

The Rotary Gale

Report of the Galesburg Rotary Club meeting of April 2, 2009

TODAY'S LEADERS

Greeter:	Nina Morling
Cashier:	Howard Tolley
Invocation:	Lee Johnson
Song Leader:	Rick Brown
	Susan Meisinger
Introductions:	Dennis Renander
Presiding:	Darrell Lovell

VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Linus Vander Wyst's introduction included a remark that Don Peterson sent his son, Fred, (father and son are former members) to visit Rotary today.
- Eduardo attended Rotary today.
- Harold Watters introduced RYLA students Heather Nagel and Renee Applebee.
- District Governor Dick Passmore, from Macomb, visited our club on his birthday.

HAPPY BUCK ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dan Sherwood shared his good news—his son, Ian (former outbound RYE), has started college.
- Marv Dahlberg had a "paid political announcement" encouraging everybody to vote Tuesday. No candidates were mentioned by name.
- Bruce Lauerman thought Marv Dahlberg exhibited good financial judgment in choosing to spend a buck at Rotary instead of buying costly TV to advertise his candidacy as City Treasurer.
- Bob Shafer has returned from his winter migration to Texas. Bob reported that he had a good winter, and he's glad to be back.
- Bruce and Margaret Barkley are pleased to have returned safely from visiting their daughter in Morocco.
- When Darrell Lovell lost his Amtrak ticket, the conductor used a cell phone to call the Galesburg station and verify the purchase, saving Darrell the cost of a replacement ticket.

Most men and women become Rotarians because they care. They care about each other. They care about their communities. They care about the world they live in. Wherever Rotarians meet they are united by their concern for their communities and their neighbors, whether these communities and neighbors are local or in another part of the world. They care about their fellow members of the human family struggling to survive and succeed in today's world, many of whom are beset by daunting problems; poverty, poor health care, poor nutrition, lack of sanitation and shelter, lack of good drinking water. Others lack the education and training that is needed to find jobs. Still others live in communities fraught with conflict, plagued by crime and violence stemming from drugs and alcohol abuse and other causes.

Rotarians also love and care about the world's children, too many of whom are exploited, abandoned or ignored. They care about the elderly, many of whom are pushed into the corners of society. They also dream of a world free from hunger and sickness, without warfare or violence where children are loved and not abused and where the elderly live with dignity.

Amanda Young, District 1020 RYLA Officer 2005/06

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- April 9 Meet at Trinity Lutheran Church for Holy Week services.
- April 16 Leadership Greater Galesburg
- April 23 Dowers and VanNorman awards
- April 30 Beehives and Manufacturing



Julie King, Executive Director of the National Railroad Hall of Fame, is pictured with Bob Bondi and Executive Assistant, David Schramm.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Bob Bondi started meeting with some other community leaders in 1992 with the goal of developing some of the assets of the Galesburg community. The first idea was to create a Sandburg festival, and Sandburg Days has been an important annual event for many years. The second idea was to create a welcome center on East Main Street, and that has also been done. The third idea was a railroad hall of fame which was quickly endorsed by the city, county, and state. Getting a resolution through Congress was another matter, and that effort took ten years. Galesburg is now the official site for the National Railroad Hall of Fame, and they are preparing to build a major facility in Galesburg. Bob introduced Julie King, Executive Director, National Railroad Hall of Fame, to bring us an update on the NRRHOF.

Julie brought us news today as she announced the 2008 Railroad Hall of Fame inductees. Representing the Birth and Development Era from 1800 - 1865 is Hermann Haupt who was in charge of constructing and operating military railroads during the Civil War. There are three new honorees from the Golden Era (1866 - 1945). Henry Morrison Flager was an investor and developer who was a force in developing Florida's East Coast. Eduard Henry Harriman was noted for his development of a centralized railroad management structure and the reorganization and rebuilding of the Union Pacific Railroad. The Citizens of the City of Nashville are being recognized for their community efforts in rescuing people in the Wreck at Dutchman's Curve on July 9, 1918. Paul M. Tellier who was selected to represent the Modern Era (1946 - present) led the Canadian National Railroad through the difficult process of privatization. You can read about the former inductees on the National Railroad Hall of Fame website at: <http://nrrhof.org/>

The website also contains the latest news about the development of the Hall of Fame. Major fundraising is being delayed because of the economic climate, but this time is being used to research and refine a plan of action.

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Greeter:	Dick Johnson
Cashier:	Tom Brown
Invocation:	Dave Rice
Song Leader:	Rick Brown
Introductions:	Tom England
Presiding:	Darrell Lovell

VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Chuck Bednar visited from Oak Park.

HAPPY BUCKS

- Harry Bulkeley had a dollar for good news from each of his three daughters.
- Nana Morlang reminded everyone of the upcoming jazz festival.
- Bruce Lauerman appreciated votes he received in the election of CSC trustees.
- Darrell Lovell congratulated our winning candidates.



It's been nineteen years since Bill Pillsbury sponsored Sherry Foster's membership in Rotary. Bill and Sherry are pictured as they stopped for a chat at the end of today's meeting.

CLASSIFICATION TALK

George Inness grew up on a farm on South Seminary Street at the edge of Galesburg. He graduated from GHS and majored in agriculture at Iowa State in Ames. He returned to Galesburg and started farming in 1953. George is married to Marcy, and they have three sons: Mike, Jim, and John. The boys now run the farming operation, and George enjoys participating in the farming operation as well as managing his agricultural supply business.

George has always been active in community affairs and agricultural organizations. He now has time to do a little fishing and spend quality time with his family. George expressed that he is pleased to now have time to become a member of Rotary.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- April 23 Dowers and VanNorman awards
- April 30 Beehives and Manufacturing
- May 7 Eduardo will have his day to talk to the club.
- May 14 Knox College honors students
- May 21 GHS top ten students
- May 28 Galesburg police chief Dave Christianson



Louise Wolf introduced Judith Minor to talk about her participation in Leadership Greater Galesburg.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Judy Minor works as Senior Circle advisor at Cottage Hospital, and participating in the Leadership Greater Galesburg program had a huge impact on her life. It gave her a sense of belonging to the community, and LGG provided her with a background in the history, government, educational system, public safety, arts, and the businesses of the community. It provided all of that plus a group of new friends.

Leadership Greater Galesburg was established in 1993 by Carol Lynn and Sandra Fisk as a non-partisan, non-profit organization. Each year since its founding LGG has had a class of 20 to 25 members commit one Thursday for eight months to attend day-long workshops. Class members are encouraged to leave with a mission, and class projects include the Children's Museum and the Veterans' Memorial. The sixteenth class is now completing its course. Judy believes that LGG lives up to its mission statement: "The *MISSION* of Leadership Greater Galesburg is to empower individuals with leadership skills that strengthen and transform communities."

Check out the LGG website at <http://www.leadershipgreatergalesburg.com/index.html>

Since I became a Rotarian, I have experienced that Rotarians can visit any Rotary Club in the world and immediately be accepted as friends, even if we have never been there before. There is a special bond between Rotarians everywhere in the world. We are united in Fellowship, Camaraderie and Service. Rotary's Founder Paul Harris once said:

"If you have love for your fellow man in your heart, you are potential Rotarian."

Rotarians have compassion and we care for those who are less fortunate. That's why we help them in our Rotary Service. I have found that the essence of Rotary can be summarized in the word "Service". We contribute to what is good for society.

That's why I am a Rotarian.

**Mats Ingemanson
Rotary Club of New York City #6**

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Greeter:	Susan Dutell
Cashier:	Tom Brown
Invocation:	Bill Abel
Song Leader:	Rick Brown
Introductions:	Doug Gibb
Presiding:	Darrell Lovell

VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Steve Hawkinson introduced his wife, Cathy.
- Tom England invited Marcia Brown to attend Rotary, "because Rick never invites her."
- Ed Peterka introduced Judy and Chip Timmons.
- Barry Swanson introduced his wife, Gail, and their friends, Carl and Carol Hawkinson.
- Dan Ashton visited from Monmouth.

Verne W. Dowers Exemplary Service Award

This award is generally presented to a non-Rotarian for service above self to Galesburg/Western Illinois, the State of Illinois, the United States of America, or the World.

Barry Swanson admitted that it took a bit of deception to get his friends, Carl and Carol Hawkinson, to attend Rotary today.

Carl is a Galesburg native who came back to his home town after graduating from Harvard Law School, Magna Cum Laude. Carl was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. He has been awarded an honorary doctorate from Northpark College where he graduated Summa Cum Laude and has been honored by the State of Illinois and police and fire service leaders in the state.

Carl served as Knox County States Attorney from 1976 to 1983. He left the office of States Attorney when elected State Representative. After two terms as State Representative, Hawkinson successfully ran for Senate where he served from 1987-2003. Carl served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety for the State of Illinois from 2003 to 2005. In his retirement, Carl became interim Executive Director of the local chapter of the Red Cross and stabilized their finances to return it to a viable condition.

Barry reported that Carl is a fan of all things in Galesburg, particularly the Silver Streaks; he is a devoted family man and has raised his children in the tradition of all good things; Carl has served the community with honor and distinction while always maintaining honesty and fairness in his dealings.



FUTURE PROGRAMS

- April 30 Eduardo will have his day to talk to the club.
- May 7 Beehives and manufacturing
- May 14 Knox College honors students
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Clarendon E. VanNorman Service Award

The VanNorman Award is given annually to a member of the club in recognition of continued service to Galesburg Rotary. Today's award to Harrel Timmons followed his receipt of a two-sapphire pin recognizing a \$2,000 contribution to the Rotary Foundation.

Harrel remains a loyal Rotarian who is always generous with his participation in our programs. He has been especially helpful with the Group Study Exchange teams. He has hosted many cookouts and social events at the airport and has often treated guests to a trip over Galesburg or to some destination. He creates Happy Buck announcements about visits to Rotary Clubs at locations all over the world.

Harrel is active in the community, too. He is involved in Coldbrook Christian Church. He was named "Big Brother of the Year" by the local chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters. Harrel is a founding member and president of the Illinois Aviation Trades Association. He's on the board of the national Stearman group.

Harrel's story is of a Missouri farm boy who holds a degree in civil engineering from the Missouri School of Mines. He worked for Caterpillar for a time before following his passion for flying by moving to Galesburg in 1969 to take over flight operations. He and a partner established Jet Air over twenty years ago, and they now have operations in Iowa City and Burlington in addition to Galesburg.

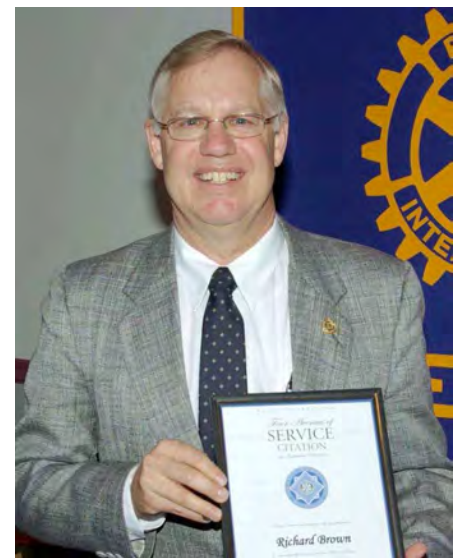


THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL FOUR AVENUES OF SERVICE CITATION

Recognizing that the strength of the Rotary ideal is founded on the service carried out by club members worldwide, this citation program provides a means for Rotary clubs to personally recognize a member of the club for outstanding efforts in the four Avenues of Service. The citation commends the service carried out by an individual Rotarian in the club, thereby reinforcing the importance which Rotary places on the personal involvement of each club member in Rotary service activities.

Rick Brown was selected to receive this citation in recognition of his outstanding service to the club. T. J. Coffman sponsored Rick as a member of the club in May, 1990. Since then Rick has served in all chairs of the club and was president in 2007-8. Rick has been our top Travelogue salesman since joining the club, and he has been dedicated to the success of Travelogue. In fact, Rick gives 100% effort to all programs endorsed by the club; he supports the Philippine book project with his truck and trailer and hours of service; Rick shows up with his truck at each Adopt-A-Highway work detail; his truck and a hay rack carrying Rotarian veterans have become a regular part of the Veteran's Day parade; Rick organized a Kentucky Derby party, a very lopsided basketball game, a trip to the Cub/Cardinal game, and he's even developed skills as a song leader.

This Citation is being awarded to a Rotarian who never has to be asked to help...he just shows up wherever there's a need.



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Report of the Galesburg Rotary Club meeting of April 30, 2009

TODAY'S LEADERS

Greeter:	Tom Maloney
Cashier:	Tom Brown Sue Dutell
Invocation:	Mike Clark
Song Leader:	Kelsey Platt
Introductions:	Dan Sherwood
Presiding:	Carl Strauch

VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Nina Morlang introduced her mother-in-law, Beverly Morlang.
- Harold Watters introduced RYE guest Rozelle de Wit from South Africa. She has been here since January as a guest of the Sunrise club.
- Dan Sherwood brought Liz to lunch today.
- Dick Gilbert visited from the Elgin breakfast club.
- Dan Ashton visited from Monmouth.

HAPPY BUCK ANNOUNCEMENTS

- An elated Dave Rice contributed \$5 to tell us that Joan got an all-clear report from her doctor on her three-year check-up. There is no sign of the cancer, and Joan is one of the doctor's miracle stories.
- The Dan Sherwood family recently gathered to celebrate Dan's 66th, Dan and Liz's 36th, Mother's Day, and Meg's graduation from nursing school.
- Harrel Timmons handed out Jet Air pens at last week's meeting in anticipation of giving his classification talk. Since the talk never happened and he ended up promoting his business, Harrel contributed \$5 from his advertising budget for the publicity.
- Quent Brown thanked Rick Brown for the Rotary-sponsored trip to the ballgame.
- Rick Brown had a buck in recognition of the great job that Mark Pfeifer did on job shadowing.
- Alice Stenander reported that the club received a \$500 grant from Wal-Mart.
- Rick Ray and the Salvation Army will be holding a dedication for their new building on Saturday. One of the highlights of the celebration will be a 30-piece brass band.
- Harold Watters offered a dollar for the Dan Sherwoods and one for the Lee Johnsons in recognition of their hosting our RYE guest, Eduardo.

ROTARY ASSISTANCE NEEDED

The club received a letter from United Way with the following request:

On Saturday, May 9th, the United Way of Knox County and the National Letter Carrier's Association are partnering together once again to collect non-perishable food items for FISH, a local United Way agency. Last year an amazing 17,500 pounds of food was collected in Galesburg and re-distributed through the FISH food pantry to Knox County residents requiring emergency food assistance. In January over 1000 people received groceries from FISH, so the need is greater than ever.

We need your help! We are calling on the generosity of schools, churches, volunteer organizations, work places, families and individuals to leave non-perishable food items for your local letter carrier. Please help us to assist more people by going beyond last year's food collection total!

The officers of our club plan to organize a work party at the May 7th meeting, and it is rumored that an attendance make-up will be given to those who help.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Eduardo Torres Diaz explained why we sometimes hear him introduced as Eduardo Torres and sometimes as Eduardo Diaz. In most Spanish-speaking countries people have two family names, although in some situations only the first is used. The first family name is the paternal one, inherited from the father's paternal family name. The second family name is the maternal one, inherited from the mother's paternal family name. In Eduardo's case, Torres is the family name that will pass on to his children. Diaz is his mother's family name. Some families use only the initial of the mother's name.



RYE guests Rozelle de Wit and Eduardo Torres Diaz at Rotary

Eduardo had a PowerPoint presentation about his life in Mexico. His 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 Eduardo's father is also businessman with several other interests. His mother is a high school teacher.

In another decade the world was upset by the great recession in business relations in many countries and especially in the U. S. Men seemed to lose faith in themselves. The stock market crashed, factories closed down, unemployment was present everywhere. Many organizations in the United States lost heavily in membership. It is pleasing to note that Rotary had a remarkably small loss. Throughout the world Rotary clubs proved their value as morale sustaining centers. Their meetings were fellowship spots where harassed business men could give each other new courage.

Paul P. Harris, My Road to Rotary, 1947, page 254

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- May 7 Beekeeping
- May 14 We will meet at Knox College to hear from some of their honor students.
- May 21 The top ten GHS graduating seniors will make their traditional visit to Rotary.
- May 28 Galesburg Chief of Police, Dave Christianson, will speak to the club.
- June 4 Carrie McKillip & Dave Natof, representing the Knox County Teen Wellness Commission, will discuss their community wellness initiative.
- June 11 Jim Ecklund will be here to report on Habitat for Humanity.
- June 18 Ted Mottaz talk about his experiences in Vietnam during war and peace.
- June 25 Mayor Sal Garza will address Rotary.

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TODAY'S LEADERS

Greeter:	Ed Peterka
Cashier:	Tom Brown Susan Dutell
Invocation:	Lee Johnson
Song Leader:	Steve Cramer
Introductions:	Bruce Lauerma
Presiding:	Darrell Lovell

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- May 14 Knox College honors students
- May 21 GHS top ten students
- May 28 Galesburg police chief Dave Christianson

HAPPY BUCK ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Harold Watters thanked Joan Wenstrom for providing a musical background at Rotary lunches.
- Dave Rice is thankful that there is no comma to separate God from country in our national pledge.
- Mark Pfleiger thanked Rotarians who assisted with the successful job shadow program.
- Tom Brown paid \$3 to recognize 3 dogs that provided people with life-saving support. His story evolved into a pitch for the Choral Dynamics show.
- Joel Estes shared his enthusiasm for a recent news story about the Galesburg High School newspaper being named the best in the region.
- Steve Cramer is thankful that he's fully recovered from a brown recluse spider bite.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Mac McGee introduced Joe Halford as today's speaker. Joe lives in Abingdon, is retired from Gates Rubber, is a past president of Kiwanis, and has been a beekeeper for 25 years.

Joe discussed the life of a honey bee and the work of the beekeeper. Surprisingly, the honey bee is not native to America. The bees we know were imported from Europe. The primary strains are Italian and Caucasian. African (killer bees) are a threat, and efforts are being made to keep them out of the area by introducing their natural enemies.

Bees are at risk from pesticides and disease. Mites cause serious problems, and commercial honey production is down because of the losses from these threats. Commercial beekeepers earn their living by pollinating crops that need bees to produce fruit. We rely on bees in the production of fruits and vegetables.

I'm neither rich nor poor but in my own little way through Rotary, I help others who have less to make things better. Rotary has indeed taught me the knack for volunteerism, love for peace, and advocacy to serve others.

Rosendo "Ross" A. Evangelio, Rotary Club of Batangas City, Philippines

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Report of the Galesburg Rotary Club meeting of May 14, 2009

TODAY'S LEADERS

Greeter:	Bill Pillsbury Lee Farrar
Cashier:	Tom Brown Susan Dutell
Invocation:	Rick Ray
Song Leader:	Knox students
Introductions:	Louise Wolf
Presiding:	Darrell Lovell

VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Knox song leaders: Sammi Heimstreet, John Eisemann, and Pier Debes
- RYE Eduardo Torres-Diaz
- Bob Seibert introduced Gen. Davis Fridovich.
- Knox College dean, Stephen Bailey.
- Nina Morlang introduced Otis and Betty Maynard.
- Visiting Rotarians: Bob Seibert and Jeff Douglas from Sunrise and Chuck Bednar from Oak Park

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Lee Farrar coordinated the program at Knox College to meet three students who participated in independent research projects. Read more about the program at <http://www.knox.edu/collegehonors.xml>.

Mike Godsil, instructor of photography, introduced Carrie Ramig who described her independent study of landscape painting techniques.

Assoc. Prof. of Biology Judy Thorn introduced Sarah West, who plans to become a sports medicine physician. Sarah documented weight and body mass indexes of members of the Knox football team and compared them to incidences of knee injuries to determine any predisposition to injury.

Political Science Professor Bob Seibert introduced Steven Herzog. Steven interviewed government and military officials in the U.S. and Europe. He concluded that tactical nuclear weapons have little value as a deterrent to invasion, their primary purpose.



Photo by Foley

Knox College President Roger Taylor is pictured with honors students Sarah West, Steven Herzog and Carrie Ramig.

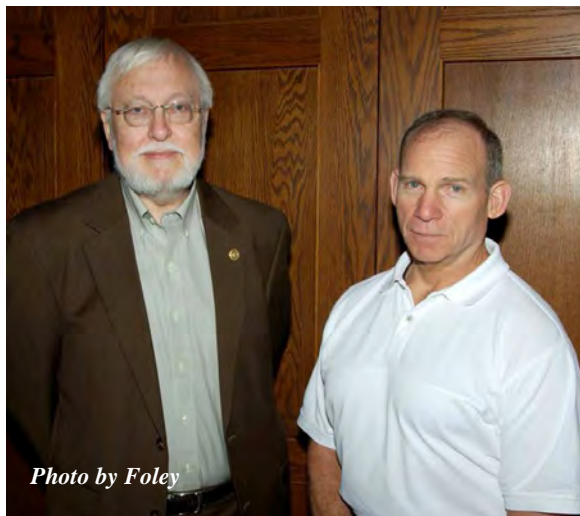


Photo by Foley

Bob Seibert and distinguished Knox alum, Gen. Davis Fridovich are pictured. Read about Gen. Fridovich at <http://www.knox.edu/Alumni-and-Friends/Knox-Magazine-and-More/Knox-Magazine/Archives/Spring-2007/2007-Alumni-Achievement-Awards/General-David-Fridovich.html>

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- May 21 The top ten GHS graduating seniors will make their traditional visit to Rotary.
- May 28 Galesburg Chief of Police, Dave Christianson, will speak to the club.
- June 4 Carrie McKillip & Dave Natof, representing the Knox County Teen Wellness Commission, will discuss their community wellness initiative.
- June 11 Jim Ecklund will be here to report on Habitat for Humanity.

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Report of the Galesburg Rotary Club meeting of May 21, 2009

TODAY'S LEADERS

Greeter:	Joel Estes
Cashier:	Tom Brown Susan Dutell
Invocation:	Barry Swanson
Song Leader:	Tom Brown
Introductions:	Steve Hawkinson
Presiding:	Darrell Lovell

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- May 28 Police Chief Dave Christianson will speak to the club.
- June 4 Carrie McKillip & Dave Natof, representing the Knox County Teen Wellness Commission, will discuss their community wellness initiative.
- June 11 Jim Ecklund will be here to report on Habitat for Humanity.
- June 18 Ted Mottaz will talk about his experiences in Vietnam during war and peace.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Tom Foley introduced his wife, Carla Markwart.
- Steve Hawkinson brought his daughter, Haley, to Rotary today.
- Parents of our student honorees introduced were: Michael and Carolyn Pierson, Tom and Lori Hedden, Margaret Popke, Jeanie Whittle, Dorothy Garner, Tanna Cullen, Marilyn Lehning, Mary Sakalosky, Vicki Wanken, Dan Foley, Debbie Cline, and Tom and Cheryl Ek.
- Eduardo was here.
- Visiting Rotarians included: Dan Ashton from Monmouth, Chuck Bednar from Oak Park, and Luke Sakalosky from Sunrise.

INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Susan Meisinger introduced our newest member, Jennifer Peck, a native of Galesburg. Jennifer was born into a family of eight (four sisters and one lonely brother) that lived on North Prairie Street.

Jennifer was active in sports throughout her junior high and high school years. Basketball was her preferred sport. During her years at Galesburg High she thoroughly enjoyed Evan Massey's basketball program and made a trip to the state finals all four years. During her senior year their team placed second in the state. She is a two-time member of the Galesburg High School Hall of Fame. After high school she studied at Illinois State University and graduated with a bachelor of science in psychology. After living in the Chicago area, Jennifer and her husband, Ryan, returned to Galesburg to provide a community-oriented atmosphere for their growing family. They are very happy to be raising their three girls (ages 6, 3, and 2 years) very close to their grandparents and cousins and look forward to creating many childhood memories similar to the ones Jennifer so cherishes of growing up on the brick-paved and tree-lined streets of Galesburg.

Jennifer currently is the director of marketing and sales for Seminary Village and has a strong interest in photography, reading, traveling and alternative medicines. She enjoys any time she can spare to pursue such hobbies. Jennifer has been interested in joining a service club for quite some time and is pleased to be accepted as a member of the Galesburg Rotary Club.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Dr. Tom Chiles, principal at Galesburg High School, introduced this year's top ten graduating seniors: Ting Chen, Jessica Cline, Becca Cullen, Peter Ek, Alex Foley, Whitney Hedden, Stephanie Pierson, Maria Sakalosky, Nate Wanken, and Greg Whittle.

The students gave their parents' names, named some of their extracurricular activities, and outlined their plans for further education. The students were questioned about the teacher who had the most influence on their reaching this level of achievement. The students also responded to questions about drug testing and other topics relating to their high school experience. They all agreed that they had received a very good education at GHS, and they were pleased with their school experience.

You can read about the top GHS students in this article from the Register-Mail: <http://www.galesburg.com/education/x1194177294/Galesburg-High-School-honors-Top-5-of-Class-of-2009>

RYE STUDENT GUEST TO ARRIVE IN LATE SUMMER

"Som-oh" is her preferred name. Her full name is Suchada Sajjapaibul, and she's from the city of Muang Udon, state of Udon Thani, Thailand. She will be a guest in three or four different homes during her year-long stay as a student at GHS. Families will host her for a period of three or four months. We are now seeking host families. Please contact Doug Gibb for more information.

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Cashier: Tom Brown
Susan Dutell
Invocation: Barry Swanson
Song Leader: Rick Brown
Jennifer Peck
Introductions: Pat Englehaupt
Presiding: Darrell Lovell

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- June 11 Jim Ecklund will be here to report on Habitat for Humanity.
- June 18 Ted Mottaz will talk about his experiences in Vietnam during war and peace.
- June 25 Mayor Sal Garza will address Rotary.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Sherry Foster introduced Denise Conway.
- Eduardo attended today's meeting.

FROM THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE



Joan Wenstrom was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship at the District Conference last week.



DGN David Parsons of Springfield congratulates Chuck Farrar on receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award.

"I believe we can change the world, one life at a time. No project is too small or insignificant, especially to those who benefit. My hope is that these seeds of service will blossom and live on for countless generations to come."

Bhichai Rattaku, RI President 2002-03



Carrie McKillip and Dave Natof spoke to Rotary about Team Knox County's awareness initiative.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Carrie McKillip is the Unit Educator for Community & Economic Development at the University of Illinois Extension office in Galesburg. Dave Natof is a case worker for the Galesburg Office of General Assistance. They work together to produce a program about Knox County Teen Wellness, a program designed to create awareness of problems with young people in our community and to promote action by local people to relieve the problems.

Indicators show that Knox County teens rate unfavorably with state averages for teen birth rates, high school graduation rates, unemployment rates, and poverty rates. Some communities have been able to improve these numbers through community action. Such action requires an honest assessment of the problems, development of a strategic plan, and aggressive leadership from the community. The purpose of this presentation is to educate community leaders about the problem and the potential for improving our community through action.

HAPPY BUCK ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dave and Sue McDonald appreciated seeing Tom Brown in the front row of the Choral Dynamics group
- Howard Tolley announced their 60th anniversary tomorrow, June 5.
- Mike White made his first Happy Buck to announce his new son-in-law.
- Louise Wolf's grandson graduated from Richwoods, and her daughter was awarded a PhD.
- Tom Brown says the Tolleys have attended EVERY Choral Dynamics show.
- Don Brown paid a voluntary fine for failing to publish a Gale last week—he now has a new computer.
- The Mark Pfleigers are celebrating their 25th anniversary.
- Chris Ryner has now been at her job for 24 years.
- Doug Gibb's sons have graduated from high school and jr. high—both with honors.
- Chuck Farrar reported that he attended a great District Conference, and we had good representation.

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Invocation:	Bob Herath
Song Leader:	Steve Cramer
Introductions:	Alice Stenander
Presiding:	Darrell Lovell

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- June 18 Ted Mottaz will talk about his experiences in Vietnam during war and peace.
- June 25 Mayor Sal Garza will speak.
- July 2 Induction of officers
- July 9 Representative Don Moffitt
- July 16 RYE rebound report
- July 23 District Governor's official visit

VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Bob Herath introduced his two daughters, Katie and Sharon.
- Mark Pfleiger's guest was Laurie Wiechmann.
- Eduardo attended Rotary today.
- Dan Ashton visited from Monmouth.
- Chuck Bednar visited from Oak Park.

HAPPY BUCK ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mac McGee advertised tickets for an ice cream social on Sunday, June 28, to be held in Abingdon.
- Howard Tolley suggested that members invite Vietnam vets to hear next week's program.
- Bob Shafer announced that he and LaVerne will celebrate their 67th anniversary on June 13.
- Nina Morlang earned a \$14,000 scholarship at Western on the basis of her recent grade report.
- The Strauchs leave Saturday for the RI convention in England.

INTERACT COORDINATOR NEEDED

Susan Meisinger has worked hard to get the GHS Interact Club off to a strong start. She is unable to continue with that work, and the club officers are asking for a volunteer to take over next year. Please speak to Darrell or Carl if you can help with this project.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Jim Ecklund, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Knox County, has reason to be pleased with the organization. They have completed 38 homes, are starting the 39th one this week, and are now selecting their 40th partner family to purchase a new home. The local Habitat organization also supports a tithing program to build homes in Honduras. This record compares favorably with the Quad City affiliate that is now in the mid-forties.

Finding qualified partner families to purchase these homes is a painstaking process. Candidates must be living in substandard housing, they must be able to contribute cash equity and labor, they need to have enough income to support the modest payments, and they have to demonstrate an ability to manage debt. The program includes counseling to improve the partner family's chances for successfully purchasing the home and improving their living situation.

The Rotary Gale

Report of the Galesburg Rotary Club meeting of June 18, 2009

HAPPY BUCK ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Steve Cramer recently welcomed his seventh grandchild. Hannah Sue Cramer was adopted from Ethiopia.
- Dave Rice also announced an adoption of a cat, their fourth.
- Marv Dahlberg contributed a dollar in honor of the White Sox over the Cubs. No Cub fans responded with a dollar.
- Mark Wilson hit a hole-in-one in Austin, TX.
- Harold Watters had a wedding announcement. Sara Watters and Jason Diamond were married Saturday, June 13th, at Fairfax, Virginia. Sara is a Rotary International Exchange alumna and spent her year in San Cristobal, Venezuela.



TODAY'S PROGRAM

Howard Tolley introduced Ted Mottaz to speak about returning to Vietnam for the first time since he served there as a radioman with the infantry in 1971. Since his return from the Army Ted taught agricultural subjects at Carthage, ROWVA and Carl Sandburg.

Ted's recent trip to Vietnam was as part of a Farm Bureau market study group. Ted found some pleasant surprises: Saigon is a beautiful city; the food is fantastic (although he never dared ask what was being served); the literacy rate in the country is 97%.

Out in the country things were much the same as on his previous visit. The people still wear conical straw hats and the same type of clothing as before. They still carefully tend their rice paddies and live in the same houses.

Ted noted the introduction of Cargill feed processing plants that did not include all the labor-saving machinery that one would see in a US plant. Cargill had carefully adapted to the culture that it was serving and used labor-intensive Vietnamese methods to process and handle products.

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TODAY'S LEADERS

Greeter:	Derek Antoine
Cashier:	Tom Brown Sue Dutell
Invocation:	Lee Johnson
Song Leader:	Steve Cramer
Introductions:	Alice Stenander
Presiding:	Darrell Lovell

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- June 25 Mayor Sal Garza.
- July 2 Installation of officers
- July 9 A Dave Rice special
- July 16 RYE Jackie Steffen
- July 23 District Governor visit
- July 30 Representative Don Moffitt

VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Tom England introduced Gary Goudy.
- Ruth Pecsí introduced Sherry Foster's guest, Denise Conway.
- Jennifer Peck introduced Dot Hopkins.
- Dan Ashton visited from Monmouth.

The Rotary Gale

Report of the Galesburg Rotary Club meeting of June 25, 2009

TODAY'S LEADERS

Cashier:	Tom Brown Sue Dutell
Invocation:	Dave Rice
Song Leader:	Rick Brown & Jennifer Peck
Introductions:	Dick Lindstrom
Presiding:	Darrell Lovell

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- July 2: Installation of new officers for 2009-2010
- July 9: Dave Rice—Underground Coal Mining
- July 16: Judy Steffen—IYE for last year to Ecuador.
- July 23: District Governor Larry Thompson
- July 30: Don Moffitt—Illinois Government in Flux

VISITORS

- Chuck Bednar, Oak Park Rotary
- Gene Crandall, Tucson Rotary and Past President Galesburg Rotary

HAPPY BUCK ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **David Rice** was grateful that after being evacuated following the train wreck in Rockford last weekend he, his wife and their pets were able to return home after the 17 tank cars of ethanol burned themselves out.
- **Marv Dahlberg** was very excited that his number two grandson in Crystal Lake pitched three innings in his Little league ball game and then capped the win by scoring a personal run.
- **Harrell Timmons** was stranded last week in South Carolina in the four corners area. Considering his age he was able to play golf all day for \$21. He also attended a Rotary Club meeting and thought it was a real treat to tell all the local “rednecks” about Galesburg. After his presentation, however, a local pointed out that he had left out telling about Knox College and Carl Sandburg. He was fined for the omission of note.
- **Lee Farrar** announced the completion of the Teacher’s workshop at Knox College funded by Howard Hughes Medical Institute and had included the Glowing Electric Pickle demonstration.
- **Michael White** proudly announced that is son-in-law, Jeremy Kleine, President of the Galesburg Sunrise Rotary Club had been made a Paul Harris Fellow by his club at a picnic meeting last night.
- **President Darrell** announced that a donation of \$50 was being made to the Galesburg Rotary Club Foundation in support of the RIF program in honor of the 50th anniversary of **Ed** and Jean **Peterka**. The donation is being made by Mr. and Mrs. Carlveau who are friends of the family.

Classification Talk: **Sue Dutell** says she was born in Detroit, MI in 1950. At the age of five she and her family moved to Altona. Then a year later they moved to Galesburg. She attended Catholic schools and finally graduating from Costa High School in 1968. She decided to attend the University of Dayton and earned a BFA. For those of you who do not know that is a Bachelor of Fine Arts, which is not the most usual preparation for a career in accounting. But then, there is often no accounting for fate.

Sue came back to Galesburg to work for Gates Manufacturing Company. She subsequently married Walter Dutell, who some of the club members may recall. They had one son, who is now an independent adult.

After leaving Gates she began working for the Police Department and remained in that position for eleven years in a variety of positions.

Subsequently she began work for Brickhouse Management, overseeing local restaurant operations but she noted that she works in a private residence and her only companions for the day are a couple of dogs. She notes that his accounts for her intense interest in having human contacts and especially talking to someone that talks back to her in a language she can understand.

Sue is a director of the Big Brother-Big Sister program.

Announcements: A Get-Well card is being circulated for Nancy Brown, who broke her arm yesterday.

Doug Gibb announced that a girl will be coming in August as an Exchange Student from Thailand. We have a host family for her in August but will need two or three other host families for the balance of the year.

Gene Crandall reported contacts with a 1980 exchange student from Brazil, Floriano Campos.

Linus Vanderwyst reminded everyone that a list of Greeters for the coming year has been circulated and noted that if you are unable to keep your assigned date then you will need to find a replacement.



President Darrell Lovell introduced Mayor Sal Garza. He noted that he has some understanding of the job of Mayor of Galesburg. For a time he was an alderman during the time that **Bob Kimball** was the mayor. During that time, **Bob** had a heart attack and **Darrell** was appointed the Mayor Pro-Tem which he handled for several months during the time **Bob** recovered.

Mayor Sal Garza wasn't quite certain about whether the Galesburg Sunrise Rotary Club knew something that no one else knew and if they had just covered all their bases. The Sunrise club had invited him to talk to the club but the invitation was made prior to the election with the date of the talk after the election.

Mayor Garza wanted to assure everyone that we will recover. The problems we are now experiencing we will be able to overcome. We have hope for tomorrow. In the past Galesburg has been challenged in just this manner and we have always been able to come back.

Mayor Garza says he is often asked if he really understood what he was getting into when he began his run for Mayor. Yes! He says, we anticipated it would be difficult and would require many skills to cope with these problems. Everyday there are many challenges that face the entire community. Right now, one of the most important tasks facing the city he is working on is finding a way that it is possible for the City Council and the administration to best get along and to accomplish the business of the city.

The Mayor noted that the community is full of attributes, there are many potential solutions. It is up to us all to find ways to work together. In the past it seemed as if everyone was waiting for someone to come along who would solve the community's problems. The rescuers never came.

It is possible that the absence of a comprehensive development plan for the community may have been the major stumbling block. We need a strategic plan that reflects the values of the community and mirrors the hopes for the future.

Opportunities exist now in the new sources of energy being talked about and implemented in so many places around our country. It is important for us to remember, however, that often when there is a new technology or a new idea it is often overbuilt. So much is built that soon there is no longer a shortage but instead there is an excess.

It is safe to say now that time has passed and so has the opportunity that Galesburg was in contention with another city in Iowa to build wind turbines. Although very closely matched the other city was chosen for the project and it is now underway there. There will be other opportunities and whether it is a wind farm or a bio-mass generator of synthetic fuels we can look forward to being able to solve our community's economic downturn by developing that strategic plan and then by cooperatively implementing a comprehensive development plan that fits Galesburg.



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