



This Week—Nov. 25, 2009
Model Airplane Club
Presentation

Programs

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Next Week—Dec. 2, 2009
Murder Mystery Event
Social hour 5:00 pm
Dinner 6:00 pm

Dream, Idea, Image, Foresight, Ability to See, VISION, Prediction, Mental Picture, Revelation, Imagination

Club Visioning is now available to Rotary Clubs throughout District 6250. Twenty-Nine Rotarians from across our District successfully completed a full day of facilitator training on October 24, 2009 at the Wintergreen Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Facilitation teams comprised of four Rotarians are ready to facilitate a club visioning event if requested by any club in our District.

The visioning process is designed to help a Rotary club create its own vision and to discover for itself the steps necessary to achieve that vision. The result is unique to each club because this is not a vision decided by the Rotary District or by Rotary International. The result is a vision designed and endorsed by the club's own members.

A club visioning event brings together a good cross-section of its membership from the newest to the most experienced Rotarian. The process uses the talents and life experience within the club to develop a vision and goals reflecting that club's membership. A club visioning event provides renewed focus on objectives and is completed in a dedicated, fun-filled four hour session. The challenge during this process is to gather as many ideas and opportunities for the future from a group of 15 to 30 Rotarians and then condense it down to the most important goals as determined by that club. To make sure that all of this can be accomplished within a limited time frame, the club visioning event is run by an outside neutral team of Rotary facilitators. The team has been well-trained in a specific process to help the club bring out its best thinking. The facilitation team does not suggest or promote projects.

This is not a strategic planning process. However, it does provide wonderful material that can be used to either help review an existing club's strategic plan or help in the development of such a plan at a later time. By the end of this four-hour process, each club will have a clear vision of the following:

- What the club stands for in the community;
- The club's target membership size in five years;
- Identification of the club's attributes;
- Top three objectives for each avenue of service; and
- Ways to improve the club's leadership development.

Yogi Berra said, "If you don't know where you are going, chances are you will end up someplace else." If a club starts with an effective visioning event, it leads to a long range plan that can effectively result in programs locally and internationally. A club vision is a living management tool that begins this process by defining a shared commitment, providing long term direction, creating a framework to establish goals and objectives, and helping the club to optimize the use of its resources.

The key thing to remember is that this visioning process is designed to make sure that it is the club members who are providing the input and deciding the goals, objectives, and action steps that they want to take in order to realize the vision that they have created for themselves as a Rotary Club in their community.

If you would like more information on the Club Visioning process, feel free to contact Committee Chair and District Governor Nominee Chuck Hanson or any member of District 6250's Club Visioning Committee. You can find all the names and e-mail addresses on the District website.

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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?

THANKSGIVING FUN FACTS-

Over the Years

Though many competing claims exist, the most familiar story of the first Thanksgiving took place in Plymouth Colony, in present-day Massachusetts, in 1621. More than 200 years later, President Abraham Lincoln declared the final Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving. Congress finally made Thanksgiving Day an official national holiday in 1941.

On the Table

In a survey conducted by the National Turkey Federation, nearly 88 percent of Americans said they eat turkey at Thanksgiving. The average weight of turkeys purchased for Thanksgiving is 15 pounds, which means some 690 million pounds of turkey were consumed in the U.S. during Thanksgiving in 2007.

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, the largest pumpkin pie ever baked weighed 2,020 pounds and measured just over 12 feet long. It was baked on October 8, 2005 by the New Bremen Giant Pumpkin Growers in Ohio, and included 900 pounds of pumpkin, 62 gallons of evaporated milk, 155 dozen eggs, 300 pounds of sugar, 3.5 pounds of salt, 7 pounds of cinnamon, 2 pounds of pumpkin spice and 250 pounds of crust.

Around the Country

Three towns in the U.S. take their name from the traditional Thanksgiving bird, including Turkey, Texas (pop. 465); Turkey Creek, Louisiana (pop. 363); and Turkey, North Carolina (pop. 270).

Originally known as Macy's Christmas Parade—to signify the launch of the Christmas shopping season—the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade took place in New York City in 1924. It was launched by Macy's employees and featured animals from the Central Park Zoo. Today, some 3 million people attend the annual parade and another 44 million watch it on television.

Snoopy has appeared as a giant balloon in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade more times than any other character in history. As the Flying Ace, Snoopy made his sixth appearance in the 2006 parade.

The first time the Detroit Lions played football on Thanksgiving Day was in 1934, when they hosted the Chicago Bears at the University of Detroit stadium, in front of 26,000 fans. The NBC radio network broadcast the game on 94 stations across the country—the first national Thanksgiving football broadcast. Since that time, the Lions have played a game every Thanksgiving (except between 1939 and 1944); in 1956, fans watched the game on television for the first time.

WANTED:

Rotarians to plan events and to arrange for host families for the GSE Team from Japan during the week of May 16, 2010. Contact President Mark or International Director Sue Beety.

COMING EVENTS.....

Nov. 26th—Community Thanksgiving dinner at Olde Towne (Contact Jackie Dotseth to volunteer)

Dec. 2nd—Menomonie Rotary's Murder Mystery Dinner at Olde Towne—Cocktails at 5:00 pm & Dinner at 6:00 pm

Dec. 9th—Menomonie Rotary's Holiday Family Project

Dec. 10th—Winterdaze Parade—MainStreet Parade at 6:30 pm

Dec. 11th—Menomonie Rotary's Monthly Board Meeting—12:00 pm at Westconsin Credit Union's East Office

PROPOSED MEMBERS—If you have any comments, contact Sandy Ott, secretary

Dale Kastner, of Dairy State Bank has been proposed for membership by Bryan Kneeland.

Peter Gruetzmacher, owner of Jakes, has been proposed for membership by Don Williams