



**THE GATEWAY**  
**South Gateway Rotary Club**  
Service Above Self

Week of  
Dec. 17  
2009

## Notes from Emee

Tis the season....to have a great lunch. Our final meeting of the 2009 calendar year will be held tomorrow at The Landing. I hope everyone will be able to attend to hear Mark Tarner, the proprietor of South Bend Chocolate Company, address our club and to hear the nominations and vote for our club's leaders for 2010-2011 Rotary year. Our club is small, but mighty. The "mighty" part of South Gateway is in large part, due to dedicated members who have taken the baton and run. John Conlon and John Toepp have done just that, as Treasurer and Secretary for several years. They have decided to become honorary members next year and will not be holding an office. I thank them for their "service above self" and wish them much enjoyment as they travel the world while stopping in from time to time to describe the world outside of South Bend to South Gateway. South Gateway will continue to meet on a weekly basis with members taking offices. The new roster looks like this subject to change:

Kane Brolin-President  
Jerry Hunt-Treasurer  
Gary Pippenger-Secretary  
Paul White-Foundation Chair  
President-Elect....

Fred Bettner, a dedicated Rotarian has acknowledged the importance of solid leadership. He is willing to take the baton as President-Elect but would rather

have another member take it and run with it. The duties of President-Elect include among other things securing speakers for each week and then to step in as President the following year. Please consider taking the baton.

In Rotary,  
Emee

### DUTY ROSTER

#### December 17 Duty Roster

Greeter—Greg Melton  
Raffle—George May  
Invocation—Don Napoli

### ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER

December 20—George and Ann May  
December 26—Bob and Loretta Frank

### Programs

**December 17**—Mark Tarner: South Bend Chocolate Company (Yum!!)  
**December 24**: Christmas Eve  
**December 31**: New Years' Eve  
**January 7, 2010**—Bill Haughee—Microsoft Update with fabulous prizes  
**January 14**—Mike Martin—Lifeline Youth and Family Services  
**January 21**—Rick Wood: Hope Ministries  
**January 18**—Joan Downs-Krostenko: Historic Neighborhoods  
**February 4**—Christian Businessmen Connection  
**February 11**—Linda Dolan: School Fundraising with books  
**February 18**—Walt Ballard: AD., Riley High School

**February 25**—Claire Richard:  
Rotary Youth Exchange Student  
from France

**March 4**—Randy and Jen Beck:  
Household Toxins

**THOUGHTS ON MEMBERSHIP,  
OUR ROTARY CLUB AND THE  
FUTURE—FRED BETTNER, MEMBERSHIP  
CHAIR**

In the Rotary year the month of August is Membership month. We are obviously way past that since 2010 will begin in less than two weeks. It appears that **EVERY** month is going to have to be **MEMBERSHIP MONTH** for the rest of the year if this club is to live out its mission of providing fun and fellowship and Service Above Self.

When I joined Rotary 27 years ago I was asked to join by a dear friend and customer who told me that Rotary was a great place to meet like-minded people and to do some worthwhile community service. Since I was invited, I joined, participated and have not regretted a moment of that participation. My wife Beverly and I have met people from all over the world and are proud to say that we have made a difference in other people's lives in these 27 years. Rotary has shaped our lives. We just didn't join a club...we really joined one part of an organization that strengthens our community and others, improves health, saves lives and makes the world better in too many ways to count everyday.

Our club needs a new generation of ideas and energy. We personally know that when we ask someone to join Rotary we are not imposing a burden, we are giving a gift.

As you celebrate this holiday season with your friends and loved ones, please be reminded of the gift of Rotary that you can give to someone else by asking them to join our club.

**OH, TO BE A SANTA!**



