF Gail Swanson.

- **Kelsey Platt's** award was presented by Darrell Lovell representing a group of ten (Darrell Lovell, Bruce Barkley, Chuck Bednar, Tom Brown, Sarah Gutierrez, John Hawkins, Lee Johnson, Joan Wenstrom, Mark Wilson, and Linus Vander Wyst).

- **Richard DeBaugh** was sponsored by a group of five (Steve Hawkinson, Tom Maloney, Rick Brown, Quent Brown, and Tom England). Tom England made the presentation.

- **Bob Clark** was selected by Chuck Farrar who presented the award. Bob thought he was in attendance to see his boss, Gary Smith, honored.

- **Guy Vitale's** sponsor was a group of five (Harrel Timmons, Dave McDonald, Steve Cramer, Geoff Hurd, and Gordon Aulgur). Gordon Aulgur represented his group at the presentation.

- **Gary Smith** was honored and surprised (he thought he was there to see his employee, Bob Clark, honored) to receive an award from a group of five (Chuck Farrar, Carl Strauch, George Burgland, Jeff Hayden, and Gene Denisar). The award was presented by Chuck Farrar.

- **Steve Eisemann** was selected by a group of five (Ed Peterka, Harold Watters, Bob Cannon, Bob Stoerzbach, and Larry Miller), and Harold Watters was chosen to make the presentation.

- **Nate Wallace** was sponsored by a group of five (Jack Maddrell, Don Peterson, Reed Robertson, Susan Meisinger, and honorary Rotarian Roger Taylor). The presentation was made by Reed Robertson.

- **Gil Hebard** was unable to be present to receive a Paul Harris award from a group of ten (Lance Aten, Bill Abel, Lee Farrar, Louise Wolf, Derek Antione, Don Anderson, Honorary Rotarian Dennis Ross, Mike Godsil, Mark Pfleiger, and Harry Bulkeley). Gil's friend, Tom England, provided a background supporting the award.

- **RYE Ekin Yalçin** was honored by a group of five (Dennis Renander, David Rice, Chuck Borden, Alice Stenander, and Walt Sampson), and the award will be made at a meeting of her home Rotary Club in Izmir, Turkey. Dennis Renander made the Galesburg presentation that included reading Ekin's letter of appreciation printed on page 2.



Photo by Foley

Hello and love from Turkey,

I am so thrilled to hear from you. Frankly Galesburg my second hometown and you are never out of my mind. I miss you so much and feel badly not being able to talk to you so often.

Everything is fine with me and my new life at my university. I am just so busy, I try to keep up with the fast life in Istanbul!

I would be the most honored person to receive the Paul Harris Award. I know its very importance and the meaning in itself. I truly cannot believe I am the one to receive it. This is the most prestigious and meaningful award I have ever received.

Since I am back to my homeland, I have been thinking a lot about you. Not attending the Rotary meetings does not mean I am not there with you. I know you do not feel that I am present at the meetings since there is no one to win the 50/50 drawings so often as I have! Truly I miss making the most of my time with you. You have given me the time of my life. I should be the one to reward you, my Dear Rotary Noon Club family.

The only memories to which my family and my friends listen are the ones from the most amazing experience spent with you. As my mom says I have grown up and I act like an adult now. I am not the careless child that I was before I took my journey to Galesburg. And there were you to help this reckless child grow up, see the real world through different eyes, love to share and make dreams real! I am blessed to have lived with you. I know and try to let everyone know that Rotary is an international home to Good. As Aristotle said Good with capital G. G as in Galesburg. Rotary is the good in dreams of children in India, care for needy, love for lonely, knowledge for uneducated, experience for exchange students. Understanding of what Rotary does is devotion to humanity.

An outsider in Turkey would say why would I spend an hour or two meeting every single week with the same people to make decisions about the projects which have no interest in me. This prejudice would last until the very day he attends a Rotary meeting and realizes how important and satisfying mission he is completing. I have to admit my family is really jealous of Rotary and the Rotarians I spent my year with. As I keep mentioning you and how fortunate that is for me to have met the most brilliant people on earth. We know that more than 100 000 miles keep us away from each other. This is just the earthly measure to keep us away. You are in my heart till the end and I promise you to serve my best to humanity. When I first have the chance to come back to Galesburg I personally will thank you for being honored by my idol people. Am I not the most fortunate exchange student ever?

May I ask what I should write for my background information. I am sorry to be so excited. This is just so surprising for me. I accidentally checked my email while I was studying politics:) and there it is the amazing news from you. I do not think I know how to thank you for the honor.

Talk to you soon

Best Regards

Love from Turkey

Ekin Yalçın

## Share Rotary with a friend

# The Rotary Gale

Report of the Galesburg Rotary Club meeting of December 18, 2008

## TODAY'S LEADERS

Greeter:	Barry Swanson
Cashier:	Tom Brown
Invocation:	Mike Clark
Song Leaders:	Kelsey and Rick
Introductions:	Lee Farrar
Presiding:	Darrell Lovell

## VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Dick Johnson and Howard Tolley introduced Hal and Eunice Devore.
- Gene Denisar introduced Joel Estes, Director of Finance for District 205.
- Dan Ashton visited from Monmouth.

## NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED



Sherry Foster filled in for Ruth Peci to introduce Sue Dutell, Brickhouse Management (Pizza Hut franchises).



Harold Watters introduced Nina Morling, Veterinary Practice Manager at Knox Pet Clinic.



Darrell Lovell filled in for Steve Hawkinson to introduce Mike White, agent for Country Insurance Services.

## HAPPY BUCK ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Motivated by mention of his musical talent in last week's awards, Bob Stoerzbach brought a 1941 poster advertising Gil Hebard's dance band in which Bob played clarinet and sax.
- Chuck Farrar noted this was a special day—Lee's birthday.
- Tom Brown thinks the radio ad prayer for fat friends is a helpful thought for the upcoming holidays.
- Mac bagged a nine-point buck, but he needed Rick Brown's navigational skills to get it out of the woods.

## VOCATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



Photo by Foley

Dick Johnson presented Rotary's award to Hal Devore in recognition of Hal's application of the ideals of service in his personal, professional, and community life. Hal and his wife, Eunice, have worked together on many of these activities.

Hal served as a distinguished teacher at GHS for many years and has worked at Knox College organizing and directing their student teacher program.

The Devores are Christians in thought, word, and deed. Hal has served as an Elder, adult church school teacher, and a founder of the congregation's Alpha program.

Hal was a charter organizer of Habitat for Humanity in Galesburg. He continues to serve on the board and chairs the family selection committee. During Hal's 15 years of leadership at Habitat, he has contributed to the completion of 39 homes in Knox County.

Other areas of service include the jury selection committee and the GREDA marketing committee.

### Officers Elected 2009–2010 Rotary Year

President	Carl Strauch
President-Elect	Linus VanderWyst
Vice President	Marv Dahlberg
Secretary	Charles Farrar
Treasurer	Tom Brown
Travelogue Chair	Kelsey Platt
Travelogue Treasurer	Quentin Brown
Past President	Darrell Lovell
Club Service and Administration	Dennis Renander
Community Service	Susan Meisinger
Youth Service	Alice Stenander
Vocational Service	Mark Pfeleger
International Service	Bruce Barkley



### FUTURE PROGRAMS What's going on with....

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- January 15 The stock market by Tom Maloney
- January 22 The Middle East by Knox College Professor Roy Anderson
- January 29 Iceland by Harry Bulkeley

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