

The Rotary Gale

Report of the Galesburg Rotary Club meeting of June 3, 2010

TODAY'S LEADERS

Greeter:	Harrel Timmons
Cashier:	Tom Brown Sue Dutell
Pianist:	Joan Wenstrom
Invocation:	Fr. Deus
Song Leader:	Dick Gilbert
Introductions:	Pat Engelhaupt
Presiding:	Carl Strauch

SAM-O COMPLETES HER YEAR

Today was Sam-O's final Rotary meeting. Tom Foley took these pictures of Sam-O and her American little sister, Jenna Pieper.

Sam-O is leaving next week for a three-week tour of the West with friends from the District RYE group that has met monthly throughout the year. On her return from that trip she will be attending the CENTRAL STATES ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE closing meeting in Grand Rapids, MI, and then depart for home.



HAPPY BUCK ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Louise Wolf is celebrating the birth of her daughter 46 years ago.
- Chris Ryner is celebrating 25 years at Mississippi Valley Credit Union.
- Chuck Borden remembered that he and Susan are celebrating their 45th on the 5th.
- Tom Maloney is pleased that their son, Michael, will be a guest soloist in the Sunday edition of the Choral Dynamics show this weekend.
- Steve Hawkinson claims to remember the words to the GHS fight song. If that's the case, why did he read them? Rumors are that Steve is working up to singing the fight song next week.
- Harry Grossman just received his Arizona Cardinals season tickets with better seats for the same price.
- Chuck Farrar reminded us that the new edition of the District newsletter is available at:
<http://www.rotarydistrict6460.org/Newsletters/2009-2010/GNLMay10.pdf>
- Tom England will never forget Chris Strauch. That's because 16 years ago Chris told his dad that that the Galesburg Rotary Club had never had a finer president than that insurance guy from Knoxville.
- Joel Estes announced that there will be a graduation held this weekend for 19 students from GHS North. The administration feels that 18 of these would have been drop-outs without the new school.
- Carl Strauch had \$5, one for Chris's visit and the remainder to note that he has only four more weeks as prez.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Sue Dutell is the chair of the annual Galesburg Fishing Derby, an event designed just for kids. There are lots of prizes that kids can earn from catching a fish from the well-stocked pond. Every contestant receives a "goody bag" like the one Sue has in this photo.

This year marked the 22nd derby since the first event on July 14, 1987. Ruth Peci organized the first Derby and served as chair for many years. Ruth and Mac McGee currently serve on the Derby board, and Al Hayden has been a loyal supporter through the years.

There were only 175 kids at the first event. There were 1400 kids participating in 1994. The fishing Derby has become a big event for many families. This year they had 600-700 families present, and some came from long distances. There are now a few third-generation families participating. The fishing derby is especially great for low-income families.



Congratulations
Walt Sampson
on your 90th
June 8

VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Carl Strauch introduced his son, Chris, who is home from New Jersey for the week.
- Doug Gibb introduced Sam-O (for the last time) and her American little sister, Jenna Pieper.
- Visiting Rotarians included Chuck Bednar from Oak Park, Dan Ashton from Monmouth, and Harry Grossman from Sedona, AZ.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- June 10 Tom England: Awards program
- June 17 Steve Jones will speak on the topic *Email: Spam, Scams, and Phishing*.
- June 24 Steve Cermak: USDA Crop Development
- July 1 Induction of new officers

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