

Norsk News, April 20, 2016

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Rotary



- ❖ Absent: Klein, Olson, Orzechowski, Rasmussen, Walton, Webber, Wedig, K., Witte, Reynolds
- ❖ Students: Garrett Leis, Sarah Fetter & Gabriella Giler
- ❖ Guest: Paul Rux, Gail Morton
- ❖ Happy Bucks ; Yauchler, Zalucha, P., Christian

Gabriella described the earthquake in Ecuador that happened last Saturday night. Many cities, including hers, were destroyed. Her aunt and Grandpa lost their houses but everyone she knows is OK. It is hard to be here because she wants to be there to help. People need food and water and basic needs. She wants to do something for her city. If we collect stuff like food and clothes she can get them to the consulate in Chicago they can be sent by air as trips are donated by the airline.

Judy was able to get in touch with the district governor of Gabriella's district. His letter is attached. A group will meet to make suggestions.

A club meeting will be held at Spring Garden, 7am Tomorrow, April 21 to discuss the club's response to the tragic earthquake.

Bowling Social has been postponed since it conflicts with the Chamber of Commerce Mixpo.

Tyler: The Golf Outing has 7 main sponsors: Deer Valley Golf Course, News Pub Inc, Summit Commercial Fitness, NCI Roberts, CED, City Electrical Supply & The Electrician

Now need foursomes. If you don't say no... then you will automatically become a hole sponsor for the outing

The Guatemala Water Project Grant has been finalized. Thanks, Shawn.

Speaker is Aaron Whaley from Whaley seed Company;

A.P. Whaley Seed Company, ten years ago purchased a farm south of town. His parents started "Seed Savers Exchange in Iowa 40 years go so he was always working with seeds. He" supplies many companies with wholesale seeds. He has a private label called "Garden America. They work with other growers under contract to grow seeds. They are not open to the public but have a lot of commercial customers come visit. They grow year round and rent greenhouses from UW in the winter. As well as seed, they raise grass fed cattle and have about 60 of Ancient White Park Cattle. Aaron is a judge for the All American Selection awards. They have seed trials sites here and in California (tomatoes). Most of the Organic production in the US and Chile (because it is the opposite season). Edible beans in California and beans for sewing in Idaho. 50% of production is now in China. Near Mongolia with dry hot summers and very cold winters. It is all "hand-work" gardening there so they utilize the many farmers who can do that work. In China, there are no wild carrots so they don't have to worry about cross-pollination of carrots. They have licensed the Indigo Rose, Indigo Pear Drop and Indigo Cherry Drop tomato and can sell for 20 years without competition. He explained the quality control

in other countries. Aaron visits all the growers once a year. Those who were there were able to choose a variety of seeds from Garden America. Check out the very interesting website... <https://awhaley.com/>



- ✓ Golf outing will be Friday, May 20th. We'll market to other clubs who will be coming to the District Conference, which is that weekend.
- ✓ District Conference will be Friday, Saturday & Sunday May 20th to 22nd. Union South, Madison

Upcoming Meetings:

April 27th, Shawn Bollig: Randy Schneider - Softball

May 4th, Russ Christian: Mark Pocan

May 11th, Business Meeting

May 18th, Rob Helvey

No Greeter assigned for April

Greeter for June 2016: Wedig, K.

