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Last Week at Rotary... March 3rd: Dan Wiemer spoke to the group about his experience in China. Dan's experience as a tall painting God was part of our Sister City program with Quzhou China.

This Week at Rotary... March 10th: Let's talk Rotary membership! Tom F, Jerry B. and Dave A, are cooking up a plan to help build our membership.... Fasten your seat belts.

Upcoming Rotary Programs & Events

March 17th: STRIVE students will be visiting our club. The program will be geared toward these students.

March 24th: David Anderson (our District Book Czar) has challenged us to read the book *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. We will have a book discussion at this meeting.

March 31st: Our Rotary friend from Grahamstown, South Africa Mr. Bill Mills will be visiting Red Wing. Mr Mills hosted Red Wing's Ambassadorial Scholar CoeLita Finke and also helped our International Service projects in South Africa succeed.

April 17-19: District Conference in River Falls

April 28-May 3: GSE Team from Sweden in Red Wing

April 28 **Rotary Day in Red Wing.** How will we present Rotary?

June 20th Red Wing Rotary Marching Band Classic is back downtown at Noon... be there



Dan Wiemer delighted us with stories and reflections about his recent time in China. A well cultured, creative professional like him deserves to be a Rotarian. I asked and he has interest. Membership is just an ask away. To do more Rotary in Red Wing, we are going to need to add members....

So we need to ask and give them 20 reasons to join Rotary

Ask if they are interested in service?

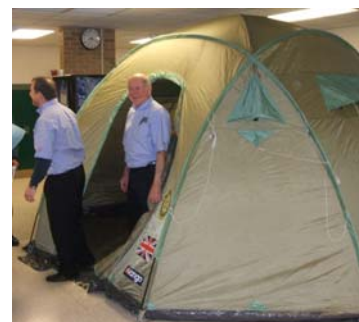
Ask if they would like to learn a bit about Red Wing Rotary?

So get on the phone or the computer and **ASK!**



ShelterBox display at District Midterm.

Each ShelterBox provides shelter and warmth and much more for up to 10 people. Our Red Wing International Service Group is looking into purchase of a box for our international service project. Project initiator is flying in from the UK to speak at our District Conference in River Falls in April.
www.shelterboxusa.org



20 Answers to the Question: Why Join Rotary?? by Richard King

1. **Friendship:** In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship. It is one of two reasons why Rotary began in 1905.
2. **Business Development:** The second original reason for Rotary's beginning is business development. Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.
3. **Personal Growth and Development:** Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.
4. **Leadership Development:** Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people. Serving in Rotary positions is like a college education. Leadership:-learning how to motivate, influence, and lead leaders.
5. **Citizenship in the Community:** Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen. The average Rotary club consists of the most active citizens of any community.
6. **Continuing Education:** Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed about what is going on in the community, nation, and world. Each meeting provides an opportunity to listen to different speakers and a variety of timely topics.
7. **Fun:** Rotary is fun, a lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. The service is fun.
8. **Public Speaking Skills:** Many individuals who joined Rotary were afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skill in public communication and the opportunity to practice these skills.
9. **Citizenship in the World:** Every Rotarian wears a pin that says "Rotary International." There are few places on the globe that do not have a Rotary club. Every Rotarian is welcome – even encouraged to attend any of the 29,000 clubs in 194 nations and geographical regions. This means instant friends in both one's own community and in the world community.
10. **Assistance when Traveling:** Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a Rotarian in need of a doctor, lawyer, hotel, dentist, advice, etc., while traveling has found assistance through Rotary.
11. **Entertainment:** Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that provide diversion in one's business life. Rotary holds conferences, conventions, assemblies, and institutes that provide entertainment in addition to Rotary information, education, and service.
12. **The Development of Social Skills:** Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social skills, and people skills. Rotary is for people who like people.
13. **Family Programs:** Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians; opportunities for spouse involvement; and a host of activities designed to help family members in growth and the development of family values.
14. **Vocational Skills:** Every Rotarian is expected to take part in the growth and development of his or her own profession or vocation; to service on committees and to teach youth about one's job or vocation. Rotary helps to make one a better doctor, lawyer, teacher, etc.
15. **The Development of Ethics:** Rotarians practice a 4-Way Test that governs one's ethical standards. Rotarians are expected to be ethical in business and personal relationships.
16. **Cultural Awareness:** Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color, and ethnic identity is found in Rotary. It is a cross section of the world's most prominent citizens from every background. Rotarians become aware of their cultures and learn to love and work with people everywhere. They become better citizens of their countries.
17. **Prestige:** Rotary members are prominent people: leaders of business, the professions, art, government, sports, military, religion, and all disciplines. Rotary is the oldest and most prestigious service club in the world. Its ranks include executives, and professions – people who make decisions and influence policy.
18. **Nice People:** Rotarians above all are nice people – the nicest people on the face of the earth. They are important people who follow the policy of it is nice to be important but it is important to be nice.
19. **The Absence of an "Official Creed":** Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, no secret meeting or rituals. It is an open society of men & women who simply believe in helping others.
20. **The Opportunity to Serve:** Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind. Its product is service. Rotarians provide community service to both local and international communities. This is perhaps the best reason for becoming a Rotarian: the chance to do something for somebody else and to sense the self-