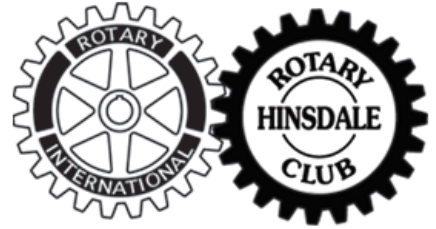


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ROTARY CLUB OF HINSDALE

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September 12, 2008

Today...

Baseball, Present Day and Looking Ahead, with Charlie Henderson.

Next Week...

London Travelogue, Ted K. Lerud.

Last Week...

Life in Germany, Wallace Lagerwey.

Upcoming Events...

October 5th, Rotary Run For Wellness House.

Welcome to the club: Reaching out to Rotary alumni...

By Arnold R. Grahl- Rotary International News

Each year, Rotary supports more than 400,000 service-minded youth in Interact and Rotaract clubs and provides leadership training for thousands more through RYLA. But only a fraction of these alumni go on to join Rotary clubs. Why is this? And what can Rotary clubs do about it?

Alexander Cauwels was very interested in joining Rotary, and he would have been an asset to any club. He spent 11 years in Rotaract in Eeklo, Belgium. Only one thing was holding him back from joining.

"They didn't invite me," Cauwels recalls. "There was no bad blood or anything between the Rotary club and our Rotaract club. It's just that it wasn't done. Clubs were a little more elite thing in Belgium than here in the United States."

Cauwels did eventually join a Rotary club nine years later, after moving to the United States to start a food processing equipment company. He is governor-elect of the Rotary Club of Princeton Corridor, New Jersey,

HINSDALE - CLARENDON HILLS ROTARY RUN FOR WELLNESS HOUSE

3K RUN 5K RUN 10K RUN 10 STEP WALK 5K WALK

Race Update...

We're only 22 days away! Having visited the web site for the race recently, I noticed few Rotarians have enlisted. The web site offers an easy way for volunteers to sign up

and offer any size donation, small or large. Visit our web site at www.hinsdalerotary.org and click on the link to The Race on our home page. While you're there, check out our newly redesigned home page.

USA. Cauwels' experience is by no means unique. According to a March 2006 report done by RI's Membership Development Division, only about 2.9 percent of current Rotarians are alumni of various Rotary programs such as Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, or Youth Exchange. (The number is an estimate because a comprehensive database of all program participants does not exist.) The same study noted that more than 55 percent of Group Study Exchange alumni, more than 65 percent of Rotaract alumni, and more than 80 percent of scholarship alumni were never pursued for membership.

Editor's Note: Our club can relate to this article. We exceed at involving young people with Rotary. We need to maintain those relationships, and extend invitations for future membership. To read the entire article and view a video on the subject, go to www.rotary.com.

Life In Germany...

Dr. Wally Lagerwey, Professor of Foreign Languages and Director of International Education at Elmhurst College, presented an interesting talk on "Life in Contemporary Germany" last week. His focus was on Berlin



Chuck Snyder welcomes Wallace Lagerwey to our club meeting last week.

and how the city met the challenges of the fall of the Berlin wall in 1989, two years after President Ronald Reagan's "Tear Down that Wall" speech in 1987. Dr. Lagerwey presented interesting perspectives on the new and old architecture of the divided city.

Greeters...

Today; Mark Donatelli & Greg Donnelly.

Sept. 19th; Rita DuChateau & Mike Field.

Sept. 26th; Nancy Fleming & Fred Glinke.

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