

The Rotary Gale

Report of the Galesburg Rotary Club meeting of June 17, 2010

TODAY'S LEADERS

Greeter:	Mike White
Cashier:	Tom Brown Sue Dutell
Pianist:	Joan Wenstrom
Invocation:	Mike Clark
Song Leader:	Tom Brown
Introductions:	Howard Tolley
Presiding:	Carl Strauch

VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Ruth Pecsí introduced Dennis and Carla Case.
- Jennifer Peck's guest was Dot Hopkins.
- Harry Grossman visited from Sedona, AZ, and he had a special offer. Harry returns to Galesburg each summer to manage the model railroad show at Sandburg. This week Harry is offering a free ticket (\$5 value) to any Rotarian who makes a Happy Buck announcement.

HAPPY BUCK ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dick Lindstrom remarked that Nebraska may wish to be back in the Big 12 once they experience the tough teams and fans from Purdue, Iowa, Illinois, and Indiana.
- Tom Brown added Ohio State to the list of mean Big 10 teams.
- Harry Bulkeley thinks Nebraska moved to the Big 10 to improve their chances of winning games.
- Rick Ray contributed \$12 in recognition of their 12 years in Galesburg. This is his final meeting before moving to Muscatine. They leave with many fond memories of Galesburg and Rotary.
- Bob and LaVerne Shafer celebrated their 68th anniversary last week.
- Harry Grossman announced that they will have ten model train layouts at the Sandburg show and fifty vendors from nine states. They hope to raise \$10,000, or more, again this year for Sandburg scholarships.
- Nina Morlang's mother is arriving on the train this week for a six-week stay.
- Ed Peterka is looking forward to the model train show, as he has railroading in his blood. Ed once worked as a telegraph operator, his father-in-law was a conductor, and Ed authored a book, *Adventures in Railroading*.
- Carl Strauch offered a \$2 happy buck with the observation that these weekly announcements become less happy every week.

CLASSIFICATION TALK

Marc Bullis sponsored Tom Foley's membership in this club in 1987, but Tom had already been introduced to Rotary through his dad, Bill. Bill set an example by striving for 100% attendance. Tom remembers when the family of ten traveled to Europe that Bill would attend Rotary meetings and Rotarians were often their tour guides.

Tom's dad introduced him to photography when he was 10, and Tom has taken pictures almost every day since. Tom worked for 30 years at the family business, Midwest Photo, until he and Carla opened Foley Photo Studio in September, 2001. Tom is pleased that his hobby is also his job.

Tom is married to Carla Markwart, and they have a son, Gordy. The Foley family lives in an apartment building (formerly Brown's Business College) that they own in downtown Galesburg, and they love being in the center of things.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Carl Strauch introduced his next-door neighbor, Steve Jones, to speak on the topic, *Email: Spam, Scams, and Phishing*.

Steve lives and breathes email all day long as part of his job managing computers at Knox College. He usually gets more than 100 emails per day that he has to read, plus the ones that he chooses to ignore. Those unread messages are spam. A lot of spam is advertising. Spam can include many different scams that are trying to get information or money from you. One variation of that is phishing, an attempt to acquire usernames, passwords, or credit card details by posing as a trustworthy entity. Steve recommended, "If it sounds fishy—DELETE."

Steve described occasions when he would send an email to everybody on campus to warn them not to open a document he knew to be infected that was making the rounds, but, inevitably, several people would get caught in the trap—quite often it was someone on the faculty. He also warned about any message that you are requested to pass along to others. These usually contain something bad...that's their purpose. They may be gathering information, but they're unhealthy for your computer. As far as those letters relating to government, they're almost always inaccurate or downright lies. If you wish to find out their accuracy, fact-check at snopes.com.

Steve advised us to create passwords that make sense, have numerals, and throw in a few capital letters. Have a special password for financial dealings, and check to be sure that the site is secure before sending credit card information. You do that by checking for an s in the first letters of the address line. Example: <https://> not <http://>

We probably need to schedule Steve for another talk soon, as all of us need to be reminded constantly of the risks that we take when we trust information sent from unknown sources.



OUTSTANDING VOCATIONAL COMMUNITY SERVICE

Ruth Peci brought Dennis L. Case to the podium to receive our quarterly vocational service award.

Dennis is a Galesburg native, and he graduated from GHS in 1966. He is a Navy veteran who served on the USS Klondike. The men who served with him hold an annual reunion, and Dennis has served on their board for several years and is now vice president.

Dave and his wife, Carla, have owned and operated Casey's Party Creations on Main Street for 16 years. Because Carla is active in the business, Dennis has been able to assume responsibilities outside of the business. He has served on the Galesburg Business Association board for 10 years and has been president for the past 5 years in addition to serving on every committee of the GBA. Among the functions that he has helped coordinate are the Farmer's Market, Café in the Park, Taste of Galesburg, Knox College orientation, and the Scarecrow Festival. Dennis has coordinated the volunteers and the logistics of all these events. He has been an idea man, too. It was his idea to have a treat street event for kids and the downtown open house during the Holidays. It was his idea to have businesses decorate park benches and sell them for charity.

Dennis has served as president of Knox County D.A.R.E. for many years, and he coordinates the police and fire departments for the Christ-

mas parade. Dennis helped Jack Larson with Project Santa, and he is the one in the Santa suit.

Speaking of Dennis, Carla said, "Dennis feels that being part of the community means doing what you can to make that community a better place...and I think he has."

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