



THE CHARM



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President's Corner



Some months back I was sitting in an audience listening to a young lady talk about her Rotaract experiences. At one point she said that she was having a conversation with a fellow student and mentioned that she was a member of the Rotaract Club at the university. In response, the student remarked, "Me too." Her gut response, followed by words, was "No you're not!" Her point was that she attended most of the club's meeting, took a leadership role in the club's activities and made time for other club programs. The student she was speaking with had filled out a membership form that was accepted, but never attended meetings nor participated in any of the club's activities. So in her mind, filling out a membership form is not enough. The other student is **not** a Rotaractor.

Recently I received a message from a friend in Sweden whose words generally prompt some thought and an occasional smile. One that fits here is, "Eating at the hospital cafeteria each day does not make you a doctor."

I mention all this because we are getting an increased level of applications for Rotary Club of Hamden membership. Since I would like to see us receive and handle these inquiries as effectively as possible, I am scheduling a conversation on the topic for our September 14th Club Assembly.

I am hoping that from our discussion we will be able to come to a clear understanding as to what our members are passionate about so that we can determine the message we want to deliver to those inquiring about membership.

It is important that everyone be a part of this discussion. I have asked our Membership Chair Rev. Sanderson to start making inquiries about membership to all Hamden Rotarians. He will then look for feedback from the assigned club members.

Your thoughts are important so please make them heard during the Club Assembly!

John Karavas

Upcoming Meetings And Events



- August 24 Paul Gressly-Heart Gallery
- August 31 Janet Kniffin-CT Food Bank
- Sept. 6 RI Foundation Scholars Picnic-Milford Landing
- Sept. 7 **No Meeting-Labor Day**
- Sept. 14 Club Assembly
- Sept. 21 Colin Gershon-District Governor's Visit

Give us a Hand!

2009-10 Service Chairs

Membership-Owen Sanderson-288-3196

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Amber Alert

Rotarians Joena Russell and Ted Lipkin received recognition from President Karavas for their untiring contribution of time and talent to our Amber Alert sessions, most recently during the National Night Out at Rochford Field. While all of our summer schedules are busy and weekends are "booked," Jo, John and Rit would **really** appreciate a few hours of your time to help in this important on-going project.

Our Friends keep Coming Back

Our speaker for August 17 was Norm Methot, updating us on the Haitian Health Initiative.



Be Sure to Look For.....

Honorary Rotarian Oscar Roos will be featured in an up-coming edition of *The Rotarian*. Oscar, a member of Hamden Rotary since 1937, offers his reflections of the Great Depression along with other Rotarians of that era. It's a great read.

Quote of the Week

"Nothing great in the world has been accomplished without passion".
Georg Wilhelm Hegel

The Four Way Test

Of the things we say, think and do:



Service Above Self

