

Reflections on my year as Club President 2011-2012 by Bob Keely

One word sums up how this year went WOW!!!

So many things came together, Past Club President Mike Herron had started a drive to add new members to the club and we continued to build on the momentum. We applied for, and were selected by Rotary International, to trial a new "Corporate Membership" program. Over the course of the year our club grew from 48 members to 62 members. I met with each Board member and jointly we developed the goals for their committee. The entire Board then reviewed every committees goals, approved the budget, set the agenda for Club Assemblies and made the commitment to support the clubs projects. In 2003, Mary and I became active in District planning and training. For eight years I have taught, "goal setting" in the President Elect Training (PETS) so I was more than prepared to guide the Board. There are those that said I was over prepared. Once the planning was complete it was up to the Board to complete the goals and objectives. And they exceeded all expectations. It was an amazing year!!!

It seemed at every Board meeting there were suggestions for more hands on projects. For the year, we had 26 opportunities (see table below) for club members to be involved in either a project or social activity. We really were active with the hands on projects. We also spent over \$15,000 on projects and scholarships.

Putnam County Rotary Community Activities/Projects 2011-2012

	Activity	Date	Rotarians+family
1	Balloons	7/4/11	6
2	Putnam County Fair 4H	7/9/11	5
3	Putnam County Fair Tickets	7/9-15/2011	10
4	Golf Tournament	8/8/11	13
5	Habitat house	10/27/11	7
6	Picnic	8/20/11	26
7	Labels for Thesaurus	9/17/11	11
8	Hurricane Middle Thesaurus	9/27/11	5
9	Poca Middle Thesaurus	9/30/11	5
10	Winfield Middle Thesaurus	10/3/11	5
	George Washington Middle		
11	Thesaurus	10/27/11	4
12	Christian Schools Thesaurus	11/1/11	2
13	Generation Putnam 5K	10/22/11	5
14	Pancake Breakfast	10/29/11	14
15	Poca Portfolio	11/9/11	7
16	Habitat house	11/12/11	9
17	Salvation Army Bell Ringing	11/17/11	12
18	Winfield Portfolio	12/2/11	7
19	Yuletide in the Park	12/12/17/11	10
20	UC Women's BB Dinner	1/10/12	25 Rotarians+ & 19 UC
21	Habitat house	3/10/12	5 plus 7 Interact
22	5K Run	3/31/12	12
24	Princess tea Party	4/25/12	5
25	Arts In Action - shelves		2
			1
26	Habitat house	6/9/12	8

The following people made it happen:

Marilyn Pemberton - Treasurer, always first to arrive and last to leave.

Jack Bailey - Secretary, for accurate and thorough Board minutes as posting weekly meeting attendance.

Chuck Nuckles - Membership Chair by coordinating the Corporate Membership Program, surveying the membership twice to see areas to improve and a very unique member orientation.

Elaine Rader - Program Chair for organizing Monthly Program Coordinators and following the Rotary themes to have very effective weekly programs.

Dianna Casto - Foundation Chair for always encouraging us to contribute to the Rotary Foundation.

Glen Gibbs - Local Projects, IT Support and always volunteering to help however and whenever. Glen was very deserving of the "Putnam County Rotary, Rotarian of the Year award."

Bonnie Prisk - Scholarship Chair for helping to expand the scholarship program and overseeing the scholarship selection process.

Sam Sentelle - Maintaining the Club Web Site and providing a write up on each and every meeting.

Mike Herron - Immediate Past President for helping to keep the President and the Board on track.

Tina McComas - President Elect for helping our on projects and preparing to continue the programs and activities during her year as Club President.

Chet Marshall - Fun-raiser for continued success with the raffle and introducing the 5K Race/run for scholarships.

Mary Keely - Chief of staff for helping keep both Marilyn and I on track with the budget tracking and coordinating the new greeter program.

Denise Springer - Sergeant at Arms for making "Happy Dollars" fun

Mary Zigmond - For providing high quality great tasting meals and being a real friend of our club and its members.

It was an honor and privilege to serve as Club President. I will never forget the strong support from our Board and all the club members. Also, the new friendships that were made that expanded my Rotary Family. I am blessed!!!!!!!