



Rotary District 7890

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President 2006-2007

Dear Chicopee Rotarians:

I write this as my last official duty as President of Chicopee Rotary. I thank every member, from our historians and mentors, to our newest members – who bring a new perspective and energy to our club. This has been a successful year for the club and I am pleased to have had the honor to be at the helm.

In a quick review

Locally - Chicopee Rotary supported:

- The Chicopee Boys and Girls Club
- The Chicopee Soup Kitchen
- Helping Hands – feeding over 200 families at the holidays
- Chicopee Rotary was able to award SIX scholarships AND donate to the endowed fund for future scholarship recipients.
- We honored three well deserving Paul Harris Recipients at an evening of Fellowship
- Chicopee Rotary was one of the successful recipients of a district grant for Publicity, keeping funds in our local economy for marketing and PR.
- We introduced “An Evening to Meet Rotary” – another time for fellowship and to blow our own horn.
- RYLA - another successful conference in which Chicopee produced TWO students to attend Whitewater in the summer of '08

Nationally - Chicopee Rotary was able to provide some financial support to the victims of a tornado in Greenberg, Kansas

Internationally - Chicopee Rotary supported

- RI Foundation
- Helping Hands for Honduras – helping three children with needed surgery in the US
- Water Projects – Chicopee Rotary has continued with its commitment to work to provide water to all people WORLDWIDE – through the foundation and by working collaboratively with two donations to local clubs – Westfield and Holyoke

The list goes on AND as we worked together to accomplish ALL our goals for 06-07, we enjoyed each others company in Rotary style Fellowship.

Good luck to Kate and her team. This is a GREAT club!

So again, thank you – I will wear my Past President's pin with pride and my plaque will be displayed in our corporate offices.



Carol F. Campbell, President



Group Study Exchange participants visit Chicopee Club

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program of The Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas. This year the exchange was between District 7890 and 2120 from Puglia/Basilicata, Italy. Pictured to the left, from left to right, at the Chicopee Club are: Pina Venezia, team leader Daniela Pisani, Fabio Ninfore, Elvira Nardone and Silvio Sancilio.

Classification talks - allows Rotarians to talk business



Pictured left is Kevin Joyce, Jr. from Phillips Insurance Agency, Inc. He advised fellow Rotarians to shop around for the best insurance prices. It is a buyers market, he said, during his classification talk - an opportunity given members to discuss their occupation and what they do in their jobs.

To the right, David Averill, co-owner of Chicopee Electronics, LLC and the husband of Rotarian Sandy Averill, talks about what his company does. The menu of services include public address and sound systems, security systems, fire alarms, and carbon monoxide detectors. As a matter of fact, **"If Juice flows through it, they do it,"** is their motto.



Invited speaker

Shake it Lucille



Familiar sight weekly is Lucille Kolish shaking her can to collect Big Y coins to defer the cost of the food purchased for the Rotary's 3-times-a-year delivery of food baskets to needy families in its "Helping Hands" Project.

Pictured to the right is Ravi Kulkarni, business coach and owner of Clear Vision Alliance explaining how the retiring of Baby Boomers will cause a shortage of trained workers and how demographic shifts will dictate the type of training that companies should be giving to their workforce.

What else is going on?



Car Show - fun, fellowship and fund-raising



Sandy and Irene



Claude, Pat and Steve



Dave



A winner with Carol



Gina gives out a trophy



Chicopee Rotary gives high school students scholarships



Pictured (L to R) are Chicopee Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Richard Rege, WJCC BCL/Rotary Scholarship Chairperson; Mr. John Arthur, students; Ms. Alison Montemagni, Ms. Samantha Cervonayco, Ms. Catlin Dowd, Ms. Stephanie O'Brian, Mr. Joseph Krzystofik, Ms. Melissa Chelte, The Honorable Chicopee Mayor; Michael Bissonnette and Rotary PDG; Mr. Ray Chelte.

Students who received the scholarships represented Chicopee Comprehensive High School, Chicopee High School, Ludlow High School and Holyoke Catholic High School. The students were accepted and planned on attending Bay Path College, Suffolk University, Holyoke Community College, University of Rhode Island and the University of Massachusetts-Darmouth. They will be pursuing their interests in Culinary, Accounting, Fashion-Design, Forensic Science, Criminal Justice and Clinical Psychology.

“Thank You” for the hard work of the WJCC BCL/Rotary Scholarship Committee



According to WJCC BCL/Rotary Scholarship Chairperson; John Arthur, (at podium), “choosing the recipients was no easy task. There are many deserving students; but I am confident that we chose the most deserving.” Other committee members, from left to right are Linda Januszkiewicz, Ray Chelte, and Jason Ouelette.



Proud Grandpa and Rotarian, Ray Chelte presents his granddaughter Melissa Chelte with one of the two \$500 Golden Tech Scholarships given in honor of his brother, Bryan J. Chelte. Because Bryan was such a giving individual and never had the chance to use his G.I. Bill after serving in the United States Navy because of his untimely death, Ray made a promise to his sister-in-law that he would honor Bryan with a scholarship in his name.

Melissa Chelte is pursuing a career in Forensic Science starting her freshman year at Bay Path College this fall. Samantha Cervayco, the other recipient is furthering her education in Culinary Arts.



Pictured above are three of the Culinary Students at Chicopee Comprehensive High School who were involved in cooking lunch for Chicopee Rotarians and city leaders to provide a location for the presentation of the scholarships given by the Chicopee Club.