



The official newsletter of the...

Archbold Rotary Club

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February 2009

450 Night tickets, money to be turned in this Friday

All Rotarians are to turn in their 450 Night ticket stubs with the money no later than this Friday's Rotary meeting.

If you are not able to attend the meeting on January 30, please turn in your tickets and cash beforehand to Marc Fruth, Tim Meister or Jeff Coressel *or* contact Marc with your report by calling 419/446-3321 (office) or 419/572-1193 (cell).

According to Marc, not many tickets had been turned in yet the week before ticket sales were to be complete.

Even with every Rotarian selling the required 4 tickets, nearly 180 additional tickets would still need to be sold.

We have also asked Rotarians to report how many of the ticket purchasers actually plan to attend 450 Night so

we can give The Barn an accurate meal count. If you haven't already done so, please tell the person you turned your tickets in to your best estimate of the number of people who plan to attend the meal.

125 tickets remain!

As of Wednesday morning, 125 tickets remain to be sold — in addition to those that were already distributed to members.

Archbold high school students will provide 450 Night musical entertainment

The Archbold High School choral music department will provide about 30 minutes of entertainment during this year's 450 Night.

With dinner serving beginning at 6 p.m., the entertainment will start at 6:30. The actual drawing of numbers will begin about 7 p.m.

This year, just over 200 numbers will be drawn to shorten that portion of the program.

However, we hope to have just as many door prizes as in the past. Consequently, instead of awarding door prizes on every 15th pull, the prizes will be awarded about every 7th or 8th pull.

Once 200 numbers have been drawn, the next seven names drawn will win the main prizes: a Sauder Village/Heritage Inn package, \$500; \$600; \$750;

\$1,000; \$1,500; and the top prize of \$2,000.

Additionally, spaces on a 50/50 board will be sold starting Friday at Rotary meetings for \$5 each. Whoever buys the space with the same number as the winning ticket will win more than \$1,000.

After the event is over, Rotarians are asked to stay a few minutes to help clear the tables.

February programs & greeters....

January 30: Club assembly with a focus on explaining the Archbold Rotary Foundation by Jeff Coressel and the Archbold Rotary website by Kent Nafziger.

February 6: Rachael Kinsman with the Fulton County Health Department will explain "Be Healthy Now Fulton County." Program arranged by Kevin Eicher. Greeter: Steve Ringenberg.

February 13: No program — finishing up 450 Night. Greeter: Jodi Herman.

February 20: Cecily Rohrs will give an update on homelessness in Fulton County. Program arranged by Don Spohler. Greeter: Lou Levy.

February 27: Program arranged by Max Stuckey. Greeter: Volunteer needed.

Fine committee...

January: Marc Fruth & Kelvin Friesen.

February: Dale Kern.

Member photos will be taken Friday, Jan. 30

A reminder that Kent Nafziger will be taking individual photos for our future membership directories at this Friday's meeting. Please take a moment to have your picture taken. We will set other photo dates for members who are unable to have their photo taken this Friday.

Making up a meeting...

If you miss one of our meetings, we encourage you to make up at a neighboring club or on-line. The following clubs meet:

Mondays...

Defiance: noon at St. Paul Lutheran Parish Hall, 671 Clinton St.

Montpelier: noon at Ramada Inn, 13508 State Route 15.

Liberty Center: 6:30 p.m. Liberty Center United Methodist Church, 307 East St.

Tuesdays...

Hicksville: noon, Grace United Methodist Church, 121 W. High St.

Stryker: 6 p.m., Stryker Methodist Church, 301 Cherry St.

Wednesdays...

Edgerton: noon, Rita's Restaurant, 103 N. Michigan.

Wauseon: 11:45 a.m., Rotary Shelter House, Wood St.

Thursdays...

Napoleon: 11:45 a.m., Rotary/Lion Community Center, 150 W. Maumee St.

Swanton: noon, Valleywood Country Club, 13501 Airport Hwy.

Fridays...

Bryan: noon, Orchard Hills Country Club, 10277 Co. Rd. D.

And, if you prefer to do your making up on-line, you can go to: <http://www.rotary9790.org.au/info/eclubs.asp>. There are more than 20 chartered e-clubs around the world.

Make-ups need to be done within 2 weeks of a missed meeting.

Open dates for programs

Program dates are beginning to fill up; however, we still need programs for the following dates: **March 27; April 3, 10 and 17; May 15, 22 and 29; and June 12, 19 and 26.** You can either contact Lou Levy by phone (267-3355, ext. 3) or email (lougoblu@bnnorth.net) or you can go to the Archbold Rotary website calendar to see if a date has already been taken. at www.archboldrotary.org.

Rotary MESA furnishes complete clinic

Rotary District 6600 (the district that

includes Archbold) last year completely

furnished a hospital and clinic in Santa Cruz de Yojoa in Honduras through the district's MESA project.

Rotary board meeting news...

Much of the January Archbold Rotary board meeting was spent reviewing and planning for 450 Night; however, several other items were also discussed.

David David discussed developing an Archbold Rotary photo membership directory that could either be printed when we update the roster booklet or created on the Archbold Rotary website. Kent Nafziger is willing to take the photos if the board gives the go-ahead. After discussion, the board agreed to proceed.

Kevin also shared

Special Rotary events...

In addition to our regular Friday noontime meetings, the following special Rotary events have been scheduled.

Friday, Jan. 30: Deadline to sell, turn in money for 450 Night tickets.

Friday, Feb. 13: 450 Night. Serving for dinner starts at 6 p.m. in Founders Hall. Entertainment starts at 6:30 with the raffle starting at 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 19: noon Archbold Rotary board meeting at The

information about Rotary and Archbold Schools co-hosting the Harlem Ambassadors Show Basketball Team in November. Some initial discussions have been held to gain more information and determine a level of interest.

Board members requested more information before making a decision.

Finally, in January, the board agreed to give \$150 to support a safety program that the Archbold FFA will present to Archbold third and fourth graders.

Home Restaurant.

Friday, March 20: Senior Day at Founder's Hall.

April 17-19: District 6600 annual conference at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron. For details, go to www.rotarydistrict6600.org.

Friday, April 24: Office Staff Day, Founder's Hall.

Thursday, June 18: Steak Fry at The Barn Restaurant.

June 21 -24: 2009 Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England.

MESA is a Rotary International project that focuses on providing medical equipment and supplies primarily for poor communities in Central America. Rotary clubs in District 6600 either donate money to purchase supplies or work with local hospitals and health care providers to donated used equipment.

In the spring of 2008, the MESA Committee decided to furnish a new clinic/hospital for Santa Cruz.

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Recent & Up-coming Rotary Birthdays...

February 2: Bob Aschilman

February 4: Pam Reideman

February 12: Bill Beck

February 15: Maynard Sauder

February 16: Eddie Partin

February 19: David Lersch Sr.

February 24: Bill Dunn

February 28: Luther Gautsche (*actually, Luther is a Leap Year baby on the 29th*)

Letters to Archbold Rotary....

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Archbold Rotary Foundation
Mr. Coressel,

The 2009 Relay for Life of Fulton County would like to thank you and all the other members of the Archbold Rotary Foundation, Inc. for your donation of \$250.

As a "Friend of the Relay Sponsor" there will be one designated hour during the Relay event in which your organization will have the opportunity to advertise by announcing two 30 second advertisements over the PA system. (Information to be provided by the sponsor and read by the Relay's MC.) There will be one sign with your organization name placed around the track during the entire Relay event, and your organization can be awarded up to 10 Relay for Life participant t-shirts.

Thank you.

Shane Chamberlin
Corporate sponsorship chairman
2009 Relay for Life of Fulton County

Dear Archbold Rotary Club,

You donated \$300 toward the (Archbold Elementary) Scholastic Book Fair for children to receive books they would otherwise not be able to afford.

With your donation, we were able to give 60 children new books. Each child was able to pick a book with a value up to \$5. Not all children picked a \$5 book and the money that was left over was put toward new books in the library. This allows all students to enjoy the books as well.

I hope this information is helpful and we look forward to working with you next year. If you need any other additional information, please feel free to call or email me.

Thank you.
Jennie Johnson

January 21, 2009

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

This is another historic day for Rotary. Our organization was honored today to host philanthropist Bill Gates, Jr. at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA.

Speaking to 2009-2010 district governors-elect, Bill Gates, Jr. congratulated Rotarians on the success of the partnership between Rotary International and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to raise funds for polio. To date, Rotarians have already committed more than US \$60 million toward the original US \$100 million Gates challenge grant awarded in November 2007.

In recognizing Rotary's impressive fundraising success and steadfast commitment to polio eradication, Gates announced today that his foundation has decided to increase its challenge grant by US \$255 million – for a total of US \$355 million. By accepting the increase, Rotary also accepts the challenge to raise an additional US \$100 million in matching funds by 30 June 2012 and drives the combined Rotary and Gates Foundation partnership's commitment to a total of US \$555 million.

All of the resulting US \$555 million will be spent in support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) in polio-affected countries. The initiative is spearheaded by Rotary, the World Health Organization (WHO), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF.

In another welcomed development today, the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) pledged £100

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MESA builds new clinic in Honduras

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The project was accomplished with the help of a local Rotary club in Honduras and Rotarians and hospitals in our own District 6600 as well as Rotary District 6400 in Michigan.

Santa Cruz donated the town's municipal

building, which the community gutted and rehabbed to the standards for a clinic. It was rewired, given new plumbing and freshly painted. Rotary provided about \$300,000 worth of equipment.

And, nine doctors

volunteered to provide service at the clinic.

Incidentally, the clinic is across the street from a new school for 1,000 children that Michigan Rotary District 6400 had previously built for Santa Cruz.

Drive for new Archbold Rotary members

Several weeks ago, Jim Shrader, District 6600 membership chairman, spoke to our club about Rotary membership.

Following that meeting, it was suggested that we ask all Archbold Rotarians to think about members of our community (live or work here) who might

make good members.

Starting with our January 30 meeting and continuing for several weeks, we will be passing around a sheet asking current members to write down the names of potential members. The list will be compiled and the next step will be asking Rotari-

ans if they would like to take responsibility to discuss membership with a potential member that they know from the list.

More will be explained as the process goes forward, but the first step is to develop a list of names of possible Rotarians.

Letter from Rotary International on increased Gates' donation

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million (US \$150 million) and the German government is giving an additional €100 million (US \$130 million), both to the GPEI. Contributions from the U.K. and Germany are separate and will not count toward Rotary's match of the Gates Foundation challenge grant.

The infusion of funds is crucial if the world is to finally be rid of polio, a crippling, sometimes fatal disease that poses the highest risk to children. Although the initiative has reduced the number of polio cases by 99 percent over the past two decades, the wild poliovirus still persists

in four countries -- Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- and imported cases from these endemic countries threaten other developing nations.

Your continued participation in this effort is crucial to making it a success. The Rotary International Board of Directors and the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have unanimously agreed to accept this challenge grant to ensure the success of the PolioPlus program. Rotary and the Gates Foundation intend for their funding partnership to set an example for the rest of the world. We feel confident that this extraordinary partnership will

serve as a catalyst for further donations from others to help us realize the dream of a polio-free world.

When Rotary entered the fight against polio in 1985, we promised every child a world free from the threat of polio. We are almost there. This funding agreement between Rotary and the Gates Foundation is a huge step forward, bringing us even closer to our goal. Success is our only option. Together we can *End Polio Now*. For more information, please visit www.rotary.org

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