



THE GATEWAY

South Gateway Rotary Club

Service Above Self

Week of
February 24
2009

THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Unfortunately, "Press Time" your president was ill and was unable to contribute to the newsletter this week. In his absence, we thought we would focus on some good club news. We are honored to present here our newest member, James Summers, Jr. James was recommended by Kane Brolin. James was approved by the Board of Directors, for membership following last week's regular meeting.

James is the CEO of the Summers Group, which is faith based group who provides educational and vocational training to young adults who might otherwise not have this same opportunity in traditional learning situations. We are certain that all our members will welcome James warmly beginning next week.

We are also happy to report that another new member prospect will be introduced and presented as new member prospect next week. He was a guest of Bob Frank last week. Bob introduced Bobby Williams, a local contractor. Your membership committee had a follow-up breakfast meeting with Bobby a few days later and application was taken and will be present for review next week.

Remember, our goal is eight new members by the end of our Rotary year.

Duty Roster

Greeter—Steve Sommers
Raffle—Jerry Longerot
Invocation—Don Napoli

Future Programs

February 24—Teresa Harmon—*"Your Path to Wholeness"*

March 3--TBA

March 10—Riley High School Speech Contestants

March 17—*Rob Staley –The Crossing with students*

Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial
Scholarship Applications For
2010-11 School Year Available
Contact Ranjan Kini, rkini@comcast.net

The scholarship is designed to further international understanding and good will, provide for study abroad in more than 140 countries where Rotary clubs are located. Some 800 scholarships of various types will be available from Rotary clubs worldwide.

One scholarship is available in
District 6540

During their studies abroad, Rotary Foundation ambassadorial scholars act as "Ambassadors of Good Will." Through appearances before Rotary Clubs and Districts, schools, civic organizations, and other forums the scholars represent their homelands and work to further international understanding.

Academic-Year Ambassadorial Scholarships are for one academic year abroad and provide for round-trip transportation, tuition and fees, room, board, some educational supplies and language training if necessary. Your District Governor has allocated \$ 25,000 for one academic ambassadorial scholarship.

An applicant must have completed two years of collage or university course work, or must have a high school education and have been employed in a recognized vocation for at least two years. Applications can be downloaded from the Rotary website: www.rotary.org or call Dr. Ranjan Kini at 219-980-6906. The deadline for candidates to submit application materials to our Rotary club is March 24, 2009.

Birthdays for February

Jerry Hunt (14)
Anthony Bird (17)

Spotlight on Our Youth Programs

The future of Rotary is the youth of our community. You will find them in your home, families, churches, high schools and colleges. We are responsible for providing them with educational opportunities, promoting our motto "Service Above Self" by example and opportunities. District 6540 is providing many sources to assist our club and others to provide youth opportunities in Rotary.

WORLD AFFAIRS CONFERENCE-IUSB,
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
South Gateway Rotary is sponsoring 30 Juniors and Seniors from Riley H. S. to attend this event.

DISTRICT SPEECH CONTEST-
APRIL 11, CHESTERTON HIGH SCHOOL-
\$3000 IN AWARDS

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS
(RYLA)-APRIL 17-19, BROOKSTON,
INDIANA

YOUTH EXCHANGE INBOUND AND
OUTBOUND STUDENTS

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES WITH
INTERACT, ROTARACT AND GROUP
STUDY EXCHANGE FOR YOUNG
ADULTS.

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

CHUCK THE CHICKEN

Another members name will be drawn this week. Greg Melton has been the lucky possessor of Chuck the last two weeks. Greg will owe the kitty some money. At the close of the meeting we will draw another name. If you have brought a guest you can pass Chuck on to someone else. Remember,

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SOUTH GATEWAY ROTARY CLUB

Chartered January 5, 1975

One of 55 Rotary clubs in District 6540

District 6540 encompasses Northern Indiana south to Peru, Indiana

District 6540 is one of 700+ districts worldwide

Benefits of Membership

- ✚ Become connected with Michiana. Effect positive changes working with other professionals like yourself, by addressing community needs.
- ✚ Establish business contacts and personal relationships through a local, regional and international network of volunteer professionals.
- ✚ Have fun with friends at lunch on Tuesdays. Learn something new each week.
- ✚ Gain an understanding of and have a tangible impact on international humanitarian needs.
- ✚ Enhance your leadership and personal skills.
- ✚ Involve your family in promoting service efforts. Show them the importance and have them experience the feeling of “giving back.”

Responsibilities of Membership

- ✚ Members are expected to attend weekly programs of the club. Opportunities to make up attendance include attending the regular meeting of other Rotary clubs, attending various other Rotary meeting, or attending a club service project authorized by our club Board of Directors. Current cost of our terrific lunch at The Landing is \$10.
- ✚ Members are required to pay annual dues, currently \$130 per year, which includes Rotary International, District 6540 and our club dues as well as a subscription to the monthly *Rotarian* magazine. A one-time \$30 processing charge applies to new members. Employers often pick up all or a portion of both these costs.
- ✚ Members are expected to participate in local or international activities or projects of our South Gateway Rotary Club.
- ✚ Members are encouraged to aspire to leadership or committee roles within our club. Throughout the year, members are asked (required) to sell or assist with various fundraisers such as “Breakfast with Santa” or “Duck Race Along the Race” sales. The funds received will be put toward our community grants and programs.
- ✚ Members are asked to consider giving to the Rotary Foundation through EREY (**E**very **R**otarian **E**very **Y**ear) Suggested contribution is \$100 per year.

