



BROWN COUNTY ROTARY NOTES JANUARY 2008

GOVERNOR JUDY WITT visited our club January 17th and brought us up to date on District 6580.



The club spontaneously jumped to Judy's request that we complete a high profile community project for Rotary World Day on February 23rd by recommending two projects – the Teachers Warehouse, and the cleaning of Mother's Cupboard! Each project will affect large numbers of Brown County residents – one through BC teachers' access to the Warehouse, and the other by helping to feed those in need, which seem to range from 60 to 122 a day.

Governor Judy congratulated Brown Country Rotary on its December membership achievement – 92% - but challenged us to overcome Martinsville's lead of 94%.

Other topics included International Trade Hosting Fellowship, water projects in Burma and Mexico, start of a new Rotary Club in Mooresville. Poilioplus, club/member insurance, and the District Conference.

THANKS to Jaydene Laros and Jim Allen for taking down our Christmas decorations at the Gazebo.

BIG DEAL! This is one deal you won't want to miss. Over \$900 in our card game jackpot !!!

ON TO THE FAIR... Bob Ormiston and Al Kosinski have volunteered to coordinate the Fair Booth. Planning starts now for working in our booth July 28-Aug 2.

Last year our club did great at the Fair, under the leadership of Bob Kirlin. It is with this spirit that Bob O. and Al will lead us this year.

ROTARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH in December was Ethan Scott. Ethan has an outstanding record in academic subjects and sports. Dr Cody presented him with a certificate and informed Rotarians that a plaque will be on display at the school with each Rotary Student of the Month inscribed. The photo shows Dr Cody making the presentation.



I LIKE ME... Mary Wood announced that she had received thank you notes from the kindergartners at Sprunica School.



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FIRED UP... I should say, when Pryde Bayliss, our President Elect finished firing 200 bowls for Soup Bowl Events. Judy Witt, our speaker for the last meeting, received two in recognition the couple's contribution to the club.

CLUB OPPORTUNITY... The club will discuss an exciting opportunity at its Jan. 31 meeting which fellow Rotarian, Dave Hennessy, has proposed. For six years Dave has spearheaded the Brown County Citizens' Scholarship project. He and a dedicated group of volunteers have raised money and awarded scholarships to worthy students who receive little or no funds for post secondary education.

The group has given \$41,000 in scholarships to 15 county students. In addition, the group has accumulated approximately \$76,000 in an endowment fund in the Brown County Community Foundation. Major fund raisers have included: a Music Gala, tickets to the BC Playhouse production, Wine Fair Dinner, BC Hills Challenge Bike Ride, and individual donations.

Dave is planning for the sustainability of the project if and when he is no longer to lead it. Dave has honored our club with the proposal of turning over the project and all the funds to the Rotary Club of Brown County. He would continue to be the "point man" and would manage the project and fund raisers. Club members would, of course, assist. The project would become the Rotary Club of

Brown County Citizens Scholarship. Our club would hold the scholarship fund agreement with the community foundation.

HOLIDAY PARTY... For about the 4th or 5th year, Judy and Jim Reichert have graciously hosted the club's holiday party. The party was attended by 33 people, including our District Governor Judy Witt and her husband Lee. Volunteers from the BC Humane Society board assisted with the serving and the clean up duties. Proceeds of \$340 were donated to the Humane Society. The food selections were varied and delicious. Thank you, Judy and Jim!



MEETING MAKEUPS... Our club's attendance is one of the best in District 6580, but there is always room for improvement. Missed meetings may be "made up" if the "makeup" occurs 14 days before or after a missed meeting. Several ways to do a Rotary meeting makeup: (1) Attend a Rotary meeting of another club. You can find the times and places on the District Website www.rotary6580.org and click on "clubs." (2) Attend our



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monthly Board meeting on the 2nd Wed. of the month at the library, 5:15 p.m. (3) Participate in a club service project or social event and inform the Club Secretary of your makeup. (4) Go online to ClubOne at www.rotaryclubone.org and click on "programs" and open a program of interest to you. Read the article. Click on the "makeup request form," continue to the bottom of the page, and answer the questions including the e-mail address of our club secretary (jane.gore@sbcglobal.net). Print a copy of the makeup and turn in at next meeting. District ID # 6580.

ROTARY ORIENTATION... was conducted by Yvonne Olinger, our membership chairperson, to brief Evan Werling, and Patti Fisse on the rules, projects, and finances of the BC Rotary Club.



BROWN COUNTY HISTORY CENTER... How the proposed Brown County History Center will preserve local history so visitors and residents can learn from the past was the story that Pete Sebert told the Brown County Rotary Club at its

weekly meeting. Sebert, who came as the 171 year old Jacob Brown, is the Vice President of the Brown County Historical Society. The Society is raising funds to build a learning center for people of all ages at the edge of Nashville's business district.

2008/2009 BOARD... The following incoming officers and board members were elected during the last club meeting in December. President – Pryde Bayliss; President Elect – Bill Land; Vice President – Adam Young; Secretary – Jane Gore; Treasurer – Dale Cassiday; Community Service – Wanda Jones/Bert Clemons; International Service – Carrel Moore; Club Service – Sue Ann Werling/Patty Fisse; Vocational Service – Carolyn Pitt; RI Foundation – Dick Roth; and Sergeant of Arms – Rich Lawler.

These individuals will assume office July 1, 2008 and serve thorough June 30, 2009. Training begins soon, as Pryde Bayliss will attend District 6580 and 6560 President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) on March 7 & 8. All Board members are urged to attend the District Assembly in Columbus on Saturday, May 17th, 2008 where additional training will occur.

DISTRICTCONFERENCE... is April 24-26 at Belterra Casino Resort and Spa in Belterra, IN. (888-235-8377). Room rates are \$79 on Thursday, \$99 on Friday and \$169 on Saturday. Mention code C74415 when making reservations. More information on registration for the conference will be available soon.