



BROWN COUNTY NOTES

MAY 2008 – PART II

ROTARY STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Jenny Smith was recognized as Brown County Rotary Student of the Year at the Brown County High School Senior Awards Ceremony May 5th.

The Faculty and Staff of Brown County High School chose Jenny from among the seven Rotary Students of the Month. She was selected for her outstanding academic achievement, volunteerism, community service, and positive attitude.

Jenny was presented with a plaque, while a matching plaque will be permanently displayed at the high school. Dr. Charles Cody, coordinator of this Rotary project, led the Rotary Club of Brown County and selected members in donating \$525 for Jenny's post high school education. She will be attending Indiana State University with a major in Nursing and a minor in Sociology.



Jenny is shown above, along with her father and President-Elect Pryde Bayliss, receiving her Student of the Month Award at a February Rotary meeting.

Other Students of the Month have been Andrea Bright, Craig Davis, Ethan Scott, Margaret Burke, Ben Hendricks, and Erica Garrett.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



Peggy Peter, District 6580 Chair for the Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund, excited our members during her presentation on the programs, projects, and benefits of the Rotary Foundation. It appeared that the members present for this explanation came away convinced that our efforts and financial contributions to the Rotary Foundation assist those less fortunate and also support those who act as "Ambassadors of Goodwill" by creating understanding and building relationships with people in other countries

ROTARY AT WORK IN BRAZIL

Rotary Youth Exchange Student Bianca Carrasco told us about her home town of Santos Brazil at the May 1st meeting. She made interesting comparisons between her



Brazilian culture and her experiences as a high school student in Columbus, Indiana.



Assistant District Governor Greg Renner and his family were hosts for Bianca. He explained the benefits of the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

SALT CREEK TRAIL

Bob Kirlin and Tom Tuley provided our members with a Salt Creek Trail update at the May 8th meeting.



Looking at a 2009 start date, Phase I of the trail will extend along Salt

Creek from behind the CVS to the YMCA. Later phases will complete the trail to Brown County State Park. No local tax money will be used. Grants and contributions are needed for completion of Phases II and III.

Parts of the trail will have a wetland spur to observe unusual wildlife, benches for resting, and bridges to cross the creek. The plan is for the trail to be 12 ft wide with a foot of grass on each side and to be 15 - 20 ft away from the creek bank. Parts of the trail and physical accessories will be named for specific donations for that purpose. Parking access is in the plan.

Ownership of the trail will eventually be under Brown County Parks and Recreation with maintenance provided from an endowment in the Brown County Community Foundation. A map showing all three proposed Phases was displayed at the Rotary meeting. Questions and interest extended far beyond the stated meeting.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE Yangon, Myanmar

People are still shell-shocked over the cyclone cataclysm. The city is still dark. Many businesses and restaurants are yet damaged closed. Harbor dock is destroyed with many ships and boats sunk. Some 60 orphanages are struggling with inadequate and unsafe drinking and cooking water. Rotary International has provided 1035 shelter boxes which have been delivered to the disaster zone.

Previous to the disaster, Rotary of Brown County designated \$1000 to the Myanmar Compassion Project to help provide self contained water systems at five orphanages.

Our club has joined with other clubs in District 6580 and clubs in California as well as with three Rotary Districts in northern Thailand to provide financial support for these water systems. Because this is a joint international project with Thailand, it qualifies for matching Rotary International Foundation funds, as well as funds from RI's Clean Water Initiative. This means the \$1000 donated by our club will have a \$3,000 impact.

TEACHERS WAREHOUSE

Beginning August 9th, Rotary of Brown County will commit to the second Saturday of each month during the school year. Hours are 9:30 to 12:30. The Warehouse reopens the 28th of July.

We need teams of 2, or better yet 3, to commit to designated Saturdays. A schedule will be provided for sign-up during regular meetings.

Some "training" is necessary to learn how to dispense materials properly and how to do some simple paperwork. Mary, Donna, Carolyn, Ken, and Bert will help with this brief orientation on the 3rd Tuesday or 2nd Saturday beginning in August.



Pictured above is the manager, flanked by two key Teachers Warehouse Rotarians – District Governor Judy Witt, and Brown County Chair Mary Wood.

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR

On May 15th Lora Defries traveled from New Harmony, Indiana to discuss her experiences in India as an outbound Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar. Lora demonstrated some cultural mementoes and crafts from India after spending a year there in college.

EATS - BEST KIND OF FIELD TRIP

THE FARM, under the leadership of Chef Daniel Orr hosted a bright and enthusiastic group of Rotarians from Brown County for a sumptuous breakfast on May 22nd. Chef Orr told of his personal journey to his dream come true – THE FARM! It was so interesting and delicious that most did not leave the restaurant until after 9 a.m.



All gathered at the breakfast buffet. Below is a sampling of culinary delights.



Thanks to Scott Dedomenic for including this program in our meeting schedule.

At this special meeting Judy Witt, Governor of District 6580, awarded a recognition to one Brown County Rotarian. She presented Sue Ann Werling with a Paul Harris Fellow Award.



This recognition is bestowed upon Rotarians that support projects of

Rotary International, and named after our founder, Paul Harris, and consists of a certificate, medallion, and pin. Sue Ann's husband, Evan, honored his wife by providing the award in her name. This makes 20 Paul Harris Fellows within our current club membership.

Also presented at the meeting were three Benefactor recognitions to Rotarians Jaydene Laros, Howard Hughes, and Pryde Bayliss. They will wear the "wings" of a benefactor beneath their Rotary Pin. A Benefactor is someone who makes a provision for at least a \$1,000 bequest from his/her estate to The Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund.



MOTHERS CUPBOARD

Al Kosinski is one of those un-sung heroes in Rotary that keeps us plugging along on Mondays at Mothers Cupboard. Here he is as part of the Cupboard clean-up day in February. He is constantly working



behind the scenes to keep the Cupboard staffed on Mondays throughout the year. At last count we are serving about 120 meals to the every Monday!

MOREL SALE A SUCCESS

Howard Hughes, Chairman and prime mover of the Morel Sale for Brown County, announced that over 280 pounds of morels were sold, raising \$2500 for local charities who staffed the sales tent in the IGA parking lot.

“TENDIES AND BOBBIES” AT THE COUNTY FAIR

Bob Ormiston and Al Kosinski announced preliminary plans for the Rotary Booth at the Brown County Fair. Tenderloins and “bobbie” chips, along with veggies, onion, lettuce and tomato will keep fair-goers in a very happy mood. They will be assisted by Bob Kirlin. Those Rotarians who labored over the “bobbies” last year will be happy to know that Mr. Ormiston has acquired



the world famous slicer – La Mandoline V Professionnelle, produced by de Buyer, a French Company who has been in business since 1830. His very words are: “This will enable anyone with the most modest dexterity to produce exquisite potato slices fit for the finest GI tracts in Europe and North America.”

IMPORTANT DATES

The Thursday, July 26th club meeting at 7:15 AM will be held at Salt Creek Golf Retreat and feature charitable distributions to county organizations or projects by the Avenues of Service committees.

Sunday, June 29th, 5:30 PM is the club’s Annual Awards Banquet at Story Inn (outside in a large event tent). Rotarians may sign up at meetings or notify Jaydene (988-4594 or jaydlaros@earthlink.net) by June 23rd. Guests are welcome!

Thursday, July 3rd – no meeting.