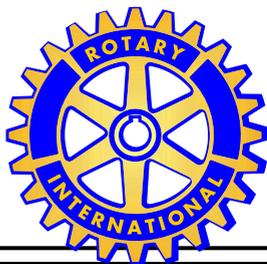


The Maverick



August, 2014

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Thoughts From Our President *Patty*



I have been thinking about Rotary's slogan this year, "Light up Rotary". I like it a lot. In my mind it is more user friendly than past years' slogans. It is something every one of us can do by ourselves as well as with our group. We can all light up Rotary any number of ways - we can speak about Rotary, do a project to help our neighbors, donate to the Food Shelf, drive meals to the sick and elderly, or bring a guest to our meetings, just to name a few.

We can even do something as simple as wearing our pin prominently and with pride. Every time we do anything in the spirit of Rotary, we light it up from within. And the more we do this, the brighter it will shine.

If we can put a spotlight on Rotary with some good PR messages and by personal example, it will indeed light up. We bring in more attention to the good work of our club and attract new membership. I hope you will join me and do your part, whatever that may be. If we all do what we can, we cannot help but succeed in having a vibrant, active, growing club.

Membership *Rob*

Membership growth is essential for a strong club. Each of us should try to bring one person to a meeting during the year. If we got 2 of our guests as new members, we would grow by 10%. When someone brings in a guest, make it a point to go over and greet them and engage in conversation. Make them feel like they matter. Take the following steps:

1. Ask someone
2. Bring a guest to meetings
3. Have a clear club goal & a strategic plan
4. Letters or personal contact with local businesses
5. Place customized bookmarks in library books
6. Have a booth at malls, fairs, festivals etc.
7. Place pamphlets in doctors' offices, hospitals, cafeterias, libraries, etc.



In the Spotlight
Upcoming Events

Vergennes Day is August 23rd.
The Rubber Duckie Race is coming!

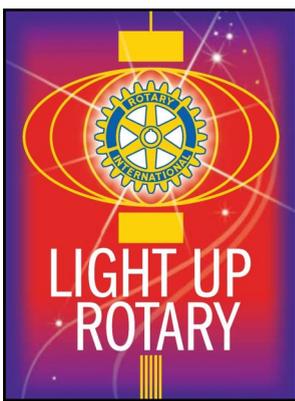
Public Relations *Jim*

2014 - 2015 New Year has started and this club is starting in the right direction. Our Public Relations group will be tackling the following:

Rob's Canoe trip for Polio, Tim's ongoing organizing of Meals on Wheels, Scotts Booked for Bikes (coming up QUICK,) The club's ongoing support for food shelf, as well as Boy and Girls Club.

Our Jail and Bail jumped leaps and bounds from our first year, and we are already working on how to improve it next year.

Our Rubber Duckie King George, will be gearing up for his annual push for his ongoing defense of the title. There are a few princes and princesses out there nipping at his heels but he always seems to keep them at bay.



Notes From our Treasurer *Mary*

The Greater Vergennes Rotary
Financial Report as of June 30, 2014

As we end the fiscal year 2013-2014, our financials are in a positive position.

On the GVR - Charities side, our gross income was \$28,294 versus the budget of \$23,600. Our expenses were \$21,598 versus the budget of \$22,775. This gave us a net income of \$6,696 versus the budget of \$875. The main reason for this nice increase was the success of Jail & Bail. Our checking account balance was \$21,957.

On the GVR - Operations side, our income was \$15,353 versus the budget of \$16,385. Our expenses were \$15,248 versus the budget of \$16,110 that gave us a net income of \$105 versus the budget of \$275. The main reason for lower actuals was due to five less members than in the budget. Our checking account balance was \$3,568.

Our scholarship CD was \$30,843.

2014 - 2015 Officers
President - [Patty Paul](#)
President Elect - [CJ Hebert](#)
Vice president - [Kalvin Jay](#)
Secretary - [Walt Kuehn](#)
Treasurer - [Mary McKinnon](#)
Sgt at arms - [Susan Burdick](#)

2014 - 2015 Directors
Membership - [Rob McNamara](#)
Public Relations - [Jim Weening](#)
Rotary Foundation - [Scott Gaines](#)

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August Assignments

Date	Program	Minute	Songs	Invocation
Aug 5	Susan	Jim	Rob	CJ
Aug 12	George Merkel	Michael	Yvon	Tim
Aug 19	Cookie	Mary	Kalvin	George Gardner
Aug 26	Jim	JoAnne	Scott	Susan

Notes of Interest

Upcoming birthdays: JoAnne on August 20th.

Full moon in August is the Full Sturgeon Moon on August 10th at 2:09 pm.

Paddling for Polio Prevention *Rob McNamara, Stewart Brown and Michael Dempster*

The authors have planned a canoe voyage from Vergennes to New York City. The main objective of the trip is to raise awareness and to provide financial support for one of Rotary's main goals: the eradication of Polio from the face of the earth.

Rob, Stewart and Michael plan to paddle down Lake Champlain, through the Champlain Canal and the Hudson River, for a total of approximately 300 miles. They hope to reach New York City in about two weeks if the weather is agreeable. Departure is planned for August 23rd, which is Vergennes Day and their departure will be a part of the Vergennes Day celebration.

Because of a successful canoe trip from Pittsburgh Pa. to Louisville, Ky. in 2010, the paddlers feel confident that they will easily make this trip. The earlier trip was to benefit Rotary's Polio Plus program as well, and raised over \$2,000 for that cause. That trip was named the "1790 Ohio River Run" and still supports a web site: www.1790ohioriverrun.moonfruit.com, which has had over 27,000 hits.

Corporate sponsors and donations from Rotary Clubs and individuals were the main source of their ability to raise the money towards the eradication of one of the world's most dreaded childhood diseases, Polio.

But, Polio is still with us, and so this latest endeavor will be yet another attempt to help raise the funds to eradicate Polio forever.

For more information on this adventure, check out this web site: www.paddletotendpolio.com



Have you checked out your Mavericks website lately? Have a look!



Political Humor

Harry Truman was known all his life for his plain speaking. When he made a speech at the Washington Garden Club, he kept referring to the "good Manure" that needed to be used on the flowers. Some society women complained to his wife, Bess. "Couldn't you get the President to say 'fertilizer'?" they asked. Mrs. Truman replied, "Heavens no. It took me twenty-five years to get him to say 'manure.'"