



Keosauqua Rotary Club

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Art Ovrom
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David Paulek, Past Pres.
Karen Stinson, Past Pres.
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Program Chair

Bill Shewmaker

Webmaster

Rich Lowe

Upcoming Programs

October 7th-Karen Stinson
October 14th-Jake Syfert
October 21st-Jan Towne
October 28th-Susan Wasko
November 4th-Club Assembly

September Perfect Attendance

Rich Lowe, Art Ovrom, David Paulek, Mark Robertson, Marie Settles. Overall attendance was 56.8%.

Membership Anniversaries

October 14, 1980-John Manning
October 17, 1995-Marsha Appleman
October 19, 1982-Mark Robertson
October 21, 1997-Sam Polonsky
October 25, 1988-Mark Woodruff

October Birthdays

October 29th-John R. Whitaker
October 30th-Bill Randolph

Dues are Due

Dues for the 2nd quarter of 2009 are now due and payable in the amount of \$90.00.

Rotary Foundation

Foundation giving through September, 2008 was \$717 toward our 2009 Rotary year goal of \$2100.

The amount includes \$350 given by Rotarian sustaining members.

Rotary Theme for 2009

“Make Dreams Real”

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Theme for Keosauqua Parade

October 11th

“Make Dreams Real” is the theme for Keosauqua’s 2008 Festival of Colors Parade on Saturday, October 11. The parade coincides with the Villages of Van Buren Fall Festival the weekend of October 11 and 12.

This year’s parade will honor Jon and Debbie Finney of rural Keosauqua as the 2008 Parade Grand Marshal’s.

All entries that wish to be announced and judged need to be at the school between 8:00 A.M. and 9:00 A.M. Information sheets regarding the entry (to be filled out) will be distributed at the entrance to the parade line-up and then picked up by the parade committee members. Line-up for the parade is on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is no pre-registration.

Judging parade entries for Best Theme, Most Creative, and Judge’s Choice will be done at 9:00 A.M. at the parade grounds at the high school.

Local Rotarians Help with Flood Relief in Cedar Rapids

Keosauqua Rotary Club members Sandy McLain, Laura Gaston, Mark Woodruff, Gary Debner, and Jake Syfert recently helped with flood clean up efforts in the city of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Jake’s account of the day follows.

We left Keosauqua at 6:00am and arrived in CR at 8:00. Two group leaders (one from Oregon, the other from Naperville Il.) took us to a residential area in the North West quadrant (about 5 or 6 blocks west of the Cedar River). Their pickups were loaded with shovels, hammers, bars, buckets, tubs, wheel barrows, brooms and other misc cleanup tools. We were required to wear a dust mask the entire time we worked in the houses.

Floor Relief continued.....

Gloves and work boots were also recommended. We worked on an older home from 8:30 till 11:30. We cleaned about 1" of mud from the basement floor, knocked plaster and lathe off of all walls, and pulled up the wood flooring. The water had been at least 5 foot high inside this house. All of the "stuff" we pulled from the house was thrown on the ground near the curb.

At 11:30 we were moved to another house about 6 blocks away. Remember, there was no electricity or running water in this area. Porta-potties were sitting along the streets about every two or three blocks. At this house we were fed some semi-warm hamburgers and fries purchased by the home owner. She was there working with us on this house. Said she purchased the house just a month or two before the flood, but did have flood insurance. We did basically the same thing as in house #1. We worked with a man and his son from a New York Rotary Club, and an Amish/Mennonite man and two women from Pennsylvania. The owner said part of the foundation had fallen in and after checking, 3 of the cement block walls had fallen into the basement along with most of the dirt backfill. What a mess! The 4 corners were still holding the house up but we were surprised we were allowed to work inside.

From there we were sent to a third small house 3 blocks away. There were already a dozen people working on this house so we were dismissed to go home. Showers felt good that night and I know a couple of us were in bed shortly after 9:00.

The magnitude of the number of houses was way beyond what we imagined. House after house, block after block, neighborhood after neighborhood. I doubt it will ever be populated like before the flood of 2008.

RYLA Participants from Van Buren Community School



Photo by Rich Lowe

Pictured above are Van Buren Community High School students Ben Moews and Whitney Atwood who were participants in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Conference held at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa this past spring. They presented the program on their experiences at the conference at a recent meeting of the Keosauqua Rotary Club.

The annual event is sponsored by Rotary International District 6000 and the West Des Moines Rotary Club. This is the 9th year that the Keosauqua Rotary Club has sponsored two students to attend the daylong leadership program designed for high school sophomores.

Participants learn methods of responsible and effective volunteer youth leadership through a training experience that encourages continued and stronger leadership of youth by youth. The conference also publicly recognizes the high qualities of many young people who are rendering service in their communities as leaders, and provides positive motivation.

Membership Development

Do you know of someone who would like to join Rotary? Bring them as your guest in the next few weeks.

We have promotional material that further explains the purpose and mission of Rotary locally and internationally. See Secretary Finney for that information.