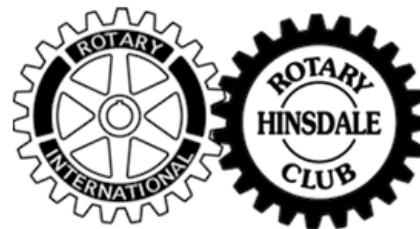


Celebrating  
50 YEARS

# The WHEEL

ROTARY CLUB OF HINSDALE

Service Above Self  
We Profit Most Who Serve Best



Dec. 11, 2009

### Today...

Hinsdale Middle School Choir. Please invite your spouse or significant other. Also tonight is our Christmas Dinner. Details below.

### Last Meeting...

Youth Merit Awards.

### Next Week...

Crazy Auction.



### Upcoming Events...

**Dec. 11th-** Our annual pot-luck Christmas Dinner at Pete & MaryLu Kramer's house, 560 W. 58th St., Golf View Hills, Hinsdale. Directions: Madison St., 3 blocks south of 55th St., 2.5 blocks west of Madison on 58th St.

**Dec. 18th-** Crazy Auction. See below.

**Dec. 20th-** Christmas Concert at Christ Church Of Oakbrook, at 3 pm. If we have at least 10 people, the tickets are only \$15 each, and reserved seating.

### Crazy Auction Dec 18...

Bring your unwrapped gift items and your checkbook. ALL members are encouraged to join in the fun. Fundraising from this event goes toward meeting expenses. Please bring a present and be willing to bid a suggested amount of at least \$50.

### Allison Jame's Journey...

Several Rotarians have been asking Mike Jame's about his daughter Allison's journey in the Peace Corp. Here's an opportunity to follow along her blog or respond by e-mail or snail mail. A few words of caution:

1. The air mail postage stamp for a standard size/weight letter to Nicaragua is .98¢. (Make sure you have proper postage before mailing anything).

2. Any personal comments made on her blog can be entered; but posted carefully since it could be misinterpreted by a foreign government and she is a Peace Corps representative.

3. She needs magazines with lots of pictures to help teach English to her students. She has a "Wish List" posted on her blog of things she needs for her classes.

Here's part of a message Allison sent recently;

Dear Friends, Family, Professors, Coworkers, Secret Admirers:

I have finally been assigned a permanent site here in Nicaragua and am officially beginning my work as a Peace Corps volunteer! If you are so inclined, you can follow my updates and (mis)adventures on my blog

Blog address: <http://nicagrington.wordpress.com>. (You must contact Michael James for the password).

Updates will happen whenever I get access to a computer. I appreciate any comments you post on the entries. Every now and then it's nice to know there's an audience out there, and hey, someone's got to keep me in line.

Also, my new mailing address is:

Allison James  
Cuerpo de Paz  
A.P. 23  
Boaco, Boaco  
Nicaragua, Central America

For more info about mailing letters, see the mail section on my blog .

### Board Positions Open...

Elections for 3 open Board positions will be held at our Dec. 18th meeting. If you are interested in belonging to our board, please contact Jim Curto, Secretary at 708-267-6163 as soon as possible.



Youth Merit Award winners. Standing is Jordan Troy (Hinsdale Central), Brenton DeGeer and Michelle Owens from Hinsdale Middle School. (Seated, L to R) Kai Treston and George Levy from Clarendon Hills Middle School. *Photos courtesy of Rita DuChateau*



Outgoing exchange student Jaime Diaz Beltran presented a special farewell gift to Chuck and Jerry. He narrated a photo slide show on Columbia that highlighted its geography, history, culture, and natural resources. Jaime thanked our club for its generosity and invited us to visit him in Columbia.

### Greeters

Today; Bob Kramer & Earl Larson.  
Dec. 18th; Keith Larson & Gary Lipinski.  
Dec 25th; No Meeting.

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