



Flag City Morning Rotary News

January, 2008

This e-mail newsletter is being provided to keep our club up to date on club happenings. You will receive the e-mail at least monthly and more often if necessary. Please be sure to read these newsletters as soon as you receive them as they may contain time sensitive information.

Upcoming Schedule of Meeting Presentations

- January 2 No Meeting, Happy New Year!
- January 9 Speaker: TBA
Topic: Fitness for the New Year
- January 16 Speaker: Gary Ulrich, Financial Aid Rep., Owens Community College
Topic: College Goal Sunday
- January 23 Committee Breakouts
- January 30 Speaker: Tim Bruggeman, Director, Hancock Parks Dept.
Topic: "Hancock Parks, Your Natural Choice"



Adopt A Family Fundraising Efforts!

Before the holidays, our club voted to raise funds and purchase gifts for needy families in Hancock County. We then received a request to assist our local domestic violence shelter, who lost many items in the flood. Through happy dollars and numerous live auctions, our club was able to raise nearly \$800. We should be quite happy with the results of this project. A special thank you to all who donated items for the raffle, especially to Chris Alexander and Cathy Zellner, for putting themselves up for sale.

Who is this???

So, do you think you know who this is?

*Hobbies: Exercise, hanging out with the kids
Most interesting job ever held by you: grounds keeper at Sycamore Springs Golf Course - worked with a guy just like Bill Murray in Caddy Shack
Three foods that are always in your house: powdered protein supplement, chips and salsa, apple juice (for the kids)
Your life philosophy: Moderation in all things*

The answer is hidden in this newsletter...

Rockin' Rotary Party

Thanks to Chris Alexander and Cathy Zellner for planning the Rockin' Rotary Holiday party at Nino's on Dec. 28th. Fred Shafer performed and many fabulous gifts were won, stolen, and stolen again. Jeff Yarnell and Mark Maag provided us with some tasty hors d'oeuvres that were definitely enjoyed by all!



Phil attempts to sing "backup" for Fred Shafer. Matt, you sneaky thing....



Who brought the Himalayan Hippy?



Tamera and Donny Osmond. (I mean Fred Shafer. It's hard to tell them apart...)



The magnificent food is prepared.

A New Approach to "Greeters"

The following is a schedule for greeters for each month of the upcoming year. If you are unable to greet during one of your month's meeting, please be sure to find a sub.

January 2008	Chris Alexander and Joe Balega
February 2008	Christina Blakely and Don Bledsoe
March 2008	Kim Cameron and Kari Faulkner
April 2008	Sam Fittante and Ann Frederick
May 2008	Brooks Gray and Betsy Hackworth
June 2008	Bill Hanna and Suzi Healy
July 2008	Brian Hitchcock and Matt Klein
August 2008	Anita Kromer and Larry Lauger
September 2008	Mark Maag and Mike Martin
October 2008	Neil Norheim and Andrew Patterson
November 2008	Steve Rackley and Christie Ranzau
December 2008	Glenn Rettig and Steve Ritter
January 2009	Phil Rooney and Tamera Rooney
February 2009	Donna Ruse and Jeremy Scheiderer
March 2009	Dan Sheaffer and Morgan Smith
April 2009	Scott Snapp and Jiv Subramaniam
May 2009	Denise Thomas and John Urbanski
June 2009	Randy Van Dyne and Eric Wolfe
July 2009	Cathy Zellner and Jeff Yarnell

New members will be joining the above Greeters at least once at the beginning of their membership, so that they have a chance to be personally introduced to the group.

Duties of Greeters include taking attendance, accepting payment for guests and visiting Rotarians and announcing our visitors. Oh, and greet with a handshake, a hug or just a smile...

The Sponsorship Challenge

You may recall that our board has issued a challenge. The Rotarian who sponsors the most new members during President Rooney's reign, will receive one year of free dues. If your company pays your dues, that amount will be applied to the Rotary Foundation. Here are the stats:

Mark Maag	1
Denise (Halliday) Thomas	1
Ann Frederick	1
Dan Sheaffer	1

So you see, we have a four way tie! Come on, Rotarians, I know we are a competitive bunch!

Rotary Exchange Students
Event, Feb. 2
Details Coming!

Welcome New Members!

**We extend a warm welcome to
our newest members:**

**Maxine Mazza
Alvada Construction**

**Jeff Yarnell
Red Pig Inn**

**Scott Snapp
Community 1st Mortgage**

**Brian Hitchcock
Findlay YMCA**

**Joe Balega
Golden Key Title**

**Anita Kromer
Blanchard Valley Health**

Who's Scheduling the Speakers?

The following schedule indicates which Rotary member is responsible for scheduling speakers per month. If you have a suggestion for a speaker, these are the members to talk to:

January 2008	Jiv Subramaniam
February 2008	Don Bledsoe
March 2008	Chris Alexander
April 2008	Tamera Rooney
May 2008	Neil Norheim
June 2008	Jeremy Sheiderer
July 2008	Jiv Subramaniam
August 2008	Randy Van Dyne
September 2008	Cathy Zellner
October 2008	Don Bledsoe
November 2008	Chris Alexander
December 2008	Tamera Rooney
January 2009	Neil Norheim
February 2009	Jeremy Sheiderer
March 2009	Jiv Subramaniam
April 2009	Randy Van Dyne
May 2009	Cathy Zellner

Farewell...

We bid a fond farewell to the following members:

Kevin Lent
Charles Lightner
Dave Erickson

We thank them for the time they spent with our club.

New Member Proposal Procedure

1. **Invite** your prospective member to a meeting. You will be asked to cover their cost for breakfast (\$8.00). Tell them about the general mission of Rotary International and encourage them to visit again.
2. **Complete the membership proposal form** and turn it in to the Club Committee chair. The Club Committee chair will present the new member to the club committee and the committee will recommend or decline to recommend the individual for membership. If the club committee approves, the committee chair will present the proposed member to the club secretary.
3. The Club Secretary establishes the proposed member's classification and **presents the proposed member and classification to the Board.**
4. The **Board considers** the proposal and approves or disapproves the recommendation.
5. After receiving the Board's approval the **Club Secretary publishes the prospective member's name in an email** to the general membership.
6. If no member files a written/email objection within ten (10) days after publication, the prospective member is considered to be elected to membership. The **Club Secretary notifies the sponsoring Rotarian of membership approval. The sponsoring Rotarian then notifies the new member.** The Club Secretary and Club President determine the date of initiation. (Answer to puzzle: Chris Alexander)
7. If at least one objection is filed by a member, the Board will meet and reconsider the prospective member. If no more than two (2) votes are cast against the prospective member by the board, the prospect is considered elected to membership.
8. **The proposal is kept confidential** during this preliminary phase, meaning that the potential member should not be aware of his/her proposal to the club. This is to protect him/her of the possibility of rejection by the club.
9. With a favorable decision by the Board, the sponsoring Rotarian and one or more members of the Club Committee **informs the prospective member of the purposes, responsibilities and privileges of membership.**
10. At the point that the member is approved, the Club Secretary and Club President will **establish the date of initiation.**

Congratulations, Christie!

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Ella Rae Ranzau
Born on December 26, 2007
at 11:52 p.m.
8 pounds, 2 ounces
21 and 1/2 inches
Welcomed with joy by parents
Christie and Nick Ranzau



A Few Choice Photos from 2007



If you have information that you would like to have included in this newsletter, simply email it to Tamera Rooney at trooney@uw Hancock.org.