

#### AREAS OF FOCUS

We direct our efforts in six areas to enhance our local and global impact. Our most successful and sustainable projects and activities tend to fall within the following areas:

Promoting Peace	Fighting Disease
Providing clean water	Savings Mothers & Children
Supporting Educcation	Growing local economies

### Montgomery Rotary Club - Painting the Street

Members of one of the new clubs in the village will paint the streets, literally in preparation for Montgomery Festival. The 29 Rotary Club members along with fellow Rotarians from the Owego and Sunrise Aurora club well as all Fox Valley residents will be invited to the historic village to undertake the project. "This is a huge project, and it is not limited to residents only," said Theresa Sperling, Montgomery Rotary Club President. The entire Fox Valley region is invited to participate in the project.

Luke Torrez, an Oswego High School student came up with the winning design after a class project last year.

The new theme will be used throughout the village as part of the banner campaign and is all a part of the "Montgomery in Motion" promotion that will be used throughout the Historic Mill District.

Officials hope to have the historic painting in time to be a part of Montgomery Festival, held the second weekend in August each year, this year beginning August 12.

Community Development Director Rich Young said the idea for the promotional idea came after a visit to Keokuk and looking at their area that utilizes a similar approach. Pete Wallers, with EEI, serves as Village Engineer and is a member of the Rotary club himself. He said special paint has been ordered to be utilized in painting the street. He said the special paint will be skid resistant, in order to be safe for the hundreds of patrons who walk along the street during the festival.

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## Mark These Dates:

**August 4** - District Ron Broida will make his official visit to our club.

August 23 - Rotary Family Night at Cellular Field, Sox vs. Phillies

August 25 – Hesed house Breakfast

Sept 10 - District Fall

Training

**Sept. 16** – MEDC Golf Outing

Oct 18 - Foundation

Legacy Dinner Oct 29 - Rotary

Leadership Institute

# TALKING POINTS...

The Montgomery Rotary Club has a new tool in their arsenal, a talking points card. The item helps members give all the attributes available to people interested in the new organization. Local Rotary members hope it is just another aid in attracting more interest in the group.

"We wanted to put all the great things about the club in one convenient location so members can use it when talking about Rotary

with other people," said Theresa

The group is celebrating its oneactive in the Village of those who are in need. In that the activities that take up a lot of



Sperling, club president.

year anniversary this summer and so far has been extremely Montgomery area. One of the attributes of the group is to aid spirit, Hesed House is a common benefactor when looking at member's time. Other projects have included picking up trash

in a designated area, making sure all the children in the community are kept warm during the winter months through drives and other charities. The group is first to volunteer when needed for community events, including the MEDC Gold Tournament, the 5K River Run, Festival of Trees and the Montgomery Festival. Membership is open to those who apply and are given a nod from the entire group.

Meetings are held bi-weekly at the Riverview Diner and include special guests who in the past have been various local political leaders as well as representatives from groups who may need a helping hand or offer help to the area. The Rotary Club began in Montgomery as a group of people who wanted to make a difference and to help wherever needed. If you have a few extra minutes or just want to help in your community consider giving the Rotary Club a few minutes of your time. For membership information, log onto <a href="http://rotarymontgomeryil.clubexpress.com">http://rotarymontgomeryil.clubexpress.com</a>





You can be the missing piece and make a difference in your community. If you love the outdoors, various activities will put you in the place you love, nature, in an area where you can make a difference. If your passion is in the kitchen, the hundreds served at the local homeless shelter can benefit from your culinary skills. If you excel in the boardroom, organizational skills are put to the test and mastered as you fill in the missing blanks for volunteers to make sure each piece of the puzzle is taken care of. Your passion as well as the fellowship of Rotarians is waiting for you — and right here where you are most needed. Contact us today.