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NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD SOUTHEAST

TOP STORY

Long Range Planning Committee Finishes Their Work

(Excerpts from the Executive Summary prepared by chair, Brad Bodenhausen for the Board of Directors)

The 2009 – 2010 Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC) was organized in November and presented a charge by President Brad Toft to review four issues for the Southeast Rotary Board of Directors. The four topics identified by President Brad were membership, staff succession plan, club service projects (with a particular focus on the K-Park project), and the location of club meetings.

At the committee's initial meeting, the LRPC reviewed and approved the mission statement used by previous editions of the LRPC in 1999, 2000 and 2005. In addition to the committee mission statement, a standing goal was to attempt to recommend improvements that would benefit the club without creating more administrative steps that could slow down or complicate club operations.

The LRPC met a total of ten times between November 2009 and May 2010. The committee consisted of 14 members representing a cross-section of Southeast Rotary membership in terms of length of time in the club, leadership positions held, age, gender, level of involvement, and areas of Rotary activity. Each meeting was approximately 90 minutes in length and the attendance was outstanding – with an average of 12 members attending each meeting.

Throughout the ten meetings of the 2009 – 2010 Long-Range Planning Committee it was evident the committee believes Southeast Rotary continues to be a strong and effective club that is able to sustain its membership base, implement successful local and international service projects, support the Rotary Foundation at a high level, and develop leaders for Rotary and the community.

Another major theme that emerged during the committee's discussions, however, is that Southeast Rotary must focus on improving member communications and continuity of leadership from one year to the next. This challenge is particularly notable regarding membership issues, community service projects, and club budget and financial matters.

Editor's Note: Brad Bodenhausen, chair of the LRPC, will be presenting the committee's recommendations (a 6 page document) at the May 18 and the June 8 Rotary board meetings. The 2009-2010 board will vote on the issues, after a joint discussion with the 2010-2011 board.

CALENDAR

Looking Ahead

- 5/27 Haiti After the Quake
- 6/10 Vocational Awards
- 6/17 Springfield Branson Airport
- 6/17 Rotary Foundation Presentations
- 6/24 100 Years of Scouting
- 7/1 Recognition Luncheon
- 7/15 Shrimp Feed

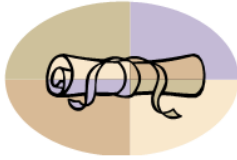
Full club calendar available at our website

Today's Agenda

- Invocation: TBA
- Check Presentation to Regional Girls Shelter, Jamie Fowler
- Announcements
- Sarge
- Intro: Barbara Lucks
- Program: Jerry Vineyard on the Geology of Greene County
- 4 of Clubs Drawing

Four Way Test

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?



WHAT'S NEXT

Graduates Day @ Southeast Rotary

The Student Guests Committee is sponsoring a "Graduate Day @ Southeast." If you have a child, or grandchild, who is graduating from high school or college this year, we would like to invite them to the May 27 Rotary Luncheon as our guests, so that, we can recognize their achievement. Be sure to contact the Rotary office with their names.

ROTARY INFORMATION

Council on Legislation

Representatives from 527 Rotary districts convened in Chicago in April for the 2010 Council on Legislation, a triennial assembly to propose and debate changes to the policies governing Rotary International and its member clubs. There were 212 proposals, of which 48 Enactments & 18 Resolutions were passed.

Important ENACTMENTS

10-06 E-Clubs are now official.

10-21 Excused Leave of Absence can last for only 12 months.

10-23 For the 85 year rule, the applicant has to be 65 or over.

10-87 Added a 5th Avenue of Service – New Generations

10-127 RI dues increased by US\$1 for each of next 3 years.

10-165 RI's secondary motto now to be "One profits most who serves best" (instead of He)

SOUTHEAST SNIPPETS

Milestone in Our Club History

On Saturday, May 21 2005, Southeast held the official dedication



of K-Park in Jordan Valley Park. We dedicated "K-Park" to the children of Springfield to commemorate Rotary International's Centennial. A family event held at the park followed the installation of the first interactive play sculpture, K-Man. Member Russ Rubert's sculpture was purchased by the club for installation in the park. Russ donated nearly \$10,000 to revitalize K-Man.

Heading Towards the End of the Year

July 1 begins a new Rotary and that means a new invoice. If you are considering resigning from the club, you should do so before the end of June. If you resign after July 1, you will be billed a portion of your Rotary International dues. To resign, we ask that you submit your resignation to the board in writing and let us know your reason for resigning. The last board meeting in this Rotary year is June 8.

RECOGNIZING ROTARIANS

Raffle Winner

May 6-Dave Compere

Congrats

Andy Clemens and his wife, Jenny, have a new baby girl born in April.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Family of Rotary "Lend-a-Hand" Presentation

Over the last five years, Bill has opened his building for the basketball team to share fellowship during the practice season for the Rotary basketball tournament. Every Sunday, covering nearly a two month period between the Super Bowl and the basketball tournament, Bill provides the team with this comfortable setting to share stories, eat great food and get to know each other. He has never once said "time to go" or "guys I'm tired" always staying as late as the group desires. Not every Rotarian would be so gracious to open his office as messes and spills can occur. Not every Rotarian is willing to stay up late hosting the group when he knows that he has to be back at that very same workplace early the next morning. Bill has always done so for several years without complaint. Bill has done more than his fair share for the basketball team with the always-fun, after-practice group gatherings. The Rotary basketball experience would not nearly be as enjoyable without Bill providing us his location. Congratulations to Bill Squires for 2010 Lend A Hand award.

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