

THE PILOT'S WHEEL



VERMILION ROTARY CLUB

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Birthdays
None this week



Anniversaries

None this week

Moment for Rotary

By
Sid Jordan

STRIVE Program: This year, the STRIVE programs at Vermilion High School and the Firelands School got off to a great start. Sid Jordan heads up the Vermilion program and Heather McCord heads up the Firelands program. I have asked both, Sid and Heather to give us a synopsis of the start-up sessions for each of the schools so that our group can get a good idea of how the initial sessions are going. This week we will feature the Vermilion Schools with Sid's summary below. Next Week, Heather will tell us the Firelands story.

Vermilion STRIVE: The STRIVE students at Vermilion High School had their first full session on Thursday, October 22nd and the class was attended by sixteen of the twenty-two students. The program was a collaborative discussion in groups of five students with one adult with a focus on the Rotary 4 way test. We implemented a variation of a program created by the Fort Collins Colorado Rotary Club. Students were asked to create a common challenging social scenario concluding with the question, "What would you do?" These scenarios were submitted and drawn at random for dialogue

NEWSLETTER

DATE: October 28th 2009

"The Future of Rotary is in your Hands"

This Week
Update on the library construction

"Speaker"
Tim Rini, Construction Manager

PRESIDENT: Terry Pena
PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON Janet Ford
KEYBOARD: Judy Somers
SONG LEADER: Sid Jordan
NEWSLETTER: Bob Kyle

Last Week:

First off: this editor understands that a random collection was taken up two weeks ago to entice Betsy Wakefield to put on her undersea "wet suit." Betsy said that it got pretty hot inside the suit before she could take it off. Sorry that I missed your program, Betsy.

Barb Hanck talked to the Club about the Sandusky/Erie County Community Foundation, its mission and its events of the past and future. The mission of the Foundation is to create a permanent endowment, to identify and respond to community needs, and to facilitate charitable giving. The foundation was incorporated in 1995. Barb stated that there are three thousand foundations like the Erie County Community Foundation in the United States, one third of which are in the Midwest. Ohio has about seventy-five foundations. The Erie County Foundation funds scholarships, endowments, and funds for children's health in its annual operating budget. She said this year the foun-

- Queen of Hearts is worth: \$305.00
- Members present last week: 29
- Visiting Rotarians:
- Guests:

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

amongst the group. Each student was given time to contemplate and respond to the question. Throughout the dialogue, we would refer back to the 4 way test regarding the students response.

Here are a few examples of the submitted scenarios:

1. You come to school one day and see your friend is acting a little strange. They are very happy and talking loud. You soon learn they have a drug problem and often come to school high. What do you do?
2. You go to your friends house and find out that the dad drinks a lot after work. The next day she comes to school covered with bruises. You suspect it was the father abusing her. What do you do?
3. Your friend comes to you with cash of \$5000 and asks you to keep it at your house because he can't risk it at his own home. You begin to suspect it was stolen money. What do you do?

The complete program lasted about one hour and resulted in very good dialogue. One group seemed to lose interest after about 45 minutes while another group seemed to be ready to talk all day. The primary goal of the program was to start the STRIVE year by encouraging the students to be comfortable in conversation with the adult Rotarians. The secondary goal was to teach the 4 way test. Starting with the November meeting, we will return to the format of a program utilizing an outside speaker. It is our goal this year to create a plan for each speaker that includes an interactive game, quiz, or required response with the goal of significantly increased participation by all students.

We welcome all fellow Rotarians to volunteer as speakers and/or to submit ideas for interactive activities.
(The Club thanks Sid for taking on this important role of STRIVE coordinator)

dation will give out one hundred twenty-five grants, the sum of one million dollars. One half of the funds comes from government grants and the other half comes from private sources. Some of the funds are given to fund teacher training, classroom training, and project data analysis. Barb pointed out that Vermilion School System has received one hundred sixty thousand dollars so far this year. Part of this money was a donation received from the late Eugene Kropf Estate, a businessman and life Vermilion resident. The Foundation has also funded some grants for economic development, situational poverty grants to food pantries and homeless shelters. They coordinate food drives collecting food around Erie County. Grants have been given to the Community Garden Center, also. Barb said they are checking in funding some Wind Turbines in the future. She said the Vermilion YMCA and Main Street Vermilion has received grant funds. Anyone interested in more information can go to the Website: barb@sanduskyfoundation.org.

The foundation address is 135 East Washington Row, Sandusky, OH. 44870

Chuck Dunbar, manager of the Vermilion Quaker Steak and Lube restaurant has been proposed for membership and approved by the Board of Directors last week.

PARK WINTERIZATION: This Saturday, October 31st, 9:00 AM, all hands on deck. Bring your tools and be ready to work about 2 hours. You know what they say about many hands. It's true!!!!!!!!!!!!!!