

# The Rotary Gale

Report of the Galesburg Rotary Club meeting of September 9, 2010

## TODAY'S LEADERS

Greeter:	Carl Strauch
Cashier:	Tom Brown Sue Dutell
Pianist:	Joan Wenstrom
Invocation:	Lee Johnson
Song Leader:	Rick Brown
Introductions:	Jennifer Peck
Presiding:	Linus Vander Wyst

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

- **September 16 Golf outing with Sunrise Club**
- September 23 Terry Tulin, Business trip to China.
- September 30 District Governor's visit

## VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Ruth Peci introduced Ruth Buck who has traveled with her husband to 34 Stearman Fly-Ins.
- Doug Gibb introduced Axel.
- Denise Conway's guest at Rotary today was Tom Black of Bakersfield, CA.
- Steve Cramer's guest was Kirk Moser.
- Louise Wolf gathered a few of T. J. Coffman's friends for lunch today. Joyce Coffman was a guest plus Rotarians Bob Sparks and Roger Taylor, and visiting Rotarian Anne Taylor.
- Paul Hart visited from Sturgis, KY.

## HAPPY BUCK ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Steve Hawkinson reported that his daughter, Haley, objected to Axel's wearing his new Purdue shirt to the Notre Dame game. But that's OK, because Steve has a special occasion when Axel will be welcome to wear it—cleaning gutters some Saturday afternoon.
- Harrell Timmons reported 98 Stearman planes have arrived....so far. They are hoping to hit 100.
- Marv and Nancy Dahlberg celebrated their 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary this week.
- Darrell Lovell's Travelogue ticket sales team is still in the lead. That's not happy news for the five Browns who are being threatened with a humiliating defeat.



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## A SPECIAL GUEST

Mac McGee joined a Rotary Club in a small town in the Philippines near the base where he was serving with the Air Force. It was there that he found three close friends. Their friendship developed through active participation in Rotary projects serving the local people. Mac's guest today is one of the group of four that were once members of the Mabalacat Rotary Club. Paul Hart is now a Rotarian in Sturgis, Kentucky, and he has made several cash contributions to match funds we have raised for our club's projects. (Mac has leveraged club funds with matching grants that have enabled us to complete several projects.) Today Mike Godsil presented Paul Hart with a Paul Harris pin with two stones to recognize Paul's contributions as our partner in Rotary service.

## TODAY'S PROGRAM

Tom Schmidt, Chairman of GREDA, asked that when we judge the efforts of our local economic development group we should consider the forces they must overcome. He cited figures showing that the USA is becoming less appealing to business as other nations move ahead of us in economic freedom. Our biggest problem in recruiting companies may be that we are located in the State of Illinois. One index of competitiveness ranks Illinois in 48<sup>th</sup> place. Tom asked that we evaluate GREDA in terms of international, national and state competitiveness.

GREDA president Greg Mangieri believes that it's important to have a private group handling economic development in order to maintain the confidentiality of their client's plans. While he is not able to speak in detail about specific developments, Greg described how they have conducted some long-term relationships with Chinese firms and individuals. Greg believes that the recent sale of a former OMC building to a major Chinese company has the possibility for a lot more business being conducted through the Galesburg location.



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*GREDA board chairman, Tom Schmidt, and GREDA president, Geg Mangieri are pictured at Rotary.*

## NEW MEMBER

Barry Swanson introduced Kelly Kane at his induction into the club. Kelly grew up in Carmi, Illinois. He attended Illinois Wesleyan University and received a degree in biology. He went on to earn an MS in health education and a type 75 certification in education administration from Western Illinois University.

Kelly retired in May, ending a 40-year career as a teacher and coach in Illinois with 24 years as a high school teacher and football coach in Flanagan, Spring Valley, Galesburg, and Streator. He was a professor and head football coach at Monmouth College for 16 years. Kelly has been honored as teacher of the year (3 times) and is a member of the halls of fame as football coach at Streator, Galesburg and the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association.



*Rotarians Kelly Kane and Barry Swanson are pictured following Kelly's induction today.*

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