

THE PILOT'S WHEEL



VERMILION ROTARY CLUB

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Birthdays
Zack Dolyk 4/2



Anniversaries
None this week

Moment for Rotary

Sue Hunt

April is Magazine Month on the Rotary calendar. The Rotary magazine is one of Rotary's oldest traditions. In January of 1911, a 12 page newsletter called *The National Rotarian* was published; it contained an essay by Paul Harris, "Rational Rotarianism," along with club news and editorials. Of the new publication, Harris wrote: "The primary purpose of the *The National Rotarian* is to provide a means for the exchange of ideas between Rotarians throughout the world, not to give the national officers an opportunity to express their views. These messages are not written merely to fill space; nevertheless we look forward to the day when they will be literally crowded out by surging mobs of virile Rotarian ideas struggling to be heard."

Today, with Rotary's club membership spanning more than 200 countries and geographical areas, the mandate of its publications is more complex, and more vital, than ever. The English-language flagship magazine, *The Rotarian*, is edited at RI headquarters in Evanston, Ill., USA, and has a circulation of about 500,000. Around the world, 31 more magazines are published in 24 other languages, for a total of 32 magazines published by the Rotary World Magazine Press, and a total circulation of about 1.25 mil-

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NEWSLETTER

DATE: April 1st 2009
APRIL FOOLS DAY !!!!!!!!

"MAKE DREAMS REAL"

Today's Speaker
Chris Lewis

Topic

Murray Ridge Production Center

PRESIDENT: Lynn Miggins
PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON: Melissa Shorts
KEYBOARD: Judy Somers
SONG LEADER: Sid Jordan
NEWSLETTER: Bob Kyle

Last Week:

A "Vermilion History" lesson was enjoyed by the membership and their guests. The speaker, Tom Moes, whose father began the boat building and maintenance business way back in the early part of the last century. Tom said his grandfather came over from Luxemburg to the United States at the young age of ten. The land (adjacent to the river), located just east of the Vermilion Boat Club was purchased in 1917 from the Burton Parsons estate. These properties were called "water lots" I would suspect because they were under water from time to time from the flood waters of the Vermilion River. Throughout Tom's very interesting slide show, the "old-timers" of the club (mainly yours-truly) recognized familiar looking shots of buildings long gone from vast fires of the past. To the west of the Moes property was the Leidheiser fishery, which was burned to the ground back in December 1951. Tom's photos showed the original "Mystic Belle" with the name of "Mississippi," a flat-bottom boat built in the early days of the Moes business. It was equipped to carry from twenty-five to thirty passen-

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- Queen of Hearts is worth: \$58.00
- Attendance last meeting: 27 members
- Rotarian Guests: Lorain Club, Doug Mathews,
- Bill Somers, Matt Humphreys, Rick Novak
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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

gers up and down the river for pleasure rides. He said the Cleveland Yacht Club used our Vermilion Harbor for rendezvous in the summertime. Tom made mention of some of the old-timers in Vermilion. He said that a man by the name of Ed Lampe was called the Paul Bunyan of Vermilion. This entrepreneur spent his days ferrying folks across to the other side of the river; for profit, of course. Other slides in Tom's repertoire showed the beginning construction of the Vermilion Lagoons, which was quite an undertaking at the time. (yours-truly used to pump gasoline into the then huge earth moving equipment). Tom said Lyman Boat Company in Sandusky, Ohio made smaller boats which were very "sea-worthy" and could stand up to the windy- choppy lake. He showed and explained how his crew could repair the boats that were in collisions with rocks and/or other boats. They had to be repaired correctly to pass the rigid inspection process. He also showed us how they stretched the new canvas over the top of the wooden canvas covered canoes. To the boater, this was a must see program. Thanks to Tom for the program and also to Judy Somers for bringing his talk to the group.

Up-coming Programs

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

April 8th Speaker: Roger Sick
Topic: Vermilion Fire Department
Chairperson: Tad Peck

April 15th Speaker: Sue Hunt will introduce
Tony, GSE team from Japan

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

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The RI Board of Directors has designated April of every year as Magazine Month. It is a time to recognize the role that our Rotary publications play in our Rotary lives - and the role that we should play in our publications. For the magazines to live up to Paul Harris' original vision, it takes more than just an editorial staff. It also takes the good work of Rotarians. I always feel that the best part of reading any Rotary publication is the opportunity to find out what other clubs are doing. Each issue, each article is a chance to be informed and inspired.

In an era when electronic communication seems to be everywhere, the role of the paper-and-ink magazine is still important to our organization. Rotary magazines provide us with an overview of what's happening in different clubs and districts as well as important news and updates from RI headquarters. Even the many Rotarians who regularly visit www.rotary.org will find something new in every issue.

NEW PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

The Board of Directors approved the following people for membership during their last Board Meeting:

Bridget German	German's Villa
Rob Johnston	Vermilion YMCA
Betsy Doane	Retired speech pathologist

(The membership has until April 14th to express and file their objections in writing with either Pres. Lynn or Sec'y Barb.)

{Pres. Lynn announced to the group last week that the Board voted to donate the 50-50 drawing funds to both the Food Pantry and Lucy Idol School. Both will receive \$200.

Don't forget the Pot-luck Dinner at the Barthel Home, April 11th, Saturday night, i.e. the Japanese Exchange Group