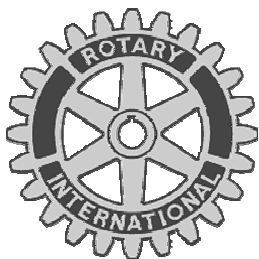


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ROTARY OIL

Lots of news, some meanderings—or the other way around

ELIASON NAMED FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR

Bob Eliason of the Bradford Township Volunteer Fire Department was named the 2006 Firefighter of the Year at the 22nd annual Bradford Rotary Club-sponsored dinner Saturday (October 7th, 2006).

About 175 attended the event at the Grace Lutheran Church Community Life Center.

Featured speaker was Sgt. Jamie Dana, Hazel Hurst native and Iraq war veteran, who received the Rotary Club's first Meritorious—Service Above Self Award recognizing her military service. Dana, accompanied at the dinner by her bomb-sniffing K-9, Rex, and family members, was seriously injured in an attack in Kirkuk, Iraq, in June 2005, when an armored vehicle she and Rex were in passed over a roadside bomb.

In her remarks, she described her Iraq ordeal, including her fight to adopt Rex, which ended in an act of the U.S. Congress allowing her to keep Rex. Dana paid tribute to the volunteer firefighters, noting that several of her family are volunteer firefighters and how she appreciates the "efforts of so many men and women who the public too often takes for granted, not realizing that every time the alarm sounds it signals an emergency and also potential danger for firefighters."

Eliason has been an active member of the BTVFD for seven years. He currently holds a line officer's position as captain and serves on the department's board of directors and new apparatus committee. He is certified as a Level I firefighter, holds technician-level certification in vehicle rescue and operations-level certifications in hazardous materials.

His selection was announced by Dr. Hank Anna, district governor of Rotary 7280, which represents 45 clubs including Bradford. In his remarks, Anna commended Eliason and all firefighters for their "service above self" and the local Rotary for perpetuating the annual recognition event that "distinguishes some of the very good work that Rotarians do worldwide."

Eliason's selection was cited in proclamations from U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter, Gov. Ed Rendell, state Sen. Joe Scarnati, and state Rep. Martin Causer. McKean County Commissioner Chairman, Eric Lane, read the citation on behalf of the county. Also in attendance was Commissioner John Egbert.

Also receiving special recognition awards for their nominations as Firefighters of the Year were John Terwilliger (Corydon Township VFD), Dennis Frank (Derrick City VFD), Donald Ishman (Hilltop VFD), Jerry Johnson Jr. (Lafayette VFD), William A. Kerr (Lewis Run VFD), and Todd Burkhouse (Rew VFD). (*Firefighter of the Year continued on page 2*)



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*Rick Esch,
Rotary Club President*



FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR CONTINUED...

As with past award recipients, Eliason's selection was determined in closed balloting among all seven fire departments, monitored by two Rotarians.

At the dinner, Rick Esch, club president, was master of ceremonies. The invocation and benediction were delivered by Rev. Dr. David Stains of Evans Memorial Church. Patriotic music was sung by Francis Colella. Accompanied by Sherri Deeter.

This year's event was planned and coordinated by president-elect Sam Deeter and past presidents Bill Chapman, Emmy Eddy, George Evans and Dave Sheneman, and with day-of assistance by Tom Hazzard and Marty Henneman (and Rotary's stalwart supporter, the Lions' Kenny Eddy). The centerpieces were designed and donated by another non-Rotarian, Kate Still. Dave Farrell, of the Bradford Township VFD, represented the firefighters.

THE EVENT IN 2007 WILL BE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, AT THE GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMUNITY LIFE CENTER, FROM 6-9:30 P.M. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The event is always held during National Fire Prevention Week.

REFLECTIONS ABOUT THE EVENT

From President Esch:

... *“The Bradford Rotary Club is deeply proud to honor these volunteers who dedicate their waking moments in helping protect the safety of our citizens. These are very special men and women who literally put their lives on the line every time the fire bell rings. We often take too much of their work for granted, and Rotary is saying thank you in a small, yet significant way for deeds well done!”*

... *“Sgt. Dana exemplifies the dedication and unselfishness that also identify the contributions of the firefighters. She has demonstrated personal will and determination to do what is right on behalf of her fellow citizens. She has asked for nothing personal in return other than the safety of America.”*

... *“Even though one nominee is chosen by his/her peers for the top award, in everyone's opinion each nominee shares in the honor and everyone needs to stand tall.”*

From President-Elect Deeter:

“The volunteers donate endless hours of training, often taking money out of their own pockets for training and gear, and always alert as to how they can aid others who summon their help. They are truly unsung heroes.”

And, did you know?

The annual dinner was the idea of the late Howard Warfield, chief of the Bradford Township Volunteer Fire Department, and H.L. Woody Woodruff, then general manager of the Bradford Era and then and now an active Rotarian. Since the beginning 22 years ago, the event has earned considerable acclaim statewide and sincere applause from the firefighters.

FROM THE EDITOR: APPLAUSE FOR OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Several months ago "RO" commented on the urgent, perpetual need for new members. The need is both local and international, underscored by Japan and the United States having reported a slight loss of members. In that commentary, quoted was Sam Greene, then RI's Membership Committee chair. Greene said:

"Membership is the foundation for Rotary's next 100 years of service, and with a concerted effort by club, district, and international leaders, as well as by every club member, we can keep the positive momentum going and bring more hands and resources together to bear the good work of Rotary."

EVIDENTLY, not apparently, Sam Greene's advice has been taken to heart by the Rotary Club of Bradford. We currently have a roster of 49 members (both active and honorary) compared with the "39" which was the subject of the commentary. That's roughly a 25% increase in membership!

Surely there's applause imminent for the recruitment progress, but we know that Rotarians desire to hold that in reserve for themselves. The real applause goes to our newest members who bring to our club enthusiasm to help realize so many worthwhile "Service Above Self" goals, as well as respect for the mission of Rotary locally and worldwide. "RO"

HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH YOUR ROTARY CLUB?

The answer is up to you, when very soon you will receive a formal questionnaire being prepared by Dave Sheneman and his Club Service members. The questionnaire is the product of Rotary International and can be localized for any special topics pertinent to the Bradford club.

The questionnaire is designed to help assess member satisfaction with club activities and projects. All responses will be held confidential.

The assessment will come to you from a very thorough and thoughtful review of Rotary standards and functions. The assessment, as with any assessment, is meant to improve the local club as part of the local community, the district, and Rotary International. Your completion of the questionnaire will be significant for a number of good reasons, the primary one being:

Rotary, locally and internationally, is as good as its members want it to be and how they go about achieving goals and along the way assessing the strengths and weaknesses of their efforts.

IF YOU MISSED A LUNCHEON MEETING, here's a glimpse of what you missed...

--the McKean County Fair queen candidates.

--Stephanie and Chris Mackowski on Stonewall Jackson

--highlights of ARG's 125th anniversary celebration

--UPB's Diane Maguire on the Entrepreneur program

--Dr. David Stains, new pastor of Evans Memorial Church, on his missions to Peru

--Tina Martin on CARE for Children

--the club's own RYLA and ROVA delegates

--information galore about the club's Board of Directors' actions

Here's a glimpse of what's to come...

**Paula Alter, vocational presentation October, 30)

**Fred Proper's tour of the vocational programs at BAHS (November 6, at BAHS)

**Kate Moody on Professional Development and Workforce Training (November 27)

**Jim Evans on World Affairs Institute (December 4)

The annual Holiday Party will be at the Bradford Club, December 11 (6 p.m.).

Scheduled in between guest speakers are the informational and business sessions.

The Annual Meeting will be held on December 18, at the University of Pittsburgh.

49

In the Rotary Oil's last edition (a while ago) the number was 39. That number represented the roster of active Rotarians. Because of the efforts of our members, particularly Jim O'Mara's leadership as chair of the Membership Committee, the new number is 49!!!

The 49 represents 42 active and 7 honorary members.

The newest members are:

Paula Alter

Virginia Digel-Neel

Susan Evans

Brian Jadowiec

Richard Johnson

Tina Martin

Debbie Price

Garry Pugrant

CONGRATULATIONS!

Jim's goal for new members is 60. Surely it can be reached, if not surpassed.

Also, in action by the Board of Directors at October's monthly meeting, Woody Woodruff was returned to active status and Jim Grimm was awarded honorary status.

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SERVICE Above Self

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Please send any news or comments for the newsletter to George Evans (362-1581, or ge-evans@localnet.com)

The 4-Way Test Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

From the earliest days of the organization, Rotarians were concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The 4-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (who later served as RI president) when he was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy. This 24-word code of ethics for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy. Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The 4-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways.

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SELECTIONS FROM THE OCTOBER 2006 ROTARIAN

"As Rotarians, we should have The Four-Way test in the back of our minds—if not the front—in every decision we make, all day long. As we go through our lives at work, at home, and in our communities, we must be conscious of our responsibilities as Rotarians to speak the truth, to be fair, to build goodwill and better friendships, and to always try to do the best we can for everyone we encounter."--Bill Boyd, RI president

"I was drawn to Rotary because: I wanted to be on a team of dedicated, idealistic people who were making a positive contribution to world peace through understanding and friendship."

--Jim Hodges,--River Oaks club (Houston)

"In his own quirky way, he makes people feel better about themselves and the world we live in. For that, I'm proud of him, and I know that he is proud to be a Rotarian."--Jim Davis about "Garfield" (both honorary members of the Muncie, IN. club)

MAKE UP A MEETING

MEETINGS OF SOME AREA CLUBS

- Jamestown --Monday at Noon, Holiday Inn
Kane --Monday at Noon, Presbyterian Church
Mt. Jewett --Wednesday, 6:15p.m., DeSios Restaurant
Olean --Tuesday at Noon, Bartlett Country Club
Port Allegany --Thursday at Noon, Canoe Place Inn
Sheffield --Tuesday at Noon, Sheffield Senior Center
Smethport --Tuesday at Noon, Court Restaurant
Warren --Monday at Noon, Holiday Inn

BOWLING TOURNAMENT WILL BE MARCH 10

The Bradford Rotary Club's first annual Bowling Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 10, at Byllye Lanes. Co-chairs of the event are Tina Martin, Garry Pugrant and Woody Woodruff.

More information about the event will be forthcoming during weekly luncheon meetings

SELL THOSE BUFFALO-MIAMI TICKETS

The club's annual football ticket fundraiser has been ongoing for over a month, with some good reports of sales, yet there are so many MORE tickets that MUST BE SOLD.

Price of the tickets is \$2 for one and \$5 for three.

The ticket is for the Bills-Dolphins game on December 17, at Buffalo. **BUT, THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 4, SO DO NOT DELAY AND GET THOSE TICKETS SOLD. SELLING THE TICKETS IS A LOT EASIER THAN TRYING TO SCORE A TOUCHDOWN IN THE RED ZONE.**



Last year tickets sales grossed \$1,150, netting \$900. Again this year, monies raised will be donated to Bradford's Special Olympics. The donation is unrestricted.

Earlier partial sponsorships of Special Olympians included the full cost of bus transportation to the State Games in Hershey and partial sponsorship of the annual swimming program at UPB.

Tickets are available from Don Fredeen, who has chaired the fundraiser from the first kickoff years ago.