

THE PILOT'S WHEEL



VERMILION ROTARY CLUB

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Birthdays

Janet Ford 3/16
Bill Matijasic 3/21
Jack Hook 3/18



Anniversaries

Phil and Nahid Pempin 3/21

March is Literacy Month

By

Sue Hunt

On the 6th of March, country music legend, Dolly Parton and Rotary International announced a collaborative relationship to begin a new chapter in promoting early childhood reading. Under the agreement, Rotary clubs in Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States are encouraged to support the Dollywood Foundation's Imagination Library, which provides a book each month to children from birth until age five. Local Rotary club participation could include promoting the program within the community, helping to identify and register the children, and paying for the books and mailings. Citing its impressive role in the polio eradication effort, Parton is proud to have Rotary on her foundation's side, she says. "This partnership is a marriage made in heaven," says Parton. "Rotary does such good work around the world. This is a big deal for us. We feel proud and honored to be working with such a prestigious organization." In a public ceremony in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, Rotary Foundation Trustee John Germ joined Parton onstage to make the announcement in front of more than 500 people.

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NEWSLETTER

DATE: March 18th 2009

"MAKE DREAMS REAL"

Today's Speaker

President Lynn Miggins and Sue Hunt

Topic

The basics of Rotary Membership
And the Obligations of Membership

PRESIDENT: Lynn Miggins

PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON: L. Miggins

KEYBOARD: Judy Somers

SONG LEADER: Sid Jordan

NEWSLETTER: Bob Kyle

Last Week:

A business meeting was held and chaired by President Lynn Miggins. The emphasis was on the following up-coming events and programs:

March 18th: Bring a prospective Rotary member to the luncheon on this day

Even though our Club is holding fairly steady on membership, the Club always needs more members just to take care of "attrition" because of various circumstances. We are urged to bring a prospective business or professional person or persons to this Wednesday's meeting and luncheon.

March 21st: The Community-wide Pancake Breakfast to benefit Vermilion Food Pantry and the Vermilion Salvation Army.

President Lynn re-iterated from the week before, there will be three pancake breakfast sites this coming Saturday: Lakeview Baptist Church (East Lake Road, Vermilion), Vermilion Fire Department (corner of Exchange and Ohio Sts), and Township Fire Department (corner of Kneisel Road and State Rte 60). The time is from 8:00AM until 12:00Noon. Our

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- Queen of Hearts is worth: \$40.00
- Attendance last meeting: 27 members

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AMERICA

My Country 'tis of thee,
Sweet Land of Liberty,
Of Thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side,
Let freedom ring.

VERMILION GRACE

Let us pause in the rush of the
fray
And reflect on our duties so high
We confess and exalt Thee today,
We beseech Thee thy care,
God most high.



SMILE

Smile and the world smiles with you
Sing a song,
Don't be weary, just be cheery
All day long.
Whenever your trials
Your troubles and your care
Seem to be more than you can really
bear, so
Smile and the world smiles with you
Sing a song!

HELLO

Hello, Hello, Hello
What a wonderful word hello,
Hello, Hello, Hello
You will hear it wherever you go.
Strangers like your friendship
When you greet them;
So smile and say hello
When you first meet them.
Hello, Hello, Hello,
What a wonderful word Hello!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to you
Anniversary too.
Have a great celebration
Love and Joy all year through

Club is collaborating with the two fire departments and the Lions Club of Vermilion to make this a "community Affair." Lynn mentioned the club membership is in charge of the Lakeview Baptist site. All who are involved in the affair should be at the site, at least, by 7:00AM to set up and start cooking the products. Cooks, table servers, dish washers, etc. are all needed to attend.

**March 28th: The Rotary District Assembly
Findlay, Ohio**

**April 11th: Welcoming and hosting the GSE
Team from Japan**

**April 17-19: Annual Rotary District 6600 Confer-
ence at Sawmill Creek, Huron**

**May 1st: Our Annual Steak Fry at German's
Villa**

Steak-fry tickets were passed out last week along with 50-50 raffle tickets. We must get a large attendance at the fry in order to make our budget!

Up-coming Programs

Mar 25th seventy-five years of the history of Moes Marine
Chairperson: Judy Somers

April 1st Speaker: Chris Lewis
Topic: To be announced
Chairperson: Melissa Shorts

Come to the Meetings and get informed by these great programs and speakers!

"Our partnership with Parton's foundation will bring tremendous improvement in children's literacy," says Germ, a member of the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee. "Dolly is the perfect spokeswoman for promoting early childhood reading." Parton's impoverished childhood and her father's illiteracy inspired the country singer to create a literacy program in 1996 for preschool children in her native Sevier County, Tennessee. The Imagination Library spread quickly. Today, it serves 47 states, along with parts of Canada and the United Kingdom, and has provided children with more than 15 million books. "I love books. Anytime I have spare time, I'm reading a book," says Parton. "My father lived long enough to see this program become a success and was so proud; people called me 'the book lady.'" According to the Parton Foundation, research shows that preschoolers exposed to reading are more likely to look forward to starting school, do well in class, read at or above grade level, finish high school, and go on to college. "It's great to start the children when they're little, when they're most impressionable, to teach them how to read, teach them how to learn to love books just as much as I do," says Parton. The Imagination Library is especially valuable for children in underprivileged families who may find books to be an unaffordable luxury in today's economic slowdown. For an annual cost of \$28 per child, the Dollywood Foundation sends children registered for the program one book a month, beginning with *The Little Engine That Could*. The books are age appropriate and range from life lessons to bedtime stories. About 115 Rotary clubs already participate, and that number will triple with the addition of all 203 clubs in Georgia, the first to sign on under the new agreement. The clubs will work through the Georgia-based Ferst Foundation for Childhood Literacy, with the goal of extending the Imagination library to all 159 counties in the state. "For decades, Rotary clubs worldwide have supported literacy programs for children and adults," Germ said. "This collaborative relationship with the Dollywood Foundation will help lift our literacy effort to the next level by promoting early childhood reading." Parton says she's excited to be working with an organization with so much international reach. "Rotary has always been willing to do their part in about everything," she says. "Like I always say, you can never do enough, but you can always do something. Just knowing they have all those wonderful clubs all over the world, we can try and help everybody."