



Rotary Club of Bensalem

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Rotary club of Bensalem celebrates Rotary's founding

WHERE: Michaels, Street Road at Richlieu Road, Bensalem,
February 23, 2010, 12:15 P.M.

Bensalem/February 23, 2010 The Rotary Club of Bensalem celebrates Rotary International's 105th anniversary by holding their weekly meeting on Rotary's 150th birthday!

Rotary, a global network of community volunteers, is one of the largest and most influential international humanitarian service organizations worldwide. Founded in Chicago on February 23, 1905, today over 1.2 million members belong to 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

The Rotary club of Bensalem will be announcing their Gundaker undergraduate scholarship submissions, and discuss their upcoming Pancake Breakfast, Saturday February 27, 2010, at Love Tabernacle Church, 5918 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem and the first annual Family Fun Day and Car Show, May 9, 2010 at the Bensalem High School. Monies from these events go to help in many charitable causes locally and internationally such as the recent Shelter boxes sent to Haiti.

Attached are photos from last weeks meeting, that featured Catherine Hackman describing the program that she started where she and volunteers collect and distribute needed supplies for injured soldiers at the Walter Reed Medical Center. Look to Rotary's web site in October for more information on when this program will begin for 2010.

Catherine was surprised (OK shocked) when a Bensalem Rotarian was so touched by her volunteerism and commitment to helping others that they, (anonymously) gave her a \$700.00 scholarship to assist her in continuing her education toward a BSN!

To sum up what Bensalem Rotarians feel I think a fellow Rotarian, Ron Radcliff, our membership Director, said it best in an email to other Rotarians last week. Ron had just viewed video of volunteers unloading and setting up shelters provided by our and others Rotary Clubs in Haiti.

Ron emailed, "It is midnight and I am in my office at home and just watched this video with my wife. I am in tears watching the reaction of these people and how grateful they are for our help. Am I soft, or do I just have a pulse? I am so proud to be a Rotarian, and especially proud to be a member of our club and the work we do not only in our community, but also in our world. It is not all about going to lunch meetings, putting on car shows, cooking pancakes, paying dues, going to fellowship dinners, or anything else that we do. This video, Thanksgiving baskets, Shelter boxes, Defibrillators for the police, Students of the month, Scholarships, Miracles for Max, and all the other projects we contribute to are what it is about. But NONE of it will happen without ALL of the work WE do, money WE raise, money WE give, our dedication and sacrifice. It is nice to see that our hard work is appreciated by those who we serve. As membership director of this club, I feel I need to let every member of this club know that I appreciate it as well. I applaud this club. Think about that the next time you are flipping a pancake, or drying a car on a Saturday in the middle of the summer when you would rather be down the shore, or this years Car Show that we are ALL participating in, or when someone asks, "did you pay your dues", or when it comes to annual giving for Rotary Foundation and Gundaker, or the Goodness of Bensalem can, or Happy dollars. Sometimes it may seem like a pain. Sometimes it seems like we keep giving and giving time and money. And we do! And we should! After watching this video, I believe we should all look at things differently. I know that I will. We are blessed to live the way we do here. We are blessed to be able to serve others, instead of being the ones that have to be served by others. What we do is rewarding! Never forget it and never let anyone take that away from you! You're a Rotarian! That is a special honor and privilege that most people will never get to experience. Don't take it for granted. We are all in this club for a purpose. Thank you again!!!! "

Rotary members, as volunteers, conduct projects to address today's humanitarian challenges, including illiteracy, disease, hunger, poverty, lack of clean water, and environmental concerns while encouraging high standards in all vocations. Rotary members strive to build goodwill and peace, and provide humanitarian service in their communities and throughout the world. Bensalem Rotary joins Rotary clubs around the world to recognize the day, also known as Rotary's "World Understanding and Peace Day."

Rotary's top philanthropic goal is to eradicate polio worldwide. To date, Rotary has contributed nearly US\$850 million and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries. Rotary is currently working to raise an additional \$200 million toward a \$355 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. These efforts are providing much

needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents. In addition, Rotary has played a major role in decisions by donor governments to contribute over \$4 billion to the effort. For more information, visit www.rotary.org/endpolio.

Hope to see, read or hear about our good work because the more that is read, printed or spoken about the good work of these Rotarians, the better we can serve those in the greatest need.

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