



# Waukesha

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## Rotary

District 6270  
Waukesha, Wisconsin

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September, 2009

### Haiti – Election Time By Pete Van Horn

The City where I work in Haiti is Mirebalais. It is in the Central Plateau District, a voting district in Haiti. It's a little larger than Waukesha County. It elects one senator to represent them in Port Au Prince, the nation's capital. There are less than 20 of these districts in Haiti. The senators then elect the head of their government, which makes all the important political appointments. The political groups then in power control all the foreign aid, police force, army, etc.

When I was in Haiti this spring, it was time to elect their senator. The campaigning had started before I got there in January. There were other similar elections going on throughout Haiti at the same time.

Mirebalais also has a mayor who is elected by the people, but at a different time and doesn't serve a concurrent term as the senator. There are several mayors in each senate district serving different constituencies. The present mayor of

Mirebalais and the surrounding area is part of the same political party as the Government presently in power in Haiti.

A friend of mine, Gregory Chevy, was (and still is) running for the Senate. He is from the Fusion Political party, N. 32. Gregory is a very successful business man and entrepreneur. He has started a successful ice business, a fresh drinking water business, a rum plant using locally grown sugar cane, etc. He has developed a lot of friends, employees and customers in the area. After developing his business and a charitable foundation, he decided to run for the Senate and use his skills in helping all Haitians. The problem was (and is) he is not of the same political party as those presently in power.

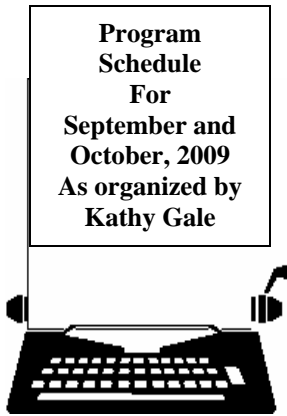
Unfortunately, the leader of Caprofors School (built by Rotarians in District 6270 with the help of RI and others) supports the present Government. They don't want Gregory Chevy elected.

There was to be a primary election in April to reduce the number of candidates from 10 political groups, down to 2. If a candidate got more than 50% of all the votes cast in the April election, that candidate would be elected to the senate without another election.

All the Senate Districts across Haiti had safe and successful primary's in April and elected their senator from the pair who got the highest number of votes in April in a June election.

This did not happen in the Mirebalais area.

A few days before the April vote, the supporters of the present government's "hand picked" candidate did some shooting at night in a neighboring community they feared Greg was going to win. The Sunday election (election day) starting before dawn, there were a lot of flack jackets, automatic weapons, sawed off shotguns, etc. at the hotel I stay in. Greg, the candidate, has a suite in the hotel right next to (continued on p. 4)



**September 7 – NO MEETING – LABOR DAY**

**September 14 – Club Business Meeting**

**September 21 – Dave Schultz, President of the Waukesha County Community Foundation**

**September 28 – Susan Wirth will present “Antique Pens”**

**October 5 – Linda Cole, Executive Director – Spring City corner Clubhouse**

**October 12 – Club Business Meeting**

**October 19 – Ruth Page Jones, Executive Director, Christmas Clearing Council**

**October 26 – Club Member Steve Martin will tell us about his recent trip to Kenya**

**Please plan on joining us.** The main objective of Rotary is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Help our club spread the good news and works of Rotary – **invite a potential, quality new member.**

### **Board of Directors Meeting (Highlights) August 18, 2009**

- Current membership: 72 Active Members (9 of these are 85-yr. enactment members) + 11 Honorary Members
- 2009/2010 Goal: 73 (this number is +2 from 7/1/09 RI Semi-Annual Report)
- July Attendance 70.41%
- Currently on Leave of Absence: 0
- Updated financial report to be reviewed at September meeting
- Revised 2009/2010 budget unanimously approved
- Club Picnic: Date set for August 30, 2009. Colleen will e-mail reminder to membership.
- Club Social: to be continued in September
- Committee List: Marty, Dale, Claire and Kip have formed a subcommittee to finalize the 2009/2010 committee list.
- Public Relations: Sue Baker is looking for more opportunities to set up our club display board.
- District Conference/International Convention: The District Conference will be held in Green Bay in spring. The International Convention will be held in Montreal
- Fellowship: Everything is all set for the picnic. Club socials will resume in September.
- Rotary International: EREY goal this year is 49 members.
- Pancake Festival: Shelly Tallinger has agreed to chair the 2010 event. Ticket sales are a concern; it was suggested that each member be responsible for selling 50 tickets.
- BluesFest T-Shirts – Rick Kobriger offered the club the extra Bluesfest t-shirts to be used as thank you gifts to our high school student speakers. The board agreed to use these for the 2009/2010 school year.
- **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 15, 2009 – 7:15 a.m. – Marty Jannsen’s office



## **Let’s Keep Passing the Hat**

As of September 7, 2009, our club total for Polio Plus since July 1, 2009 is at \$684.40. We will continue passing the hat at our weekly meetings until we reach our goal of \$1,000. Thanks to everyone who has contributed. Every little bit helps!!

# HAPPY Birthday

Morris Spencer	9/06
Maggie Bringa	9/10
Kip Ruppel	9/18
Lynn Gaffey	9/20
Judy Brown	9/24
Pat Buckley	9/24
Rick Marlow	9/25
Paul Bugenhagen	9/28

## Club Anniversaries

Congratulations !

Rick Marlow	38 years
Roger Anderson	18 years
Judy Laimon-Smith	14 years
Chris Becker	13 years
Judy Brown	9 years
Paige Smaga	1 year

## INVOCATION CALENDAR:

9/14 – Maggie Bringa  
9/21 – Jeff Wolfgram  
9/28 – Arn Quakkelaar  
10/05 – Don Taylor

## SEPTEMBER MUSIC SCHEDULE



Sept. 7 – No meeting  
Sept. 14 – Jack Weissgerber  
Sept. 21 – Kip Ruppel  
Sept. 28 – Bruce Marggraf

## Thought For The Day:

To climb steep hills requires  
a slow pace at first.  
~ Shakespeare

**Each Rotarian:  
Reach One -  
Keep One**

Have you sponsored a new member lately?

## CLUB MAKE-UPS

A calendar of club meetings of area Rotary Clubs is listed on p. 4 of this newsletter. Makeup at any Rotary Club *within 14 days* before or after your missed meeting. Only CLUB make-ups will be credited to your quarterly billings.

Minocqua Rotary Club – Judith Laimon-Smith  
Waukesha Sunrise – Frank Hedgcock and Mary Baer

## Congratulations to our Club Gold Star Attendees (1/1/09 –8/31/09)

**Members at 100%:** Baer, Genin, Hedgcock, Inman, Janssen, Kobriger, Laimon-Smith, Marggraf, Marlow, Miller, Pjevach, Ruppel, Tallinger, Van Horn

**Members at 90% or Higher:** Beglinger, Bringa, Brown, Buckley, Chudzik, Custis, Gaffey, Gale, Hanley, Hicken, Loehrl, Olsen, Quakkelaar, Schimel, Tikalsky, Williams, Wolfgram, Zierer

**Members at 80% or Higher:** Anderson, Baker, David, Hoefle, Kipperman, Ramirez, Simonson, Weissgerber

(THIS INCLUDES THE BLUESFEST MAKE-UPS)

**60% attendance is the minimum standard.** Please make every effort to attend a minimum of 60% of our Rotary meetings (or do a make-up). Make sure Colleen receives your make-up card when making up at another club or online. Thank you.

**CHANGE IN CONTACT INFORMATION??** Please let Colleen know of any changes in phone numbers, addresses, e-mail address, etc. Thanks.

## Trivia Contest

**Have fun, show off your Rotary knowledge, and take a shot a winning a prize.**

Each month from July, 2009 through April, 2010 the District is accepting answers to a Rotary-related trivia question via a simple online form. At the end of each month, they randomly draw from Rotarians who submitted the correct answer to that month's question.

## What You Can Win

- **Paul Harris Credit:** Each month, a random drawing will be held from the submitters of the correct answer for that month, and the winner will be awarded \$50 toward Paul Harris Fellowship for the winner or a designee of their choice.
- **Free Conference Registration:** At the conclusion of the contest, a random drawing will be held from those submitters who have answered all monthly questions correctly. Two winners will be awarded free registration to the 2010 District Conference.

See the current month's question, past months' questions & answers, and past months' winners at:

<http://www.catchtherotaryball.org/trivia/questions>

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my room. I was able to get out of the hotel at 5:00 a.m. to go to the Catholic Church, diagonally across the square from the Mirage Hotel. I got back to the hotel about 6:30 a.m. and at 7:00 a.m. I drove my rental car up to Caprofors School, where I had a sign painter working. When I got back by 7:30 a.m., people were gathering outside the gates and fencing around the hotel. My plan was to leave at 8:30 a.m. for the Baptist church, some ten blocks south of the hotel. The hotel owner and staff would not let me out of the gate. There were rocks thrown for a while. In the meantime, at the local polling place, the rebels had started a fire, burning campaign literature, ballots, etc of Greg's. The U.N. and local police closed the polling place so there was no primary election that day. I got to know several U.N. Special Contract Police People from the U.S. on my January trip. At least two stayed at the Mirage Hotel where I stay.

The week following this violence and non-election, the local mayor, Caprofors School leader and other present political power people met several times in Port Au Prince, the Capital. To this date, they have not had a final election in Mirebalais and the Central Plateau District. The next mayoral election is supposed to be in January 2010. The present Mirebalais Rotary Club President intends to run (and win) against the present mayor.

More next time!

Yours in Rotary, Service Above Self –  
Pete Van Horn

**Make up at any other Rotary club within 14 days before or after your missed meeting:**

Monday	Oconomowoc	11:55	Olympia
Tuesday	Brookfield	Noon	Western Racquet club (Elm Grove)
	Milwaukee	12:15	Art Center
	Waukesha Sunrise	7:15 a.m.	Country Springs Hotel
Wednesday	New Berlin	Noon	New Berlin Hills Golf Course Clubhouse
	Wauwatosa	Noon	Mayfair Mall (lower level- Garden Suites)
	Menomonee Falls	12:10	North Hills Country Club
	Pewaukee	7:00 a.m.	Machine Shed Restaurant
Thursday	West Allis	Noon	Columbus Club
			(92 <sup>nd</sup> St. btwn. Greenfield Ave and Nat'l Ave.)
Friday	Elmbrook	7:00 a.m.	Venice Club
	Lake Country	Noon	Hartland Inn

OR MAKEUP ONLINE AT: [WWW.ROTARYECLUBONE.ORG](http://WWW.ROTARYECLUBONE.ORG)

**Officers:**

**President:** Kip Ruppel  
**President Elect:** Jack Weissgerber  
**Vice-President:** Tim Miller  
**Secretary:** Gary Riley  
**Treasurer:** Tom Hicken  
**Sergt. At Arms:** Claire Beglinger  
**Past President:** Marty Janssen

**Board of Directors:**

Gary Olsen Jeff Wolfgram  
Terry Inman Dale Shaver  
Tom Custis Bob Simonson

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