

First Meeting of Gateway Rotary Club, August 13, 2011

The Rotary Club of Gateway - Thurston County conducted their organizing meeting on August 10, 2011, at the Hawks Prairie Restaurant in Lacey, Washington with 23 prospective members in attendance. Meetings are every Wednesday morning at 7:00 am. After the club adopted the recommended Rotary International constitution and bylaws, a slate of officers was elected. Board members are President Tom Carroll; Vice President Mike Beehler; Secretary Mike Robbins; Treasurer Jerry Wilkins, and Director Kelli Hegsted. District Governor David Stocks granted the new club provisional status on August 12, 2011. President Tom Carroll is enthusiastic about the community's interest in a new Rotary morning club. At the August 10th meeting, Carroll described the concept of the Rotary Club of Gateway - Thurston County, explaining that the club will be a gateway for younger business professionals to become Rotarians; a gateway for younger Rotarians to assume club leadership; a gateway for minorities to join Rotary and diversify membership; a gateway for Thurston County youth to have a better life; and a gateway for businesses within the Gateway Development Area to participate in Rotary. The Gateway Rotary Club was formally chartered by Rotary International on September 15, 2011. Individuals interested in participating are invited to attend a Wednesday morning meeting at 7:00 am or visit <http://www.gatewayrotary.net>.



(Left to right) Mike Beehler, Vice President; Sherry Jennings, Hawks Prairie Rotary President; Kelli Hegsted, Director; Bruce Stuve, Area 9B Assistant Governor; Tom Carroll, President; Jerry Wilkins, Treasurer; and Mike Robbins, Secretary.



Members of the Rotary Club of Gateway –Thurston County (Provisional) get acquainted with one another and prepare for their first meeting.