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Ames Morning Rotary Club Newsletter

"Service Above Self"

Four-Way Test

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to All Concerned?
3. Will it Build Good Will and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial for all Concerned?

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Secretary: Terry Adams
Treasurer: Jim Ziebold
Past President: Brian Dieter

Membership Matters!
by Jill Guffy and Dave Miller

[Editorial Note: In this article, Jill Guffy, Club Director of Membership Growth and Development, tells of her Rotary experiences and suggests that members use their similar experiences in recruiting new members. And President Dave Miller provides the membership with a challenge for club growth along with a description of the process for bringing new members into the club.]



Jill Guffy

I think back to the time when I was a new member to our Rotary family. I've now been a member for two years, thanks to the invitation of two special friends, Jane Acker and

Carolyn Jons. My dad belonged to a club in Manhattan, Kansas and I knew how much he enjoyed it. When I first joined, it seemed to me a great way to meet other professionals. I had volunteered a lot but there were many new faces with a new focus on service. This organization seemed a really good connection with Iowa State, education, and community citizenship.

I enjoy the Wednesday morning breakfasts, the fellowship, the information, and even get a chuckle out of our singing! Clean-up on Mortensen Road can even be fun when one shares it with friends. Rotary's international commitment to service has made a big impact. Hosting Ugandan families this past summer was a really wonderful experience and I hope it is just the beginning of many exchange visits. Rotarians take their pledge of service very seriously! Making a positive difference in the world can seem overwhelming; global connections through Rotary and its many projects make it possible.

So look closely for those who would like to share in this experience. Perhaps even a spouse or child would like to join our ranks. We have a lot to offer and we in turn would benefit from new ideas and enthusiasm.

May the new year bring a commitment to increase our membership and renew the goals of our organization!

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December Programs and Events
<u>December 7, 2005</u> Ames High School Music Program
<u>December 12, 2005</u> Rotary Holiday Social at Home of Dick and Sandy Horton 2119 Country Club Blvd. 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
<u>December 13, 2005</u> Board of Directors Meeting Pine Room, Memorial Union, ISU 7:00 am
<u>December 14, 2005</u> Rotary Christmas Program
<u>December 21, 2005</u> Club Business Meeting and Elections
<u>December 28, 2005</u> No Meeting

December Membership	
New Members:	None
Resignations:	None
Total Membership	68

December Birthdays	
1	Kori Heuss
6	Myrna Whigham
16	Blair Brewer
24	Chuck Gilarski
30	Mary Harms
30	Terry Adams

December Club Anniversaries	
1	Chuck Gilarski (12 years)
1	Jim Smith (11 years)
1	Jim Ziebold (12 years)
8	Larry Elphic (1 year)
17	Jill Guffy (2 years)
17	Joel Rogers (17 years)
17	Scott Sanders (2 years)

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Dave Miller

Every Rotarian remembers the person who cared enough to ask them to join a Rotary Club – just the way that most people can recall their first grade teacher as an important person in their life. You probably think about that person now and a smile creeps across your face. My challenge to all Rotarians is for you to become like that person that asked you to become a Rotarian. We all know someone who would likely enjoy being a Rotarian and, in fact, deserves to be a Rotarian. It may be a friend, a co-worker, someone from your church, or someone you sit with at your son's or daughter's sports event.

Although many people shy away from becoming a sales person, this "product" virtually sells itself. How hard can it be to convince someone to join a group of civic minded people in an informal meal? How scary can it be to sing a song (with other people that can't sing) and be able to laugh in the process? How intimidating can it be to listen as a friend puts a dollar in the bucket and shares a little bit of their life with the group? How boring can it be to listen to a talented speaker on a topic that you likely knew next to nothing about but is a vital part of your community? How imposing can it be to help local youth groups, to recognize exceptional local teachers, to support a family at the Holidays, to do a roadside cleanup, to serve a meal at the local emergency shelter, to send a youth to study abroad, or to work on an international service project?

Stop and think of someone you really admire, someone that you like to spend time with, or someone that you always thought you would like to meet. The process is really quite simple. First, invite them to a meeting. Make sure that you introduce them around and get your guest a Rotary information sheet from the Sergeant-at-Arms. In a couple of days, call them up and ask if they have any questions. See if there is a time when they could come to another club meeting. Tell them you would be delighted if they would join the club. When your prospective member is ready to join, the process only takes a couple weeks. First a membership application must be completed and be submitted to the Board of Directors. There are two "readings" of the prospective member and then a new member induction is scheduled. Our club plans to have a new member orientation process in place this year to inform, support, and integrate new members into the club.

So, you can see it's easy. Go ahead and "Make someone's day".

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting November 8, 2005

The November 8 meeting of the Ames Morning Rotary Board of Directors was called to order at 7:07 a.m. in the Pine Room of the Memorial Union. Those present were Dave Miller, Jill Guffy, Lynette Seymour, Scott Bauer, Brian Dieter, Jim Obrecht, Sandy Horton, Jim Ziebold, Rick Elbert, Tim Ashley, Arch Oldehoeft, and Terry Adams.

The minutes of the October 18 Board meeting were approved as submitted.

The Treasurer's report was accepted.

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December Wedding Anniversaries

22	Al and Karen Hermanson (31 years)
23	Dave and Carolyn Coe (19 years)
29	Scott and Denise Bauer (24 years)

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

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The Board was reminded that Friday, Nov. 11, is the Club's Fall Social at Kathy Kennedy's Wine Shop in Somerset. Members should be present by 5:30 p.m. Horton stated that the Christmas Social would be December 12 at their home.

Bauer stated that three requests had been received for donations: the Rose Bowl Parade Float, Mary Greeley Foundation, and YSS to mentoring in the Stork's Nest. The Board approved a \$500 donation to mentoring in honor of Jane Acker.

Guffy stated that the club needs five new members to earn a Presidential Citation. She suggested dividing club membership into nine groups of six members and have each group suggest possible new members.

Miller stated that December 14 will be the date for the Club Election. He stressed the need to identify potential members between now and December.

Ashley mentioned RYLA, involving Brian Berg and Luke Bauer.

Elbert stated that the club needs to be sure that vocational assignments are correct on the Rotary Website, or if there are any needs to update that information.

Seymour stated that Rotaract will be having a Christmas party. Two hundred food bags will be prepared for distribution to those needing them.

Horton discussed the Special Olympics. She stated that there will be an Olympic Village in the Sun Room of the Memorial Union, and an Ames Day. There is a possibility that some money for this might be available from District 6000.

Miller mentioned that Foundation Recognition will be given at the next meeting. Ames Morning Rotary has fourteen members. Mention was made of the District Quilt Square, which is due December 1. Oldehoeft stressed that newsletter assignments for December must be in to him by November 28.

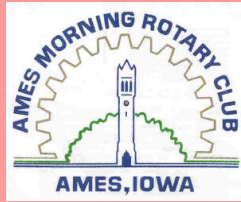
Discussion was held regarding Matching Grant Reporting. Carolyn Jons had submitted a final report for one grant, but efforts are still being made to chase down information on another grant.

A Silent Auction item is needed by January 31, 2006, for the District Convention. The November 30 meeting of the club will be at Mary Greeley. Miller stated that the nominating committee will consist of Brian Dieter, Dean Harms, and Dave Benson. He also stated that the club needs a framework for the budget. Ziebold stated that financial support information for the past year has been submitted to the IRS.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Adams, Secretary

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