

THE NEWINGTON ROTARY CLUB: WHEELS IN MOTION

Volume I: Issue #2 of THE BROKEN SPOKE

Wednesday, July 9th, 2009

LEADING OFF

It is partly cloudy in Munich, Germany today, with temperatures around 64 degrees F. Perfect beer drinking weather (but then again, what isn't), so rumor has it that President Joane and her precocious son Martin are at the Munich Rotary club weekly meeting today, which is conveniently held at the Lowenbrau breweries!! We will be sure to toast/roast her upon her return to the States so your V.P. can settle into the same role that exemplified by national leaders Dan Quayle, Spiro T. Agnew, and currently Joe Biden!!

OLD NEWS: This past Fourth of July Holiday marked the 233rd birthday of our country.....WOW!!

New News: Next week, our Rotary club will be hosting the 2nd "Extravaganza Movie Night", which will be held at Mill Pond Park. A portable, inflatable giant screen is blown up, and last year's showing of Shrek III was a huge success. We Rotarians set up shop at the Gazebo, and proceeded to crank out mass production of Pop Corn (thanks to the expertise of Dave Johnson and Mike Longo) that sold like hot cakes. The soda and candy that the omnipresent Dave Williams procured SOLD OUT, so we believe that we can do an even more masterful job this time around. A sign up sheet did circulate at last week's meeting, so the more Rotarians we have, the more refreshments we can sell, which will help our financial bottom line.

COMMITTEES: **com** **mit** **tee** [kuh-mit-ee] ? Show IPA

-noun

1. a person or group of persons elected or appointed to perform some service or function, as to investigate, report on, or act upon a particular matter.

President Joan discussed the value of committees at the last Board Meeting, held at her house. It was decided that active membership and fund raising committees would help meet the most immediate needs of our club. These groups will formulate and start to meet in the month of July, so be prepared to pitch in to help!

Speaking of the monthly Board of Directors meeting, it normally meets today (the first Wednesday of the month), yet it has been postponed to next Wednesday, July 15th per confirmation by President Joane.

Jogging the memory:

1. What year and color car did Tim Luddy own during the 1990's and well into this century??
2. What year is, and who is the manufacturer, of Tom Ganley's Famous Truck??
3. What was the license plate for our former member, of blessed memory, Norm Levison?

Solutions for a thirsty planet

Rotary clubs are involved in thousands of projects that are helping some of the 40 percent of people around the globe who have no access to clean water. Lack of clean water is implicated in 80 percent of all illness in the developing world, and children are often the first victims. The UN estimates that by 2025, 5.5 billion people will