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Happy New Year 2006

ROTARY THIS FRIDAY JANUARY 6, 2006 AT HAMILTON'S.

Program: Terry Denison, New Executive Director,
Jacksonville Regional Economic Development Corp. and one of our Rotary Members!

Volunteers at Rotary This Friday – We need a few more volunteers Please!

Greeters: Ed Cannon Lori Hall and Dick Rawlings; Sgt at Arms: Amanda Canfield

Song Leader: ? Invocation ? Recognitions ?

Reminder – Greeters need to arrive by 11:30 am Thanks!

We really need workers for all positions for the rest of January and February, also we need Programs.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR -

ROTARY VALENTINES DINNER DANCE

Friday evening February 10, 2006 Hamilton's - Ballroom

Cash Bar 6pm Dinner at 6:30 Dance 7:30 to 10:30

Featuring the Kevin Turner Trio

\$20. per person Ask all Rotarians to attend and to sell a few tickets.

Requesting event sponsors and donation of Door Prizes

(Sponsorship \$100 or more, includes two tickets and recognition)

Reminder – Paul Harris Fellow Circles

Time to get checks in, and select Paul Harris Fellow awards.

In addition to our five ongoing circles, thanks to Helen Downey and supportive Rotarians we have **two new** circles and working on a another!! Our Paul Harris Circles are groups of five who support the Rotary Foundation annually. Each member giving \$200.00 for a total of \$1,000.00 per circle, the Rotarians in the circle then designate a Paul Harris Fellow award. If you are interested in becoming a part of a circle, please see Helen Downey.

Again, welcome all new members July 1 to December 31, 2005:

(New Rotarians, transfers from other clubs, rejoining members)

Antonia Alfano, Amanda Canfield, Ed Cannon, Amanda Deady, Terry Denison, Bob Foulk, Sarah Hautala, Jason Hendricker, Mary Henry, Bob Hill, Kent Kilpatrick, Katie Orgish, Amy Peters, Kay Marie Philon, Tim Ruppel, Jeff Soltermann.

We look forward to seeing all of you each Friday!

Rotary Friday December 30 Todd Evans, star reporter

What a way to ring out the New Year, Trent Cain ringing the bell at 12:03 to begin the December 30, 2005 meeting of YOUR Noon Rotary Club. Our handsome greeters were none other than Jim Shipp and Todd Evans. Great job guys!

Ed Cannon provided the invoking and it was generally agreed that he did a fine job of invoking and should be allowed to invoke in the future. While it might not have had the weight and power that goes with being a minister, it was considered to be quite sufficient for just some dude off of the street. Naturally, it was better than the prayer Brian Ganz gave a few years ago because it contained more than two coherent sentences and made sense.

Speaking of Brian, he led us in song. 'Cause if there is one thing that kid can do, it is sing. I am assuming all went well. I did not pay too much attention because I was eating after sitting down from my exhaustive duties as a greeter. Sharon Zuiderveld played the piano and wore a funny hat.

Announcements came pouring in from all regions of the club. OK, there was one and it was Diana Olinger filling us in about the upcoming Valentine's Dance. Only six weeks until you can dance the night away with your sweetie or spouse. Whichever one happens to show up. Of course, the Valentine's Dance is on Feb 10th. It is time to get your tickets and sell some to all of your so-called friends. There are also sponsorship opportunities and prizes that need to be donated. The proceeds from the dance will be used to match grant money from RI to assist an orphanage in Argentina.

There was a small coffee can being passed around. It had money in it and a picture of two Raccoons. They were sweet looking raccoons and I am guessing that they are homeless or something and that is why we are collecting money for them. It was probably mentioned during announcements and I missed it. So, if you see it this week, give generously. Or, better yet, open up your attic and toss them in there. You will be a hero for helping to save the homeless raccoons.

Diana handled Recognitions and did a marvelous job. During Rotations Tiffany Warmowski gleefully told us that she is unemployed and looking to do anything legal that she can be paid for. Chet Wynn wanted to make sure that everyone was aware of Passavant's new drive-thru service in the East Wing. You can get your surgery done without having to leave your car. I heard it mentioned that he is known as Chester to his friends. I also noticed that everyone in the club calls him Chet.

Keith mentioned there was a Rotary award given to someone in Peoria and it was the first time anyone in our district had ever received it. Ed Cannon told us that Harold Gates is really missing those extra days off and wanted to become one of the gang again. He is now working with Ed at Ed's bank. Now there's a dynamic duo for you.

Surprisingly, after all of the above, we still had time for a program. Tony Williams brought before us John McCorkle. John, in conjunction with others, is starting a Christian-based, residential program for troubled teens. Modeled after the Greene County boot camp, the teens will stay in the home where their problems will be addressed. The program will involve the parents and a mentor to help after they leave.

Next meeting, 1/06/06 (Todd's 29th Birthday) at noon at Hamilton's

SEE YOU AT ROTARY THIS FRIDAY - BRING A GUEST
