



NORTHLAKE-MANDEVILLE ROTARY CLUB

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www.mandevillerotary.org

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Attendance/Membership:

For the previous 4 meetings, we averaged 39 members and guests each week. With one new member (see below), but no terminations, we have 62 active members, two of which are founding and sustaining members, Bob Boettner and Ernest Prieto.

New Member:

This month we welcome new member Bruce McNeal. Bruce is a former member of the Baton Rouge Rotary Club. He is a self-employed business broker and consultant with offices in Mandeville. His hobbies are sailing, football and range shooting. Please introduce yourself to Bruce and welcome him into the club.

Ray Viator:

I talked to Ray Saturday afternoon, the 21st. He had just returned from MD Anderson where he stayed at the Rotary House. The news is encouraging. They found a blood clot in one of his lungs, but felt that could be dealt with, after which, a step-by-step chemo process could begin. While there would be challenges, the doctors told Ray they thought he could lead a long life. Please continue to keep Ray and Charlene in your prayers.

Chili Cook-Off:

The planning and meetings are in full swing again for this annual fund-raiser scheduled for Saturday, October 30, 2010 at the Madisonville ballfield. Steve Saux is again the chair of this event. Flyers have been prepared and are on our web site. Sponsors are being sought and EVERYONE is being urged to volunteer and get involved. This year's event will benefit Support Our War Heroes, Safe Harbor and New Heights Therapy.

Rotary International Convention:

Nothing new to report from this area. Be sure to mark you calendars for the party on Monday, May 23, 2011 at the PYC.

Community Service:

We will be doing the Reading Challenge again this year at Chahta-Ima Elementary School in Lacombe. It will start after Labor Day and run until April. A bike, helmet, T-shirts and a Saints' jersey will be awarded to students.

We will also be continuing the mentoring program at Woodlake Elementary in Mandeville. ***This program needs volunteers.*** Please consider this as one of your service projects. Ben Motion could use your help.

The “dictionary project” is back on track for this year. The numbers are being finalized. It is hoped to deliver the dictionaries to all 3rd graders in early October.

Uganda:

We got an email from Michelle Joffe concerning the progress for the JIM school in Uganda. She has sent them some of the money to be used to concrete the floors and walls of the girls and boys dormitories. Her husband is going to the school this month for several weeks. Upon his return, we will have receipts for the monies spent and pictures of the projects.

MISC:

A fall social is planned for November 4th. Details to follow.

President Mike Bradley discussed a New Member Contest and 50/50 Ticket sales contest to be implemented this year.

Bragging Bucks will now be \$1.00 and paid in cash to the Sergeant at Arms.

Members are reminded that vocational presentations are part of Rotary. This is where club members give a brief (5-minute) talk about what they do or what services their vocation provides. Anyone wishing to do this should let me know.

The next Board Meeting will be September 14, 2010, 5:30PM at Debbie Stuart's office.

Jeff Jones is our program chairman this year. If you have information on an interesting speaker for one of our meetings, please let Jeff know.

Please extend to our speakers the courtesy of being quiet while they make their presentations. While most of us do, there are some members that carry on private conversations at this time. It is not only distracting to other members, but certainly in poor taste.

I welcome any comments and/or contributions to this monthly chronicle. Please visit our web site (www.mandevillerotary.org) for this and much more information.

Fred Bruce
Past President