

The Rotary Gale

Report of the Galesburg Rotary Club meeting of February 2, 2012

TODAY'S LEADERS

Cashier:	Sue Dutell
Pianist:	Joan Wenstrom
Invocation:	Lee Whiteside
Song Leader:	Dick Gilbert
Introductions:	Lance Aten
Presiding:	Marv Dahlberg

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- February 9 How to avoid injury from falling
- February 16 Monmouth College football coach, Steve Bell
- February 23 Kathy O'Malley, former WGN radio personality, will be here.

VISITORS AND GUESTS

- Sherry Foster had two guests: her husband, Steve, and Walmart manager, Crystal Sullivan, .
- Louise Wolf introduced Jana Funk.
- Mike Robson introduced the speaker's father, Duane Ricketts.
- Doug Gibb introduced Miyna.
- Justin Inskip introduced Josh Griffith, principal Galesburg Christian School.
- Harrell Timmons introduced Brian Elsasser, a member of the Peoria County board.
- Pat Engelhaupt introduced his wife, Trish.
- Kelsey Platt introduced Dana Wikstrom, administrator for Heartland Center.
- Margo Davila introduced her son, John Davila, visiting from Chicago.
- Pete Caruso introduced John Spurgeon, John Spurgeon Insurance.
- Jeremy Kleine visited from Sunrise.
- Carl Strauch introduced Dr. Subbia Jagannathan.

HAPPY BUCK ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tom England went to see Illinois win over Michigan State 42 - 41 and decided that the Galesburg girls team could have beat either of those teams that night.
- Kevin Ball will soon be visiting the Reagan ranch, a neat part of history.
- Dot Hopkins took her three kids for a fun time at the world's toughest rodeo at the *i wireless Center*.
- Crystal Sullivan is pleased that the Galesburg Walmart raised \$42,289 for the Children's Miracle Network at the University hospital in Iowa City.
- Chris Ryner swam for the first time ever Monday night.
- Don Brown found an unused exercise bike by simply posting a note on Facebook.
- Barry Swanson and other Presbyterians celebrated the church's 175th anniversary, and Bob Stoerzbach was honored as one of the longest-serving—a 75-year-member. Barry and Gail celebrated their 42nd anniversary on Tuesday.
- Mike Clark celebrated the successful move of their youngest daughter from her grandmother's garage to her own apartment in Chicago and grandmother's move into a senior's complex in Naperville—both over the weekend.
- Bruce Lauerma added an aside about his part in Mike's story. Mike took a break during all of the moving to return and conduct Bruce's aunt's funeral, and then Mike returned to finish the moving jobs.
- Marv Dahlberg is pleased that his wife, Nancy, is doing fine following cataract surgery.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Zach Ricketts graduated from Knox College last spring and spent the summer on the grounds crew at Fenway Park in Boston. The summer job was part of his plan to become a professional baseball groundskeeper. At Knox he took courses designed to provide good background for this career, and he maintained Knox's Blodgett Field.

Days at Fenway begin at 7 a.m. and don't end until 11:30 at night on game days. The schedule sometimes changes on other days, but the field needs constant attention to maintain the proper moisture for the grass, aka "hair," and for the infield dirt, aka "skin." On average, there's an event every day. There might be batting practice, a charity event, or worst of all, a concert. The grounds crew needs to perform as organized professionals and use their people skills to communicate and keep everybody happy. Baseball is a serious business. Workers need to remember that they are dealing with families, and there are always kids present. The groundskeeper's goal is to present a flawless surface for the players and a field that looks perfect on TV.



Laura Gotthardt (Germany) sent this picture of snowboarding enthusiasts taking a break from the slopes at Snowstar while attending the recent District RYE fun weekend in Galesburg.