

July Newsletter



Cajun Craze

2016 was another successful year of Daybreak Rotary's 4th Annual Cajun Craze. This year's recipient was Home Sweet Home Ministries. HSHM proved to be an outstanding partner. In my brief tenure in the club, they appeared to help more with this event than recipients in years past. The Club raised almost \$4,000 for HSHM. Rarely is so much accomplished by so few. Ashley and Greg were this year's standouts for heading up, planning, and executing a wonderful event!



2016 Cajun Craze under the Big Top!

June Service

Midwest Food Bank: We had a fantastic time shoveling granola bars into bags. Greg earned a new nickname "Two Scoops". He was able to fill a bag with two scoops from his large paws. Ashley and Tracy's competitive spirits sparked our crew to empty more boxes than the SF lady lawyers. The rep from The Food Bank did not expect us to finish. Not only did we finish, but we finished with 30 min to spare.



June Service Project at Midwest Food Bank



Changing of the Guard

As June came to a close we said goodbye to Joe C. and welcomed Tracy as Club President for 2016/2017.

Upcoming Speakers

July 7th- Darren Sampson- Sister Cities Program

July 14th- Ryan Heeran- The Tool Library

July 21st- Kevin Yonce- 2016-2017 District 6490 Governor

July 28th- Susan Mendenhall- Main Gallery 404



Upcoming Calendar of Events:

July 8th: Social Dinner/Membership Drive @ Casa de Bobbitt

July 19th: Rotary Night at the Cornbelter's Game

July 16th to Aug 1st: Friends Forever Students in July 26th at Sunrise and July 27th at Normal; Presentations

July 23rd: Friends Forever 5K Peace Walk/Run from Mosque to Temple

August 5th: Sunrise Rotary Brats & Bags



Letter from The President

Welcome to the 1st Edition of the Daybreak Newsletter. As I start my presidency for the 2016-17 Rotary year, I wanted to do something new and ensure all of our members are engaged and aware of what is happening. Not everyone can make every meeting, and I don't want you to miss out on a single thing. Watch your email for a monthly newsletter as well as a bi-monthly highlight memo to keep current!

Congratulations to the 2016-17 Daybreak Rotary Club Board and thank you for accepting the following positions. There is still an opening for Vice President/President Elect Nominee and Membership Director. If you are interested or want more information, please let me know.

Greg Maurer, President Elect

Juan Garcia, Secretary

Lyn Landon, Treasurer

Joe Ciccolo, Immediate Past President

Ken Ota, Club Administration Director

Jason Shirley, Public Relations Director and Newsletter Editor

Keli Huhra, Service Projects Director

Joe Mikulecky, Rotary Foundation and Rotary International Director

As you know, my family and I just moved to a new home and we would like to invite all of you over for hot dogs, hamburgers, and outdoor games on Friday, July 8 starting at 6pm. Please feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share, cold drink, chair, and a **potential member**. It would be great to see some new faces in our crowd and what better way to learn about Rotary than a laid-back social event. Let me know if you will be able to join us, so I can get the hot dogs and hamburgers.

Last, as quickly as my Presidency has started, I will soon be handing over the reigns to Greg. With my anticipated due date approaching, Greg has graciously accepted the role of interim President while I am out. I plan to just miss a month, and then I might have a little one in tow for a while. I just look forward to getting back with you all. In my absence, be kind to Greg and don't run him off before he gets the joys of true presidency in the 2017-18 year. Also, you can always reach me by cell or email.

Again, thanks for what each of you do for our club, and I look forward to what the next 52 weeks has in store