



BROWN COUNTY ROTARY NOTES

MARCH, 2008

ROTARY'S 103rd BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

Rotary World Day celebrated on Feb 23rd was a banner day for Rotary in Brown County. Our club performed community service projects at Teachers Warehouse in Bloomington and Mother's Cupboard Community Kitchen in Nashville.

This newsletter concentrates on the Mother's Cupboard cleaning project led by Rotarian Sue Ann Werling, one of our newest club members. Sue Ann is seen below (right) as she planned, directed, and perspired throughout the project.



Shown below is Jan Metz, Mother's Cupboard manager, who on Friday night moved a large share of the groceries, packages, and canned goods to make way for the Rotary crew arriving the following morning.



Bright and early on Saturday, thirteen Rotary crew members came with

cleaning materials, electric cord, rags, and rubber gloves. Once the shelves were moved away from walls and the mold uncovered, it was appalling to see what was needed in the way of cleaning. The entire facility (kitchen, bathroom, reception area, food pantry, storage room) was scrubbed with bleach, vacuumed, and emptied of trash in preparation for painting on Sunday. Evan Werling, Adam Young, Teed Howard, and Jim Simms worked on the walls ...



Michael Chamblee and Scott Dedomenic's son & friend cut boxes, stacked milk containers, and took care of the trash outside.





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Adam and Scott scrubbed the cooler, refrigerator, and freezer.



Below are a few “after” pictures showing a much cleaner, brighter, and neater Mother’s Cupboard. Our club members continue to serve meals every Monday at the Kitchen.

The kitchen crew worked diligently, too, with President Jaydene Laros, Pryde & Malcomb Bayliss, and Al Kosinski scrubbing pots, pans, racks, cooler, sinks, stove, walls, and floors for a spotless look.



Clean up work finished in time for meal preparation and the Cupboard to open for customers at 4 p.m. that very day. Our hats are off to a great crew and to an undaunted project leader, who literally turned the facility around (and almost upside down) so it can serve hungry people of Brown County.



The next day, Sunday, volunteers from Habitat for Humanity and youth from the Methodist church painted the entire facility. On Monday morning several Rotarians and the Cupboard manager returned to put the place back together. Sue Ann and Evan Werling, Jaydene Laros, Pryde Bayliss, Patty Fisse, and Teed Howard moved equipment and fixtures back in place, shampooed the carpet, and refilled the pantry shelves.

TEACHERS WAREHOUSE

The Rotary Club of Brown County made contributions of funding, labor, and material to the Teachers



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Warehouse in Bloomington so that teachers of Brown County schools may utilize the warehouse for student supplies. More about this Rotary World Day project in the next newsletter.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

At the February 21st meeting our club honored Ben Hendricks as Rotary Student of the Month. Ben is son of Bruce and Lu Anne Hendricks of Brown County and was homeschooled until 6th grade at which time he transferred into the Brown County School system. Ben is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the PEERS project, National Honor Society, track, soccer, and Youth Group at the Cottonwood Christian Church. He plans to attend Purdue University and pursue a degree and career in pharmacy. Dr. Charles Cody and President Laros recognized Ben at the Rotary meeting.

QUIZ BOWL

Our club has always supported the BC Literacy Coalition Quiz Bowl with a team in the competition. This year is no exception. Thanks to the efforts of Carrel Moore and willing, bright Rotarians we again have an outstanding team. Team members are Pryde Bayliss, Wanda Jones, Rick Hofstetter, Adam Young with Jaydene Laros as the alternate. Rotary will support the fundraiser at the \$200 Platinum Level. The Quiz Bowl is Friday, April 18, 7:00 PM at the Library. Come cheer for Rotarians!

CONFERENCE BASKET

It is tradition that each Rotary club puts together a gift basket for a silent auction at the District 6580 conference. This year the event occurs April 25 – 26 at Belterra Casino Resort and Spa in Vevay, Indiana. Baskets are on display throughout the conference, and the final bids at end of the last day win the baskets. Proceeds from the auction are donated to The Rotary Foundation with the winning bidder receiving recognition points toward Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

Much creativity and effort are put into these baskets, and it is fun to watch the bidding over two days. For each of the last couple of years our club's basket has raised over \$400, which is at the top of the bid amounts. Club members typically donate items or ask businesses for items. We try to utilize a "Brown County" theme.

Anyone who can donate or solicit an item or certificate may give items to either Jaydene or Pryde.