



Willoughby RotaReview

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No Excuses

When Greg Patt accepted the Willoughby Rotary Club's Distinguished Citizen Award on February 8, 2010 his comments included a challenge to all persons in the audience to "raise their hand," "accept the challenge," when there is a new project or task at hand. When the city was looking for someone to lead their new city image program "Heart of Willoughby," Greg said he knew nothing of what it would entail; he just thought it important that he should help. And help he did - the project breathed new life into many activities, redefining and shaping the image of our city.

Our club, thank goodness, is filled with many folks who accept the challenge and offer no excuses when asked. Or they initiate an idea and run with it. When Rick Cooper, our Assistant District Governor suggested an area club social & mixer, Michelle Hauser assembled a great Wine Tasting Fellowship event at Gavi's on January 16th. Members from the Mentor, Painesville and Willoughby Rotary Club enjoyed an evening of fellowship and fun. Gavi's was packed!

Last fall I asked Eric Barbe if he'd run the Valentines Day Program. He said yes and ran with it - what a fun day! New member Dianna Turk, raised her hand immediately when Bill Giffin asked for help to take over the 50/50 raffle. There are a many great examples of leadership in motion.

Today our club is a little concerned over the leadership commitment within our club over the next several years. Our slate of officers is fine for the foreseeable future; however several years out we some voids potentially occurring in key roles. Our club has been blessed to have programs and activities that provide meaningful support to our community and beyond. They don't happen by accident. And as Greg had said, it doesn't always take a lot to get the ball rolling - or in many cases keep the ball rolling if someone raises their hand to help.

March Programs

Mar 8	Student of the Month
Mar 15	Rotary Foundation Awards
Mar 22	Big Brothers Big Sisters
Mar 29	State of the City of Willoughby

Programs are subject to change - please check the club website regularly for updates.

District Events

Mar 12-13	All Ohio P.E.T.S. in Columbus for Presidents Elect
Apr 17	4-Way Test District Speech Competition at Beachwood High School
May 22	Lake County Captions Rotary Night at Classic Park
Jun 13	RYLA

Information for District events may be found at the District website at www.rotarydistrict6630.org.

My challenge to each of us is to offer no excuses. Share your interests and offer to help. Step up to the plate when asked. The saying, many hands make light the work is so true. Please talk to myself or one of the other officers about serving on the board, helping with a project or work to identify and recruit a new member. Help keep one of our existing programs rolling. The "Future of Rotary Is In Your Hands."

David Schell
Club President



From Hanna Talty

Our exchange student's most recent update sent to George Brown:

Hi George,

How is everything?

I honestly can't remember if I had sent you a report from December I don't believe I did so I will include December in this E-mail as well as January.

December: The month passed extremely quick with the holidays. Christmas day was a bit difficult at first but as the day carried on it became easier and easier. I had a wonderful time with my host family! It was so much fun, we celebrated with the whole family at the grandparents house which was really nice. I got a chance to Skype with my family that evening just after dinner so it was nice to see everyone. It was really interesting to see how another family celebrates Christmas. It was so incredibly different from what I am used to but I had an excellent time.

January: The months are passing so incredibly fast and I can hardly believe its already February. January was great though. I started off the new year with some good friends and made a resolution to lose all the weight that I have gained, and so far it is still not going the way I planned. The food is just too good here. But for the most part everything is really great here in Paris and I couldn't be happier. My birthday is coming soon and so is the Spain trip, and then right after I come home from Spain my family will be here to visit. So I have a lot of good things heading my way right now, and I am so excited for all of them! So I'm pretty sure that sums it up for now.

I hope everything is good back home, I miss it terribly but I'm happy that I'm here at the same time.

Best regards,
Hanna Talty

Mission of Rotary International

The mission of Rotary International, a worldwide association of Rotary clubs, is to provide service to others, to promote high ethical standards, and to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Diversity and Rotary

Rotary International recognizes the value of diversity within individual clubs. Rotary encourages clubs to assess those in their communities who are eligible for membership, under existing membership guidelines, and to endeavor to include the appropriate range of individuals in their clubs. A club that reflects its community with regard to professional and business classification, gender, age, religion, and ethnicity is a club with the key to its future.

Moving toward the future

In 2001-02, Rotary International began developing a strategic plan to guide the organization as it entered its second century of service. In June 2007, the Board of Directors approved the RI Strategic Plan 2007-10, which identifies seven priorities:

- Eradicate polio.
- Advance the internal and external recognition and public image of Rotary.
- Increase Rotary's capacity to provide service to others.
- Expand membership globally in both numbers and quality.
- Emphasize Rotary's unique vocational service commitment.
- Optimize the use and development of leadership talents within RI.
- Fully implement the strategic planning process to ensure continuity and consistency throughout the organization.