



# BROWN COUNTY ROTARY NOTES

## FEBRUARY – MARCH 2009

### CORY WILLIAMS NAMED STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Dr. Charles Cody presented Cory Williams with his certificate as Brown County High School’s Rotary Student of the Month for January 2009.

Pictured with Dr. Cody are Cory and his parents, Dennis and Michele Williams, and Donna Alwine, the school counselor who recommended Cory for this honor.

Cory will have his name engraved on the Rotary Student of the Month plaque in the trophy case at the Brown County High School.

### GSE TEAM LED BY BROWN COUNTY ROTARIAN

Ken Harker, GSE Team Leader for District 6580, is planning a great trip with his team. They head to England on March 9<sup>th</sup>, where they will visit District 1260- comprising about 1600 members, who live in and around seven large rural communities.

Sites of interest will include: Castles, Homes of the Rothschild’s , Shakespeare, and Dukes of

Buckingham- along with the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, a Formula 1 Racing Circuit, a Vauxhall auto factory, punting on the river near Oxford and Cambridge, and the Luton Football Club.

Ken is looking for souvenirs that he might take as gifts to their sponsors- showing the unique quality of Brown County.

### ITEMS TO REMEMBER

**GREETERS:** MAR: Evan Werling  
APRIL: Marcia DeBock

**PRAYER:** MAR: Patty Fisse  
APRIL: Yvonne Olinger

**BIRTHDAYS:**  
MARCH: Del Newkirk – 8<sup>th</sup>  
Patty Fisse - 24<sup>th</sup>  
APRIL: Richard Knobloch- 8<sup>th</sup>  
Ken Harker - 23<sup>rd</sup>

### IT WAS MUSIC TO OUR EARS

The Weedpatch Seven serenaded us with dulcimer, fiddle, mandolin, and base at a recent meeting.



Many music styles and “age” definitions were included- from Appalachian to Beach Boys! Led by



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**Jan Halladay, Jack and Betty Harbin, June Bryan, Rich and Sally Greeno, and Jan's husband, Richard, they had us toe-tapping from start to finish.**

#### **THE RULE OF 85**

**At a recent Board meeting a question came to the floor about the Rule of 85.**

**Jaydene Laros researched the question, and Rotary International provided the following understanding:**

**If the member's age and years of membership in one or more Rotary Clubs totals 85 or more, that member's absence from meetings are excused and does not factor into the Club's attendance record. A member needs to notify the club secretary in writing of his/her qualification for and desire to take advantage of the "Rule of 85". All other responsibilities of active membership (dues, meals, committee service, etc.) continue to apply to such members.**

#### **A REMINDER OF ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**Here are several quick reminders about meeting attendance. In order to remain an active member, a person must attend or make up at least 50% of club regular meetings in each half of the year. Unless otherwise excused by the Board (for good and sufficient reason) a member who fails to attend or make up four consecutive regular meetings may have his/her**

**membership terminated. In order to avoid membership termination, a member may request a leave of absence or inform the Board of circumstances sufficient to excuse absence(s). Detailed information regarding attendance is available in our Club Constitution and Bylaws which are posted on our website [www.browncountyrotary.org](http://www.browncountyrotary.org); click on our club and then on bylaws or constitution.**

#### **SPEAKING OF JAYDENE**

**She was recently awarded the Paul Harris Fellow Rotary Pin with blue sapphire by Dick Routh in recognition of becoming a Paul Harris fellow twice.**

#### **THE AMERICAN INDIAN POW WOW SCENE WAS EXPLAINED**



**Kat Anderson, Bryan Hoefling, and Teed Howard described both historical and contemporary history, clothing, and traditions of the American Indian. They participate nation-wide in American Indian social dances & activities.**



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### I LIKE ME- A REALLY FUN PROJECT !

All four Brown County elementary schools repeated scenes like these at Van Buren Elementary School. A large number of Brown County Rotarians were involved. Jim Simms made this all possible by raising the funds necessary to present “I Like Me” books to every kindergarten student in the Brown County school system. Large “thank you’s” also go to Bert Clemons for coordinating the project with the teachers and ordering books and to Al Kosinski for scheduling the readers.



Teacher Sarah Love and her kindergarten class show their appreciation.



Some Rotarians like Marcia DeBock and Al Kosinski read to small groups.



Below, Carolyn Pitt and President Pryde Bayliss teamed up to hold the attention of larger groups.



The students were delighted with their books, which frequently returned to **THEIR NAME!**

Madeline Lucas is shown below with her happy kindergarten class.

