

The Rotary Gale

Report of the Galesburg Rotary Club meeting of October 1, 2009



TODAY'S LEADERS

Greeter:	Pat Engelhaupt
Cashiers:	Tom Brown Sue Dutell
Pianist:	Joan Wenstrom
Invocation:	Mike Clark
Song Leader:	Steve Cramer
Introductions:	Don Anderson
Presiding:	Carl Strauch

OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY LEADER

Ruth Pecsí called Sue Dutell to the podium to receive the club's quarterly community service award. Sue has assumed leadership roles in many organizations. Ruth listed CASA board, Community Emergency Response Team, Christmas In Action, Leadership Greater Galesburg—Class XV, Galesburg Junior Women's Club, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, and she is the current chair of the City of Galesburg's Annual Youth Fishing Derby. Ruth knows from many years of experience that the Derby is a big job that requires a lot of time and effort.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Friends of T.J. Coffman meet at Rotary once a year near the date of his passing. They have also led the formation of the Coffman Fund that provides valuable support to our Rotary Youth Exchange program. Louise Wolf introduced visitors Marcy Inness, Martha Scharfenberg, Jessica Rothenburg, Sue and Jim Purlee, and Joyce Coffman. She also recognized Rotarians George Inness, Milt Peterson, Gordon Alger, Bob Sparks, Dick Johnson and Chuck Borden as members of their group.
- Doug Gibb introduced Som-O, her host sister Sylvia, and Jayc Pieper.
- Darrell Lovell introduced Gabe Moreno, GHS Interact president.
- Dick Gilbert visited from Elgin.
- Dan Ashton visited from Monmouth.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- October 8 No regular meeting on Vocational Day. Rotarians have reservations to visit businesses.
- October 15 Tom England will preside at a program about the Rotary Foundation.
- October 22 Knox Professor Rodney Davis will speak on the Lincoln-Douglas Debates.
- October 29 Galesburg Public Library Pam VanKirk will bring an update on the Library.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Wes Olson, Principal of GHS North, described the two years of studies that preceded the opening of the school now located in the Rose Hoben Welch building. The goal of the program is to salvage promising students who are at risk of dropping out of school because of attendance, grades, or discipline problems. Students must apply for the school. 48 students were selected for the first year, and the goal is to increase enrollment to 100 next year.

The faculty focuses on relationships, relevance, and rigor. A high student/teacher ration helps provide the support that may have been lacking in their lives. The building has been upgraded, and that indicates to the students that they are not cast-offs. The goal is to create a place where the students can achieve their dreams.

Student Rosa Duarte testified about how the school is making a difference in her life. She was a drop-out risk, and she has now redirected her life toward the goal of becoming a second grade teacher. She concluded with the statement, "This goal would never have been possible for me without our new school."



Savannah Peck and Rosa Duarte are students at GHS North and accompanied their school principal, Wes Olson, today.

Jacquiline Steffen was a Rotary Youth Exchange outbound to Peru last year. She reported about her experience to the club on July 16. Harold and Jeanne Watters received this email message this week, and Carl read it at our meeting.

Harold and Jeanne:

Please share with your two clubs an update on Jacque. She is doing well in her studies at Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL. She is carrying 18 hours this first semester. It is so nice there. We told her she has spring break all year round.

She wanted to take a Spanish composition course, but her counselor told her that course was only for juniors and seniors. She met the Spanish teacher, who invited her to attend a class. That day the class was talking about Machu Pichu. She stood up and told the class all about Machu Pichu because she has been there. Sooo, to make a long story short, her teacher and counselor went to the Dean of Students who agreed with her request to take this Spanish composition course as a freshman.

She wanted me to thank you again for her Rotary Exchange opportunity. Without her experiences in Peru, Jacque would not have qualified for this class.

Also, last week she made the school dance team and was the only freshman selected to the student senate.

Thank you for making dreams come real.

Mike and Darlene Steffen



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TODAY'S LEADERS

Greeter:	Joel Estes
Cashier:	Tom Brown Sue Dutell
Pianist:	Joan Wenstrom
Invocation:	Darrell Lovell
Song Leaders:	Rick and Jennifer
Introductions:	Mac McGee
Presiding:	Carl Strauch

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VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Rick Ray brought Mike Allen. Mike is heading up the Veterans' Day parade to be held on November 8.
- Dick Gilbert is no longer a visitor. He is now a full-fledged member.
- Doug Gibb introduced Sam-O and her host father, Tim Foster.
- Chuck Bednar visited from Oak Park.

CLASSIFICATION TALK

Joel Estes graduated from Kewanee High School and Illinois Wesleyan University. He received a master's degree from Western Illinois University and recently a Superintendent's Endorsement from Illinois State University.

Joel taught fifth grade in Knoxville for thirteen years and still considers it the best job he ever had. During his tenure at Knoxville he coached high school basketball, volleyball, and softball and served as an elementary school principal. He moved to CUSD 205 in 1991 and served as principal of Nielson, Cooke, and Steele Schools. In 2003 he was selected to be the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, a position he has held for the past seven years. This job involves the development of curriculum, testing, providing professional development, managing state and federal grants, development of GHS North, and handling the occasional irate parent call. Joel has had the privilege of serving as a guest lecturer in the Knox College Educational Studies program.

Joel is married to Diane, a third grade teacher at Mable Woolsey Elementary in Knoxville. They have two sons; Ryan is a student and artist in Los Angeles, and Lincoln is in the graduate educational program at Eastern. Joel likes to fish, golf, and collect old sports memorabilia. He and Diane enjoy antiques and traveling.



Photo by Foley

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Tom England was a member of another club for several years before joining our club, and during that time he never heard about the great work performed by the Rotary Foundation. Tom is now the spark plug behind our club's outstanding record of giving to support the Foundation and its work.

Tom listed some of the objections encountered when soliciting contributions to the Foundation along with his response to each argument. Tom expressed that most Rotarians are financially able to make an annual contribution to the Foundation. The Foundation provides great value for the dollars received in the form of invaluable aid to people with great needs. The work continues year after year, and our old contributions have already been spent. Annual contributions enable the Foundation to continue the work now in progress.

VOCATIONAL DAY

Rick Brown sent these pictures taken at Inness Farms during the Vocational Day visit.



Bruce Lauerma is shown selecting a plateful from the home-made choices.



George's golf clubs wait by the window. A committee of Rotarians judged that they hadn't been used in a while.



Bob Stoerzbach, Steve Hawkinson, Tom England, and Harold Watters are sharing a few stories before lunch.

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Greeter:	Chuck Farrar
Cashier:	Tom Brown Sue Dutell
Invocation:	Bill Abel
Song Leader:	Ruth Pecsí & Kelsey Platt
Introductions:	Dave Rice

VISITORS

- Chuck Bednar, Oak Park Rotary Club
- Bob Clendenin, Charlotte Harbor, FL Rotary Club who brought a flag to be exchanged.

GUESTS

- Margo Davila was a guest of Ruth Pecsí
- Lennie Long (a former member of this club) was a guest of Tom Maloney

Happy Bucks:

Bud Davis donated a buck in honor of JetAir who took him to go to Minnesota to visit a granddaughter.

PP Darrell Lovell honored Sam-Oh whose 17th birthday is tomorrow and was sad she couldn't be here. He also passed around an order sheet for Xmas wreaths which the INTERACT club is selling as their fundraiser.

Bob Shafer wanted to boast of his most recent great grandchild, the fifteenth weighing in at over eight pounds.

Tom Brown announced that Choral Dynamics will be presenting a program on December 15 and no matter what you think of Choral Dynamics it will certainly be better than the singing today at Rotary.

Derrick Antoine piggybacked on that announcement that he was selling ads in the Choral Dynamics playbook and he noted that both he and the honorable (?) **Doug Gibbs** could take ads.

Quentin Brown wanted to express his relief at not having heard from **Dick Lindstrom** today.

President Carl Strauch wanted to note that **Rick Brown** had finally shown up late today. He also was happy that his favorite ball team won their match. He was especially proud to announce that if nothing happened on Sunday he and Debbie would be celebrating 30 years of marriage.

Items of General Interest

Stan Sutor, a former member is in St. Mary Medical Center for a knee replacement. Keep him in your thoughts.

AG Mac McGee reminded everyone about DisCon on November 13-14 and noted that our District Governor will be visiting in the next week or so to promote the District Conference.

Our Foundation grant is proceeding and an Australian District has agreed to donate to the project and Bushnell has also decided to help with the project.

Again this year the veteran's parade will be on November 8 and hope we will be able to have a well populated float for the parade. **Rick Brown** will again be supplying the truck and a hay rack for all to ride on.

All veterans should also be aware that on Veteran's day both Applebees and Golden Corral will be providing a free meal to veterans. We should all stop by and say, "Thank you!"

President Carl reported that a club in Queensland Australia each meeting day toasts a club somewhere in the world. Our club was one toasted and with the best wishes of the club. Everyone in the club is invited to visit next time they are in Queensland.

Ruth Pecsí with the help of **Lance Aten** and **Quentin Brown** displayed a sign welcoming guests for our Guest Day on November 12. She also explained the arcane sets of initials left at each person's place today. The first is EMC which means "Every Member Contact" since every member of the club will be contacted to ask if they would bring a guest. The other was BYOG or "Bring Your Own Guest." So everyone bring a guest that day. If your guest joins Rotary by January 31 your name will be put into a basket to be drawn for a bag of groceries worth \$100.

Tom England did a BRIEF update on the Foundation Contributions.

Harold Watters asked for some help in taking our Exchange Students and Interactors and Rotarctors to Alton on Saturday 11/14,

Think of a service project for the exchange students might be able to do during their Fun Weekend here in January.

Lance Aten announced that this Saturday will be Adopt-A-Highway on Lincoln St. Meet at Hardees's 7:00 a.m.

Upcoming Programs: President-Elect **Linus VanderWyst** announced upcoming programs.

- Galesburg Public Library Pam VanKirk will bring an update on the Library.
- November 5 Rotary Leadership Institute with **Chuck Farrar**
- November 12 **Harry Bulkeley** will speak about “Living with History” for our membership rally.
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- November 26 No Meeting, Thanksgiving.

David McDonald introduced Professor Rodney O. Davis. Professor Davis is from Kansas and graduated from Kansas University and earned his Ph.D. from Iowa. He is Professor Emeritus and co-Director of the Lincoln Studies Center at Knox College and co-author of three books. His spoke to us about **A Woman Called Albert**.

Professor Davis said he never knew his great grandfather Charles W. Ives because he died before he was born nor was not told by his father, stories about the civil war veteran and first sergeant, later lieutenant, of Co. G of the 95th Illinois Infantry. That company is distinguished by three individuals. One became the sheriff of Dodge City Kansas. Another became a noted lecturer on abolitionism and colonization. The most notable of all was the third, Albert D. J. Cashier who was the shortest member of the company and served honorably until the end of the war at all of the campaigns without being wounded. After discharge Cashier worked as a nurseryman, farm hand, small town lamplighter in the small town of Saunemin in Livingston County. In 1911 it was revealed after a crippling accident that Albert was in fact a woman, originally named Jennie Rodgers. This was a fact that was entirely unsuspected by the men of the 95th. She was undetected in her disguise, served in the same unit and then was able to continue to live as a man after the war.



Professor R. O. Davis (Photo by Foley)

How did she do that? Physical evaluations were almost nonexistent. Showers and bathing were rare. She was able to live with two tent-mates who were male and was able to keep her identity secret. She ran a successful laundry business in Company G with a partner. Charles Ives interviewed her after it was revealed that she was a woman. Why did she do this? Even a private in the union Army made more money than a seamstress. She was a much more masculine person that she was feminine. She could get the respect that a woman would not be able to get and she would be able to vote and hold property in her own name. She liked excitement, she told Charles Ives, and had no family to return to being an immigrant.



**Albert DJ Cashier,
November 1864**

After 1911 she was in an accident and broke her thigh. Her employer was the driver of the car and came to know her secret but kept it. She had been receiving a Union Pension and so her employer arranged for her to be admitted to the Quincy Soldier’s home.

Her secret became compromised and by 1913 her identity was revealed. She declined somewhat in abilities, both mentally and physically and after a time was admitted to a mental hospital in 1913. The Federal Pension Board investigated whether Cashier had even served in the Union Army and many of her fellow soldiers from Company G were interviewed. Her fellow soldiers remember her as brave to the point of foolhardiness and was as brave as anyone she was also called the “Spirit of the Company.”

The last months of her life were not pleasant and found that being forced to wear dresses in which she was very clumsy. She fell and broke her hip from which she did not recover. She died October 10, 1915 and was buried in her uniform in Sauneman with full military honors.

Register and attend the District 6460 District Conference in Alton, November 13 & 14, 2009

Registration materials are available online at www.rotarydistrict6460.org

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**REMEMBER TO BRING A GUEST
ON NOVEMBER 12 !
OUR OWN HARRY BULKELEY IS
THE PROGRAM!**

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Cashier:	Tom Brown Sue Dutell
Invocation:	Lee Johnson
Song Leader:	Steve Cramer
Introductions:	Dick Lindstrom
Presiding:	Carl Strauch

VISITORS

Chuck Bednar, Oak Park Rotary Club

GUESTS

- Dick Gilbert introduced his wife and grandson
- Sam-Oh, our Rotary International Youth Exchange student from Thailand and Interact student Jacy Pieper were introduced by Harold Watters.

Happy Bucks:

Lee Farrar donated five bucks to celebrate that tomorrow she will retire for the second time from Knox.

Louise Wolf had a wonderful time one the weekend with Homecoming at Knox but on Sunday she had 70 guests for breakfast. All were her classmates and their spouses here for a fiftieth class reunion.

Sue Dutell wanted to boast of her son turning 30 and finally beginning a 401(k).

Harold Watters wanted to acknowledge **Dave Uhlmann** hosting a Youth Exchange night at CSC. He also was glad that Sam-Oh was here today since Interact is selling wreaths and swags for Christmas display. Buy One or More! A sheet is being passed around to sign up for this fund raising effort by the Interact club.

Steve Cramer had a Fish Story to tell. On his annual pilgrimage to fish the river near LaCrosse last year the ten men caught a thousand fish in three days. This year on the last day he caught a 26½" Walleye to make up for all his minnows!

Dave Rice announced the happy news that he will be retiring on December 31 but also reported the bad news that he will be moving to Rockford.

Lee Johnson wondered if anyone had noticed that he had been gone for five weeks. He has been on a Sabbatical and during that time one of daughters got engaged and will have wedding coming up.

Dick Lindstrom set off a storm of responses when he boasted of another Iowa win.

Items of General Interest

President Carl read a note from the Cannon family thanking Rotary for the support provided for their father, **Bob Cannon** over the many years of his membership.

Doug Gibb noted that he placed fliers on the tables about the Grief Camp/ The Holiday Extravaganza benefitting Big Brothers-Big Sisters will be next week sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Discovery Depot will be holding the annual Festival of Trees.

Rick Brown announced that a clipboard is going around to sign-up for the Veteran's Parade on November 8. Brats, Dogs and chips at noon and the parade starts at 2:00 p.m. Gather at North and Chambers St.

Remember if all of you participate in selling Travelogue tickets by December 3 there will be a drawing on December 10. Some lucky Rotarian will receive a check for \$1000.00.

Tom England did a magazine report on the November *Rotarian* magazine and especially an article titled, "Virtue of Small Change." It tells of eight ways in which small change can bring about big changes in the world

President Carl announced our Club Board meets at Perkins Restaurant, Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 8:00 a.m. Any member may attend and will receive attendance credit for attendance.

Ed Peterka was called upon to induct a new member, Dick Gilbert. It is usual at the induction of a new member to make some remarks about Rotary, called the Rotary Minute. Today we are inducting a Rotarian, a Paul Harris Fellow who has been a member of Rotary Clubs, Elgin Breakfast, Valparaiso, IN and Burlington, IA. Rotary allows a Rotarian to transfer membership as long as you have a sponsor when you move. **Dick Gilbert** today becomes a member of Galesburg Rotary with the Classification of Education/Counseling.

Carl Strauch, his sponsor, noted that he and **Dick** met last year when **Carl** went to **PETS**. **Dick** was born in New York City. He and his wife Sharon have been married 41 years. He has been a parish minister but for most of his career he has been a hospital chaplain. **Dick** and Sharon have a daughter who works in Galesburg, which is how he came to Galesburg. They brought along their grandson Andrew today.

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- December 3 Rob Purlee, Knox basketball coach
- December 10 Paul Harris Fellow Presentations
- December 17 AG Jean Jumper, Polio Plus

Susan Dutell introduced Pam VanKirk, Galesburg Public Library. She was born and raised in Monmouth and graduated from Monmouth College. She also earned a Master of Library Science from Rosary College. She was a media specialist for eighteen years and then served as Children's Librarian at Galesburg Public Library before becoming Director in 1998.



Pam Van Kirk
(Photo by Foley)

Pam noted that had not spoken to Rotary since 2001 and said she is really here to talk about why we need a new library not where or when. Why do we need a library? The Library Board has tried to maximize the library and has made three additions. There is little seating spaces and tables when computers were added tables were lost. There is a little engineering problem ...the poles for the shelving hold up the second floor. The parking lot belongs to the city and must be shared with city employees, Whiting Hall, residents, a law office and others.

She reported that each day the library staff answers 94 reference questions per day They proctor exams, some of them on line. Other activities include notarizing documents, faxing, managing 4500 DVDs in circulation per month and 500 CDs per month. The computers see 55 hrs per day use on the internet with an average of. 2850 logons per month. The library staff also serves other library patrons from smaller neighboring libraries. The library is the site for literacy coalition and

each night after school there is tutoring from District 205. There is a lot of traffic going on. The library needs exhibit space and display space, but there is limited space. It would be nice to have a

drive in facility and there is no young adult area. There are no family restrooms or family computer rooms.

A survey as well as a five year plan have been put together. A building program is required to get funding from the State Library and now one is in place. The Galesburg Public Library Foundation has been created and a few memorials have been made. Hopefully that will serve as seed money. It has usually been a ten year project in building a new library and the library has only been at it for five years so the library, is not now close to building or even selecting the location. There are many who want to think of a central location and would think of that as optimal.

There are archives as a part of the Library and hopefully these resources can be accessible to the general public Most archival material is not yet online. At www.galesburglibrary.org there is an online archive of pictures of Galesburg around the turn of the century including the ones below.



From the collection of Galesburg Public Library
Galesburg Rotary Club Special Train to Springfield (1921)



From the collection of Galesburg Public Library
Librarian's office in the old Galesburg Public Library

Share Rotary with a Friend!

Invite that friend whose interests include Service Above Self!

Remember to bring a Guest on 11/12/09

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TODAY'S LEADERS

Greeter:	Tom Foley
Cashiers:	Tom Brown Sue Dutell
Pianist:	Joan Wenstrom
Invocation:	Mike Clark
Song Leaders:	Rick Brown Sue Meisinger Jennifer Peck
Introductions:	Louise Wolf
Presiding:	Carl Strauch

\$1,000.00 Reward

- \$ \$1,000 to one lucky person
- \$ Drawing for prize on Dec. 10
- \$ December 3 deadline to enter
- \$ All members must sell 10

VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Dick Lindstrom introduced former 8-year (1971 – 1978) member, A. H. “Benny” Benthine.
- Susan Meisinger introduced her husband, Brian.
- Doug Gibb introduced RYE guest Sam-O and Inter-act member Megan.
- Harold Watters introduced Sam-O’s host parent, Tim Foster.
- Jack Maddrell’s presence was recognized.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Carl had an announcement for members with attendance problems: you can make up at an on-line club e-meeting, such as the one available at <http://www.rotaryclubone.org/>
- Ruth Pecsí wants to know if you are bringing a guest for our special guest day program next week. She is trying to make sure that there will be enough food for everyone. She is expecting to have over twenty guests for this important meeting. Guests will be invited to participate in a special drawing, so have them drop their names into the bucket at the cashier’s table.

HAPPY BUCK

- Mike White’s Happy Buck had three parts: He celebrated his grandson’s 6th birthday this week; he was invited to join the celebration at the roller rink; Mike took home a fractured ulna from the party.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

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- December 31 No meeting, New Year’s

“Each club is a link in the great chain of Rotary. When one club does a service for its community, every club glows with the reflected radiance.”

Chesley R Perry 1957

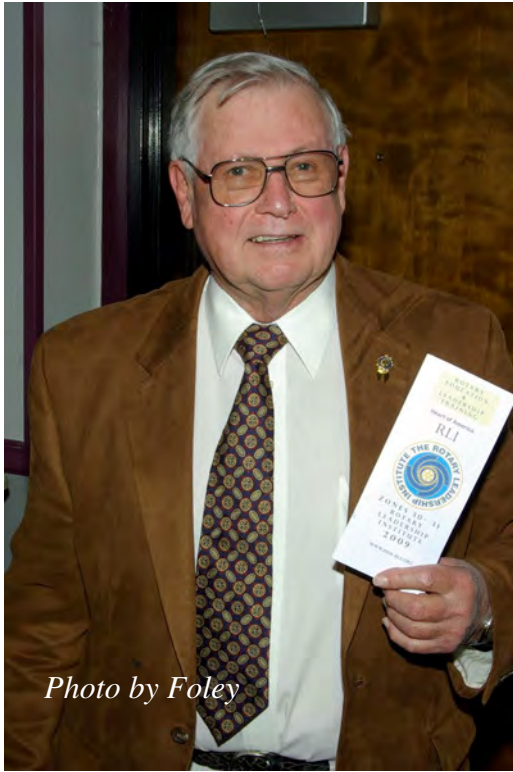


Photo by Foley

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Chuck Farrar serves on the Heart of America Rotary Leadership Institute committee. The Institute offers a series of fast-paced, interactive, one-day courses designed to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base of knowledge in Rotary. You wouldn't replace your entire management in a business every year, because you would lose valuable experience. Since Rotary does need to change management every year, we need to make sure that our leaders are up to speed before assuming command of their clubs.

That's why RLIs were formed, to provide a good level of leadership at the club level. RLIs are held world-wide, and they all operate on the same theme: to provide courses that are fun, topical, interactive, and geared toward busy business and professional persons who want to be more effective leaders in their vocation and club.

Every Rotary Club is encouraged to select at least two candidates to RLI annually. Students are likely to return to their club with enthusiasm, new contacts, fresh ideas, an increased understanding of their potential as Rotarians, and valuable skills impacting their potential leadership in the club.

You can find details about locations and dates for courses at <http://hoa-rli.org/> The club will pay the \$80 fee for members wanting to attend, but first, you should contact Carl to get board approval.



Rick Brown organized our club's float in the Veterans Parade held on Sunday, November 8. Rick provided the decorated float, the truck that pulled the float, lunch for the participants, and he drove the truck. His wife Marcia quietly gave assistance. Rotarians riding the float were Tom Brown, Bill Abel, Bob Kimble, Chuck Farrar, and Don Brown. Guest riders were Roy Ziegler and Ron Carlson. Bud Davis served in the color guard heading up the parade.



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TODAY'S LEADERS

Greeter:	Sherry Foster
Cashier:	Tom Brown Sue Dutell
Pianist:	Joan Wenstrom
Invocation:	Lee Johnson
Song Leader:	Dick Gilbert
Introductions:	Ruth Peci
Presiding:	Carl Strauch



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VISITORS AND GUESTS

Ruth Peci organized a very successful guest day. We had about 30 guests and two visitors. The visitors were Jeanne Watters from Sunrise and Chuck Bednar from Oak Park. Since our record of the guests is not complete, we'll not attempt to list them in *The Gale*. Everything was well organized, and there was plenty of seating for the larger-than-normal crowd.

HAPPY BUCK ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tom England is grateful that their daughter got along fine with a heart surgery. Tom also plugged the fact that November is Rotary Foundation Month and reported some recent contributors to the fund.
- Harold Watters appreciates the cooperation he has received in plans for transporting students to the District Conference.
- Ed Peterka gave \$20 in appreciation for his wife's recent knee replacement.
- Dave Rice offered \$20 in memory of a 19-year-old Eagle Scout.
- Rick Ray is counting on volunteers to exclusively man the Salvation Army kettles this year.
- Jeanne Watters is now taking orders for the Sunrise citrus sale.
- Bruce Lauerman called attention to the installation of our new postmaster, Laura Rohlf.
- Poor Harry Bulkeley could only afford a cheap Jamaican dollar (value 1¢) for his Happy Buck, because he's had two daughters married in the last six weeks. Harry's financial predicament caused such concern that nobody remembered what he had to be happy about. Oh yes, it was the weddings.
- Dave McDonald donated to honor our veterans.

“Shall we ever understand that the other fellow's necessities should have precedence over our luxuries, our absurdities? If so, then we shall attain the estate of the brotherhood of man.”

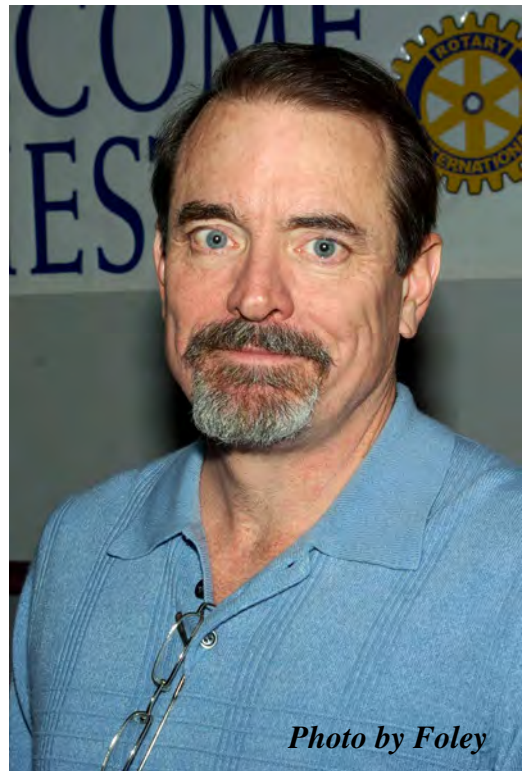
Paul P. Harris, *The Rotarian*, February 1917, on the occasion of Rotary's 12th Anniversary

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“Living with History” was the title for Harry Bulkeley’s talk today. Responding to a roadside sign about Stone’s Creek Battlefield in Tennessee was the start of an adventure that led to more Civil War sites, the purchase of a \$15 Confederate jacket, and eventually to his appearance as General Ulysses S. Grant in reenactments and in *Sherman’s March*, a History Channel documentary. Fellow reenactor Bruce Lauerman warned Harry that the cheap Confederate jacket would end up being the most expensive \$15 that he ever spent. It may have been, but Harry never got into horses, big cannons and other gear that can run into many thousands of dollars.

Harry discovered that being a Union General had some advantages over acting the part of a Confederate private. For one thing, the General slept in a bed at night—it was probably exactly like the motel bed where Harry stayed. He certainly wouldn’t have wanted to be a “farb,” a reenactor who hides amenities from home under his electric blanket.

The reenactments have made history come alive for Harry, but he has also experienced moments of living with history while alone at some remote historic site.



Above: Seen at the District Conference in Alton last weekend: Roselle De Wet, Sunrise RYE guest from South Africa, Nina Morlang, and Suchada (Sam-Oh), our club’s RYE student from Thailand. They are pictured in front of the Shelter Box tent on display at the Conference.



Left: Harry Bulkeley is shown referring to photographs relating to his descriptions of Civil War reenactments.

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Final Notice

- § \$1,000 cash prize
- § Drawing on Dec. 10
- § Anticipation builds
- § Will everyone participate?

VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Doug Gibb introduced RYE guest Sam-O.
- Visitor, Dan Ashton, introduced his guest, Lance Oetting, employee of the year for Midwest Illinois Banks.
- Darrell Lovell introduced Interact students Sage Yelm and Lorena McGee.
- Ed Peterka introduced Fr. Deus, Chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital, and Laura Rohlfs, Galesburg's new postmaster.
- Chuck Bednar visited from Oak Park.
- Louise Wolf introduced Layton Block, a Knoxville High student interested in RYE.

HAPPY BUCK ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were about twenty Happy Buck announcements. We'll report a few highlights from the large selection offered by members and visitors.

- We have a record of announcements by Chuck Bednar, Dan Ashton, Don Brown, Bob Shafer, Harold Watters, George Inness, Chuck Borden, Louise Wolf, Tom Brown, Steve Hawkinson, Darrell Lovell, Quent Brown, Chuck Farrar, Doug Gibb, Larry Miller, Dave Rice, Reed Robertson, Mac McGee, and Linus Vander Wyst.
- Chuck Bennett sent regards to his Galesburg Rotary friends via Chuck Bednar. He is feeling much better, and he is back to painting portraits of houses.
- Chuck Borden went fishing for steelheads; they caught none in an area where others were successful; he was advised: use a bigger magnet next time, and don't swim in the river in November.
- Steve Hawkinson once more claimed to have the best Travelogue usher team ever. Any challenges?
- We had seven members, a RYE guest, and several Interact students attend the District Conference.
- The Robertsons celebrated their 65th anniversary.
- Larry Miller is off to the Dominican Republic to participate in a water development project.
- Mac and Lorena McGee are both Reading Buddies.
- Linus Vander Wyst shared his excitement about progress in the capital fund-raiser for the Y.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

The following are excerpts from PDG Ron Riggins's address to the Galesburg Rotary Club:

They say that life is about hopes, and dreams, and choices. Some of you had a choice to attend today and listen to a PDG speak about the Rotary Foundation or stay at home or the office. I'm thrilled you chose to attend and hope in the few minutes we have together that this will be fruitful.

Your Foundation is changing lives each and every day:

Through the generous contributions made each year to the Rotary Foundation, physical, educational, and emotional needs are being met. Strife is being averted, friendships are being formed, barriers are coming down, and the young as well as the old are receiving opportunities they have only dreamed of. And, you and I are recipients of great satisfaction as we invest our time, talents, and treasure in the Rotary Foundation.

- Your Foundation is granting sight to those nearly blind.
- Your Foundation is providing limbs to those in need.
- Your Foundation is repairing cleft palates.
- Your Foundation is providing clean water to many people.
- Your Foundation, with strategic partners, is eradicating Polio.
- Your Foundation has provided dictionaries to thousands in Illinois alone.
- Your Foundation is feeding the hungry around the world.
- Your Foundation is building bridges of friendship and opportunity through GSE.
- Your Foundation funds hundreds of Ambassadorial Scholars annually.

This is your Rotary Foundation, a foundation that Charity Navigator has recently put in its Top Ten Foundations. The Rotary Foundation is one of the most respected, trusted foundations in the world. Every day, Rotarians around the world choose to invest in their foundation. By doing so, they continue to fuel all of the good works I mentioned, and many more. Galesburg, today, tomorrow, and each year we are on this earth we have a choice in who and what to support. Annually contributing to your Rotary Foundation provides you and others live-changing opportunities.

Remember, I said at the beginning that life is about choices? It really is.

The Future of Your Foundation is in Your hands.



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Ron Riggins presented last year's president, Darrell Lovell, with a banner that reads:

**No. 2 Club in District
In per capita Annual Programs Fund giving
To The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International**

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS HONORED

Five members who are already Paul Harris Fellows were awarded new pins with sapphires that each represent an additional \$1,000 to the Rotary International Foundation.

- Tom Brown and Steve Hawkinson were awarded pins with one sapphire.
- Dave Uhlmann and Barry Swanson were awarded pins with two sapphires.
- Chuck Farrar was awarded a pin with a ruby representing an additional \$6,000 accumulated gifts to the Foundation.

CLASSIFICATION TALK

Quent Brown was born in Freeport, attended Beloit College for two years before serving with the Army in Korea. On his return from Korea, he completed his college studies at the University of Illinois and received a degree in economics from the college of agriculture. He met his wife, Carol, in Moline while attending the wedding of a fraternity brother.

Quent spent a 45-year career in sales and management in the agricultural chemical industry. During that time they lived in Huntington, IN, Marion, IN, Madison, WI, Downers Grove, IL, Glen Ellyn, IL, and finally—Galesburg.

Chuck Borden introduced Quent to Rotary in 2001, and he's been coming back ever since.

The Rotary Gale

Report of the Galesburg Rotary Club meeting of December 3, 2009

TODAY'S LEADERS

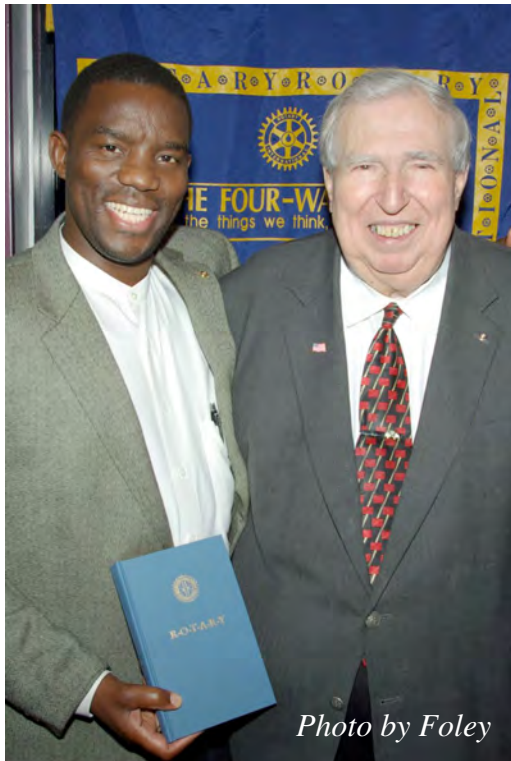
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Cashier: Tom Brown
Sue Dutell
Pianist: Joan Wenstrom
Invocation: Barry Swanson
Song Leader: Rick Brown
Introductions: Lance Aten
Presiding: Carl Strauch

VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Rick Ray introduced Linda Howarter.
- Doug Gibb introduced Sam-O and some of her Interact friends: Teresa Exum, Jaey Pieper, Ryan Lisenbee.
- Rick Brown introduced his son, Nathan, who is a visiting Rotarian from the Bloomington club.
- Dan Ashton visited from Monmouth.

Nominations for Office and Directors Rotary Year 2009—10

President	Linus Vander Wyst
President-Elect	Marv Dahlberg
Vice President	Lee Farrar
Secretary	Nina Morlang
Treasurer	Tom Brown
Travelogue Chair	Rick Brown
Travelogue Treasurer	Denise Conway
Past President	Carl Strauch
Club Service and Administration	Dennis Renander
Community Service	Mike White
Youth Service	Bill Abel
Vocational Service	Mark Pfeiger
International Service	Bruce Barkley



NEW MEMBER INDUCTED

Mac McGee sponsored Fr. Deus-Dedit Byabato for membership in the Galesburg Rotary Club. Mac called on Ed Peterka to introduce Fr. Deus to the club, because Mac could not be here today.

Fr. Deus was the oldest of nine children in his family. He was born in Tanzania and obtained a degree in philosophy and religious studies at Apostles of Jesus Seminary in Nairobi, Kenya. He speaks Swahili and English. He came to the US as a 26-year-old seminary student enrolled at Holy Apostles Seminary College in Connecticut where he completed masters degrees in both theology and divinity, and he has been a priest for the past 16 years.

He became a chaplain at St. Francis in Peoria where he served for 5 years. He was next appointed Administrator at St. Aloysius in Wataga and is now in his fifth year of chaplaincy at OSF St. Mary's Medical Center.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Mark Wilson introduced fellow Monmouth College graduate and Knox College basketball coach, Rob Purlee, to speak about his team and what's ahead for this year.

Rob expressed the immense satisfaction that he receives from working with a great bunch of kids at Knox. He just doesn't have any serious problems with members of the basketball team. Rob believes he has another advantage...that good students who are also good kids make more baskets. His players have a great work ethic, and Rob believes that any time your best players are also your hardest workers, you have a great combination going, and that's just what they have right now. They also have a young team with no seniors and few juniors. The team has excellent prospects for this season and future years.



SERVICE LEADER AWARD

Mark Pfleiger introduced Joan Wenstrom's nominee for the Rotary Club of Galesburg's Outstanding Vocational/Community Service Leader Award for the second quarter.

Diane Bruening is the Executive Director for the Galesburg Area Visitors Welcome Center. Mark read excerpts from a couple of letters. One of them included these statements, "As Director of Tourism at our Convention and Visitors Bureau, Diane has worked tirelessly to promote our community to our local citizens, our region, and throughout the country. Because of her efforts, our Visitor Center is considered among the best in Illinois and has itself become a tourist destination, filled with history and events that have shaped our community. Galesburg is fortunate to have Diane in this important leadership role."

Diane is a Member of the Galesburg Exchange Club, Bethel Baptist Church, and she is past president of the Orpheum Orators and Toastmasters Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Travelogue update has been postponed until 12/17 due to the Paul Harris Fellow awards next week.
- Theresa Exum, speaking as an Interact member, challenged our club to match their funds to buy a goat for \$120. For this sum, one goat, plus more goats from other clubs, will be delivered to an impoverished area where the animals will be imported to provide milk and meat.
- Sam-O will be spending the next few months in the Exum home and Theresa will be her host sister.
- The Interact netted \$600 from their Christmas wreath sales.
- **Reminder from our president** Please refrain from conversation while the meeting is in progress.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- December 10 Paul Harris Awards
- December 17 AG Jean Jumper will talk about Rotary's Polio Plus.
- January 7 TBA



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Cashier: Tom Brown
Sue Dutell
Pianist: Joan Wenstrom
Invocation: Rick Ray
Song Leader: Doug Gibb
Introductions: Dick Swanson
Presiding: Carl Strauch

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- December 17 AG Jean Jumper will talk about Rotary's Polio Plus.
- December 24 No meeting, Christmas Eve
- December 31 No meeting, New Year's Eve
- January 7 TBA

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS



Tom England presided at his final awards presentation before retiring as the untiring chair of the Rotary Foundation committee. The eleven new Paul Harris Fellows are pictured following the ceremony. In the front row are: Logan Meisinger, Nina Morlang, Bruce Polay, Susan Dutell, Samuel Meisinger, Ed Bantz; back row: Tom Wilson, Mark Wilson, Lorena McGee, George Inness, and Doug Gibb.

PAUL HARRIS SPONSORS

The Galesburg Rotary Club was able to name eleven people as Paul Harris Fellows because of consistent generous giving to the Rotary Foundation. Many of these gifts are from groups of five or ten Rotarians that raise \$1,000 each year to honor one person as a Paul Harris Fellow. Members and friends contributing to this series of awards include: George Burgland, Chuck Farrar, Carl Strauch, Gene Denisar, Roland Friestad, Dave Uhlmann, Sherry Foster, Barry Swanson, Travis Wilhite, Jack Maddrell, Reed Robertson, Roger Taylor, Nina Morlang, Marv Dahlberg, Ed Peterka, Harold Watters, Bob Stoerzbach, Larry Miller, George Inness, Dave McDonald, Steve Cramer, Harrell Timmons, Goeff Hurd, Gordon Aulger, Dennis Renander, Walt Sampson, Alice Stenander, Dave Rice, Chuck Borden, Tom England, Quent Brown, Rick Brown, Tom Maloney, Steve Hawkinson, and Jeff Hayden. Also included are: Bruce Barkley, Darrell Lovell, Chuck Bednar, Tom Brown, Lee Johnson, Joan Wenstrom, Mark Wilson, Linus Vander Wyst, Mac McGee, Bud Davis, Lance Aten, Bill Abel, Don Anderson, Derek Antoine, Harry Bulkeley, Lee Farrar, Mike Godsil, Mark Pfleiger, Dennis Ross, Louise Wolf, Denise Conway, Larry Miller, Doug Gibb, Bob Shafer, and Anonymous.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Lee Farrar introduced Ed and Helen Bantz.
- Doug Gibb introduced his wife, Julie.
- Mac McGee introduced his wife, Imelda, and a friend, Mike Cabonce.
- Susan Meisinger introduced her husband, Brian, her parents, Sky and Jody Huston, and her sister, Caryn Martin.
- Dennis Renander introduced Bruce Polay.
- Barry Swanson introduced Tom Wilson.
- Interact Club members Sam-O, Maresa Troester, and Lorena McGee were introduced.



Nice winter style, Sam-O. Sam-O needed to add something warmer to wear over her Thailand T-shirt.

Lorena McGee is shown receiving her Paul Harris Fellow certificate from PDG Ron Riggins and her father, Mac McGee.

Nominations for Office and Directors

Rotary Year 2009—10

Vote at the December 17th meeting

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FINALLY!

- § Drawing on Dec. 17
- § \$1,000 cash prize
- § Final Travelogue report
- § Will there be a winner?

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TODAY'S LEADERS

Greeter:	Bruce Lauerman
Cashier:	Tom Brown Sue Dutell
Pianist:	Joan Wenstrom
Invocation:	Mike Clark
Song Leader:	Steve Cramer
Introductions:	Louise Wolf
Presiding:	Carl Strauch

The winning number in the Travelogue sales drawing was selected from the sealed jar, and the \$1,000 went to Roger Taylor.

Travelogue recorded record profits that will fully fund our programs for this year. This superb performance is the result of a new business plan, a lot of determined effort from a few dedicated Rotarians, and from 100% cooperation by every members in selling all of their tickets.

HAPPY BUCK ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dave Rice is retiring at the end of the year, and he will be moving to be with his wife in Rockford. Dave tied one last knot before leaving. He left us with a friendship knot.
- Gene Denisar announced that his son is home from a tour in Iraq.
- Rick Ray thanked the club for raising \$854 from our bell-ringing efforts.
- George Inness thanked the club for prayers offered during his recovery from knee surgery.
- Sherry Foster can tell you where to find a You Tube video of her 7-year-old grandson in a cycle competition.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Mac McGee introduced Jean Jumper, a member of the Jacksonville club, who is chair of the District Polio Plus committee. Jean described the enormous strides we have made in eradication Polio, but she warned that as long as it remains anywhere, it's only a plane ride away from us.

Rotary is working with the Gates Foundation, the World Health Organization, and UNICEF to complete the job. The Gates Foundation will match our \$200 million with \$350 million from their foundation. In a final push to complete the job, Rotary International is asking each club to raise \$2,000 during each of the next three years.



Photo by Foley

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- January 7 Stanford Shover will tell us Carl Sandburg's life story.
- January 14 Barry Swanson will discuss Sandburg's poetry.
- January 21 Professor Douglas Wilson will describe the current state of Lincoln biographies.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

- RYE guest, Sam-O's presence was also acknowledged as an Interact Club guest.
- Interact Club members Danielle Snell and Maria Deligiannis were introduced.
- Charles Head from Abingdon visited today.

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