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# Spokesman

NEWSLETTER OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD SOUTHEAST

## FROM THE MAILBOX

### **RYE Student Savannah Myers Writes Home**

As of today i have been in Switzerland for two weeks! Though it feels like I've lived here for ages. My favorite thing about Europe so far is how easy it is to travel. And you don't even to travel far to see something new and amazing. My first family are the Cozzio's. Nino, Trudy, and Tobias(14). Nino works for the government so I have gotten to attend many political events and see the differences between our government and theirs. I also have met the president of Switzerland! It was mind boggling to be that a president can come to a city without a thousand police men and body guards. Doris Lauter had two body guards. I can never imagine meeting Obama. But in

my second week I met their president. It just shows me what a difference of culture it is here. Also in my first weeks I have been swimming in the coldest water I have ever felt, taken a bus and a train to my German class everyday, and eaten more chocolate than ever before. I have met many other exchange students at my German course in Zurich from all over the world. With them I traveled to Lucerne yesterday and saw all the tourist spots that Switzerland is known for. I have grown to love swiss coffee and I am making a big effort to like their cheese. Though at the moment I still prefer American Kraft singles. With my host family, we toured a castle near Switzerland and I saw furniture that dated back to the 16th century. On my commute to Zurich everyday the other students and I discovered a \$150 dollar Tolblerone

chocolate bar. I went to a sandcastle festival on Lake Constance. From there you could see Germany, Austria, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland all at the same time. My German gets better everyday and hopefully on Saturday we will stop speaking English unless necessary. My German class is in a Klubmigros Shule. It is a school sponsored by Migros grocery store. I think it is bigger in Switzerland than Walmart is in the US. They donate 1% of the profits to create schools. So in my school there is a restaurant, food court, mall, and grocery store. I find it very interesting. And my family has been amazing! They want to learn all about our American culture. This weekend I am making them chocolate chip cookies. Europeans know chocolate, but they are way behind in the cookie area. I have seen the most beautiful churches and met the most wonderful people since I have been here. These past two weeks have been great and I can't wait for what is to come next!

### **Today's Agenda**

- Invocation: Jeff Cumley
- Projects Committee Grant Distribution
- Family of Rotary "Lend a Hand" Presentation
- Recognition of Skip Motsenbocker's completion of his new member steps
- Announcements
- Sarge
- Intro: Bob Hammerschmidt
- Program: Sheriff Jim Arnott and Deputy Inlow on the K-9 Unit
- 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?

## FROM THE INTERNET

### Membership By Invitation

*There have been a few times in the past couple of months that calls for volunteers for either an event or a project have gone unheeded. I ran across this article and thought it was appropriate for the Spokesman. Southeast is a large club; however, large is only better when every member is participating.*  
*Editor-Theresa Robertson*

REINVIGORATE TO RETAIN by PDG Roderick W. Thomson, British Columbia, Canada

Discussions about Rotary membership were, for many years, focused on recruitment. The thrust of many Membership Committees was to identify and recruit new members to Rotary Clubs. Attrition was recognized as an issue. However, the resolution of the issue was simply to recruit more actively. In recent years, there has been a new emphasis on retention of Rotary members.

At the Presidential Membership Conference held 10-11 August 2007 in Vancouver, Past RIBI Pres. John Hockin challenged attendees to do more individually to enhance membership opportunities. John showed me the text of an article, which ran in the Link Magazine in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, D-1270. I believe the answers to the questions posed below will help you understand how you and your Rotary colleagues view your Club and your service.

**SUPPOSE .....** There comes a time when we all need to reflect on our situation, be it family,

work or Rotary: a time to take stock in order to re-invigorate ourselves.

So let us do a self-analysis of our Rotary involvement by playing the "supposed" game and answer a few simple questions.

**1) Suppose the membership in your Rotary Club was limited to 20.** Would you be in or out?

**2) Suppose membership was only good for one year and re-elected depended upon the service you gave to your Club, the community and international efforts during that time,** Would you be re-elected?

**3) Suppose you were called upon to tell why you thought the Club should keep you as a member:** Do you have a record of helpful participation to offer in your defense?

**4) Suppose every member of your Club did just as much as you are doing:** Would the Club be one of the most active in the district or would it disappear into obscurity?

By analyzing the above 4 questions you should be able to tell whether you are **RINO (Rotarian In Name Only)** or a **TIGER (Totally Involved Generous Energetic Rotarian).**

Once you do the self-analysis, spend a little time considering how you can become a TIGER, or if you are one, how will you help others in your Club to Tiger up! You, your Club and Rotary will be the better for it and you might be the one who starts a new retention program, without even trying. Just suppose what would happen then.

## COMMITTEE NEWS

### Group Study

### Exchange Committee

Mark your calendars for our visiting Australian friend from Saturday, Sept. 25 through Thursday, Sept. 30. A welcoming reception is scheduled for Tuesday Sept. 28 at 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Touch Restaurant, 1620 East Republic Road. John Simpson will serve as one host, providing a home for one visitor. We may need another host family. And, we need help with entertainment and transportation for our visitors during their stay.

## MEMBERSHIP

### Congratulations To Skip Motsenbocker

Skip has completed his new member steps and will be recognized at today's meeting. Skip joined on June 11, 2009. Skip is the Managing Director at SignalPoint Asset Management  
Classification: Financial Services and Investments  
Sponsor: Rick McElvaine  
Committee: He volunteered for the "Don't Meth with Us" Committee

### Proposed New Member

Board Action: The board has approved the following membership proposal. Written objections should be received in the Rotary office in one week.

**Greg Beck**

V.P. of Purchasing for O'Reilly Auto Parts  
Classification: Retail  
Sponsor-Dam Scott  
Co-signer-Brent Baldwin  
Advisor-Brad Bodenhausen