

Neenah Rotary

September 2000

Dear Rotarians,

Create awareness, take action. Our community saw evidence of Rotarians doing just this on Saturday morning, August 19th at Green Park. A big thank you to Mark Keating for his leadership role in this community project! There are some noteworthy facets of this project that I want to share.

First, the Green Park Project meets one of our Rotary Objectives: *The Application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business, and community life.* Thirty Rotarians devoted their Saturday morning to this project to benefit the youth of the Neenah community. The young families with children that live near Green Park will enjoy the new playground equipment and sandbox area for many years to come thanks to Neenah Rotarians and our project partners.

Second, Rotary did this project as a partnership. The Lions Club and the Neenah Park and Recreation Department each contributed both financially and with volunteers to accomplish this project. This would not have been done with the same quality, if at all, except

through partnering with another service organization and with a public partner. Similar to Rotary International's Polio Plus campaign's success through partnering, our club was able to accomplish more through leverage with other community resources. September's Seafood Fest is another example of providing a high quality event to our community with the help of a partner, the Menasha Rotary Club.

Following the Green Park project, I received a telephone call from a Neenah Rotarian who was bubbling over with enthusiasm from participating in building the playground equipment. As he told me: this project was the *mission* of our club. He's right; hands-on community service should be and is a primary purpose of Neenah Rotary.

A big thank you to the thirty club members who volunteered!

Bob Merriam
Club President



“Creating Awareness and Taking Action” at the Green Park Build Project on Saturday, August 19, 2000. (Photos courtesy of Jack Casper.)

Fox Cities Children's Museum Would Love Your Help

The Fox Cities Children's Museum will be closed for the month of September for cleaning and repairs. Volunteers are needed to keep this wonderful community asset in top-notch condition. Volunteer opportunities include painting, cleaning, woodworking and electrical work. If you're interested in helping for a couple of hours, a day, or whatever time you can commit, please call Volunteer Coordinator Corinne Bock at 734-3226.

Remember to invite your friends, relatives, co-workers and neighbors to Seafood Fest (Friday, September 15 and Saturday, September 16)!

Inherent Value

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. "Well," he continued, "What if I do this?" He dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now all crumpled and dirty. "Now who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air. "My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you still hold the same inherent value."

Club Meetings

September 7

Invocation Rob Petri
Greeter George Grigsby
Program Coordinator Bob Golz
Speaker/Program Dr. Mike Thompson:
"Update on Menasha Joint School District"

September 14

Invocation Val Pfeiffer
Greeter Mark Keating
Program Coordinator Pat Mahoney
Speaker/Program Seafood Fest Update
Meeting at Jefferson Park

September 21

Invocation Linda Plotz
Greeter Steve Klima
Program Coordinator Dean Moede
Speaker/Program Dale Watt,
Timber Rattlers Chaplain: "Character Counts"

September 28

Invocation Tom Prosser
Greeter Paul Huxtable
Program Coordinator Sheila Jenkins
Speaker/Program Dr. Erik Emaus:
"2001 Sports Medicine Odyssey"



George Grigsby	.9/2
Dan Schetter	.9/2
Tim Bergstrom	.9/8
Ray Smith	.9/18
Betsy Rozelle	.9/19
Dan Napuck	.9/21
Steve Morton	.9/21
Pat Mahoney	.9/24
Tom Prosser	.9/29
George Skowronski	.9/29