



The Cornpicker

Bulletin of Fairbury, IL Rotary Club

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2010 - 2011 Officers

President Becky Whitfill
 Pres. Elect
 Vice President
 Sec/Treas/Editor Leroy McPherson

DATE/TIME/PLACE: Nov 8, 2011 - 12:00 noon at Marchelloni's

ATTENDANCE: 26 plus Dale Newsome & John Mehlberg

LOTTO: M. Petersen & A. Melvin

ACTION ON THE AVENUES

CLUB SERVICE

Programs:

11/15 - Jim Paternoster	12/06 - Christmas Party
11/22 - Jim Guiliford -Forrest's	12/13 - J.H. Student Council
Hampsher Hotel	12/20 - OPEN
11/29 - OPEN	12/27 - John Rich

WE NEED YOUR RESPONSE!

■ The Dwight Rotary Club would like to host a Valentine's Party, February 15 at the Country Mansion in Dwight. They need to know who would be interested in going.

■ The Pontiac Rotary would like our club to help them do a get together for the 106 years of Rotary. Would anyone be interested? I will let both clubs know what we decide next week.

Becky needs a response to these invitations. Please call her at **815-692-3899**.

Proposal

PROPOSAL TO INITIATE A ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEW GENERATIONS SERVICE (RINGS) DAY.

Please read the proposal attached and be prepared to vote at next week's Rotary meeting.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Deb's Minute:

Hero Breakfast was last week. Deb told us of the local award winners.

BITS & PIECES

True charity is the desire to be useful to others without thought of recompense. - Emanuel Swedenborg

AREA CLUB MEETINGS

Bloomington	12:00 Noon	Thurs.	Second Presbyterian Church
Gibson City	6:45 a.m.	Wed.	The Country Kettle
Gilman	6:05 p.m.	Tues.	Gilman Lounge
Lincoln	1:50 a.m.	Wed.	Elks Country Club
Normal	12:00 Noon	Wed.	Bone Student Center



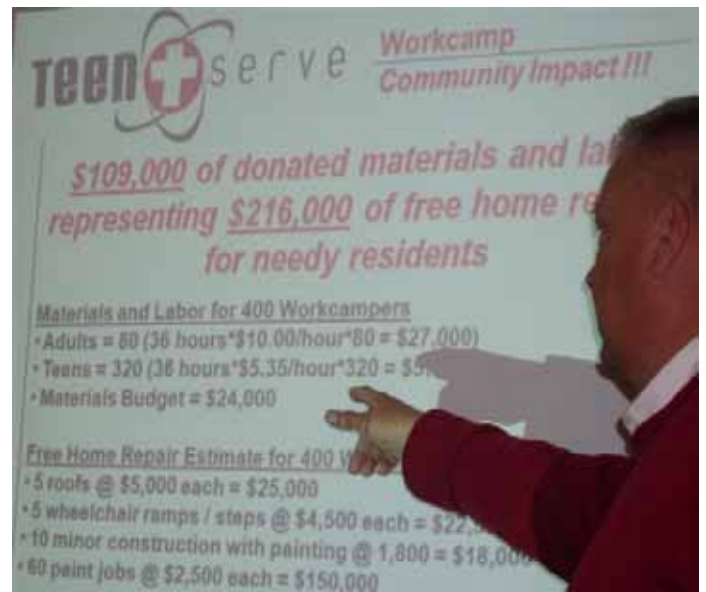
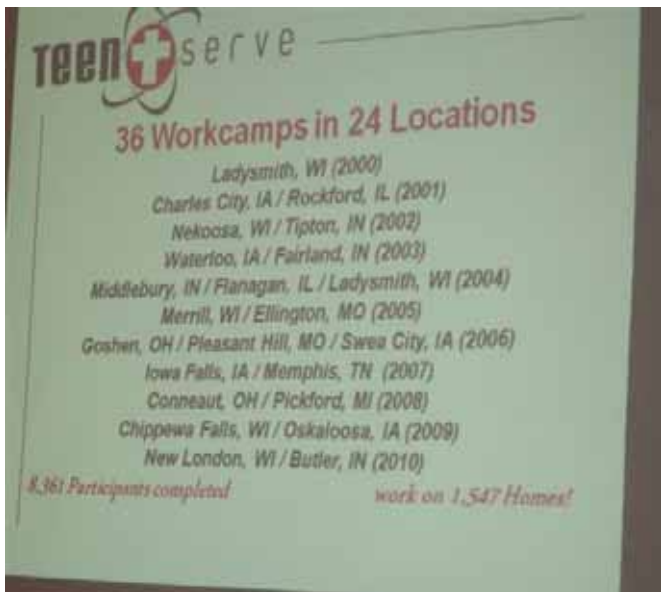
Dale Newsome



"Can one person really make a difference?" Dale is Pontiac's Police Chief. He is working with the Baptist Church Youth to make this happen. They have 400 kids coming to Pontiac for a week to repair 80 to 100

homes. Two years ago they took their youth to Wisconsin. Dale contacted the school to agree to house the 400 kids for a week free. They needed a community and a sponsor so the Pontiac Ministerial agreed. \$25,000 needed to be raised through Livingston Co. to pay Teen Serve. They are a 501(c)3

so all monies are tax deductible. All the money stays in Livingston Co. They are a co-sponsor with Livingston Co. Habitat for Humanity. 900 gallons of paint were purchased at a fraction of the cost from VALSPAR Paint. They are in need of a lot of volunteers. Acceptance is based on income and age. They will need to fill out the paperwork and have a face to face interview. Teens come from all over. The kids have to pay \$400 to participate. They will have teen bands and speakers at night. Sponsorships are needed. For more information, go to their website . . . Teenserve.org.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEW GENERATION SERVICE (RINGS) - DAY

With the recent emphasis on improving our RI brand recognition amongst the New Generation and our need to recruit youngsters to become dedicated, passionate, Rotarians, I would like to propose an introduction of a new program called RINGS Day which stands for Rotary International New Generation Service Day. The program would involve RI designating a specific day (or week) annually during which the local Rotary Clubs with engagement from youth would conduct service projects simultaneously around the world (sort of like National Immunization Day or Rotarians at Work day).

With over 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide, we have an opportunity to bring at least another 1.2 million youth each year to partner with us on pre-determined day/week to do community projects around the world.

Our Fifth Avenue of service - New Generations Service creates future leaders whose potential can be leveraged after or during their involvement with one of the New Generations programs (like RYLA, RYE, Rotaract, Interact, etc.). Each of our six areas of focus (Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, Disease Prevention & Treatment, Water & Sanitation, Maternal & Child Health, Basic Education & Literacy, and Economic & Community Development) would constitute a RING and all projects selected would directly connect to one of these RINGS.

All volunteer hours and projects would be recorded and later shared with media outlets to create Rotary brand awareness as well as create an interest amongst the youth to join Rotary in the future.

A similar program involving Youth around the world is currently being successfully run by Youth Service America (www.ysa.org) called Global Youth Service Day (www.gysd.org), and this year the YSA youth did over 3,500 projects worldwide.

RI network is much larger and more widely spread so success of this new program is almost guaranteed. RI already has the know-how (through Rotarians at Work and NID programs) so implementing this new program would not take huge amount of resources.

I hope the District leadership and RI leadership seriously considers piloting this idea in select regions and then implementing it worldwide.

Neal Shah

Note: One way to implement this program with flexibility could be that the District Governors designates a day/week that is best appropriate for their region because they would be more familiar as to when it is the best time to engage most youth. The idea is to track the cumulative efforts put in by clubs and districts around the world during these designated periods.