



This Week—June 2, 2010

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Visioning Results

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Next Week—June 9, 2010

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The Bridge to Hope

Vision = interpreting what is seen or inspirational experience

Visionary = one who imagines what does not yet exist but might, some day

Visioning = the process of identifying, developing, and documenting vision, leading to the creation of strategies and tactics

In a very real sense, every Rotarian is a visionary. By imagining what doesn't exist in our community, our country, our world; by interpreting what we see or acting on an inspiration; by working to create strategies and tactics that turn vision into reality, Rotarians give a face, hands, and legs to the motto "service above self."

It is not enough to have a vision. Acting on the vision makes the difference. At the District 6250 conference in La Crosse, Rick Kyte recounted the story of Plenty Coups, a Crow Indian who, after being forced onto a reservation succeeded in convincing his tribe to settle and begin farming. This came about, in part, by a vision he received during a fasting ritual. In the vision, he saw the buffalo disappear and spotted buffalo, or cattle, appear in their place. A forest was destroyed by a storm, except for a single tree. This tree held the lodge of the Chickadee, who survived the storm because he was a sharp listener who learned from others and knew where to pitch his lodge. His dream was interpreted to mean that the cattle which replaced the buffalo represented the whites taking over Crow country. The tree which survived was the Crows, who would survive the coming of the white man because, like the Chickadee, they listened and learned from the experiences of other tribes and pitched their lodges in the right place. Plenty Coups used this vision throughout his life; it told him to adapt and cooperate so the Crows would survive and prosper.

Although our club vision is less likely to dramatically revise the lives of our members, it is by no means powerless. By first considering what is important to our future and then putting a path into place to get to that future, we can and will define the character of our club. Consider well, therefore, the path we choose. After all "if you don't know where you're going, you'll probably end up somewhere else," (which is often attributed to Yogi Berra but actually originated with Laurence J. Peter.)

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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Celebrate Rotary's New Year on Wednesday, July 7th at Olde Towne beginning at 5:00 pm with a social hour followed by dinner, and a program of improvisation and induction of officers. (There will be no noon meeting.)



Happy June Birthdays!!

Robyn Morin
Dennis Beety

Chris Smith
Tim Peterson

Steve Lindberg
John Wesolek
Lisa Montgomery