

Bulletin

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This Week—May 26, 2010

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Cancer: prevention,
awareness, and detection

Programs

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Next Week—June 2, 2010

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Visioning Results

SUMMER

Memorial weekend is generally regarded the unofficial start to summer and our recent warm weather leads to a summer state-of- mind. This editor remembers summers (long past) of walking down to the old-town library to choose books for pleasurable, enjoyable reading. It was a treat to read just for fun, especially in the shade of the backyard trees.

Literacy projects have long been a part of Rotary and justifiably so. In researching the RI website, this editor found we have an surprising ally, 'The Book Lady'.

To most of us Dolly Parton is a singer and actress, but she has been anointed 'The Book Lady' by the children. She was born the fourth of twelve children in a one-room cabin in the foot-hills of the Great Smoky Mountains where her father, a farmer, in a good year, would bring in \$2,500. Most of her family were unable to read or write. Dolly loved going to school and could "get my hands on anything I could read.....being stuck in the mountains, reading was so important. I could be anyone. I could do anything."

In 1996, the Dollywood Foundation formed Imagination Library which provides one free book per month to every child from birth to age five in communities whose parents sign up for the program.

Rotary has provided invaluable help to the foundation and since 1990 most RI presidents have appointed a literacy resource group as part of the effort. Since the Imagination Library was formed, 12 million free books have been delivered to children in the US and Canada. Today, the Imagination Library is in 732 counties in the US, including every county in Tennessee.

To quote Ms. Parton, "What started out as a little thing at home, grew and grew. We're now all over the United States and Canada. With a book, you can be quiet and let your imagination go crazy."

We all can be proud of this alliance with a country legend and enjoy our summer reading, knowing Rotary has been part of sharing it with others. Literacy is a project that definitely is "Beneficial to all concerned".

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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?

NEXT WEEK.....

Several weeks ago a group of club members participated in a Club Visioning Event. Next week Bryan Kneeland will review with us the results from that evening.

PRAIRIE WORK DAY AT MENOMIN PARK.....

An update from Paul Peltier from Saturday May 15th.

We had a good work day at Menomin Park on Saturday. Volunteers were on hand from M.A.M.B.A, Menomonie Rotary, and the Lower Chippewa River Alliance. And we had a Stout student as our bonus volunteer.

About 120 pine trees were cut out of the prairie located closest to Lake Menomin. The trees ranged from 3 foot tall sticks to a few 11 footers with 6" trunks. Most were "Christmas Tree" sized, with trunks about 3" diameter. Two chainsaws kept things moving.

After cutting, trees were lugged to the woods around the prairie, where they will be great homes for rabbits and other critters.

There are still a few pines in the prairie, we left one tree alone when we saw that a Mallard duck was nesting under it, and a few were just missed.

The prairie will need annual maintenance to chop new trees as they sprout, hopefully the prairie can be burned in the next few years.

There are still a small number of pines in the other two prairies at Menomin Park, but given the heat and insects, these can probably be cut in November.

Paul Peltier
M.A.M.B.A. Trail Coordinator

LEADERSHIP MENOMONIE.....

The Rotary Club of Menomonie has committed to supporting the Leadership Menomonie program designed to help develop future leaders by learning more about the business and public services in the area and to develop an understanding of opportunities to serve the Menomonie area through their businesses and service clubs in the area.

The Club's Board of Directors will begin accepting applications from club members who are interested in participating in the Chamber's Leadership Menomonie program.

If interested, please complete the Leadership Menomonie application, which can be found on Chamber's website at www.menomoniechamber.org, and submit it to Bryan Kneeland, bryankneeland@gmail.com or Chris Smith, casmith@wwt.net no later than June 10, 2010.

Following is the Club's guidelines for interested applicants.

Application procedure:

- Applications are open to Rotarians who have been a member for one or more years.
- Fill out and submit the complete Chamber of Commerce Leadership Menomonie application.
- If an employer is involved, the applicant must discuss the commitment with the employer and be assured that he/she can be absent from his/her employment and committed to finishing the program.
- The applicant must be willing to report on the benefits of the program to the Rotary Club.
- The applicant must commit to continued membership in Rotary for at least one year after completing the program. (Exceptions might be a job transfer to another city/state.)

What is Leadership Menomonie?

Leadership Menomonie is a program designed to develop community leaders who have the skills to work together, be part of solutions, and accept ownership of community issues.

For more information on the program, please visit the Chamber website and click on the Leadership Menomonie link.