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by Joy Adams Bauer

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Meeting August 23, 2010 by Joy Adams Bauer

President Wayne opened the meeting with the singing of O'Canada. **Gary Rusu** offered grace with special thanks for our farmers and our leaders. **Steven Wilson** introduced our visitors and guests who included:

- Leonardo da Silva our current exchange student from Brazil
- Julia Milne our past exchange student who spent a year in Sweden last year
- Kevin Biraux a past exchange student from France who spent the year in Canada two years ago.
- **Bev Shiel** visiting Rotarian (and spouse of Peter) from the Rotary Club of Saskatoon North
- Cliff Hayes visiting Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Meewasin
- **Kathy Weber** former member of the Rotary Club of Riverside (and better half of Jim Weber) whom we can now claim as our own, as she has joined our club. Hooray!

Don Somers served as sergeant and handily got the agriculture report from **Murray Scharf**, and sports reports from **Mark Gryba**, **Jim Weber** and **President Wayne**.

Happy and Sad Dollars

- Joy Adams Bauer is happy to see the exchange students and happy that her niece married a very nice young man on the weekend.
- Brian Henderson offered \$2 supportive for Murray and his farming woes.
- Mark Gryba had his usual happy Hilltops football dollars. They beat Edmonton 27 to 13!!
- Jim Weber is happy about a recent trip he and Kathy took to Whitehorse.
- **Peter Whitenect** is sad about the Bears, "don't bet on them," was his advice to members.
- **Peter Shiel** is happy that we have the exchange students visiting and noted that Murray's crops have done well thanks to the fertilizer he's been buying.
- Kevin Wilson is happy he is moving to Heritage Estates, but he is sad that he is leaving his neighbor of over 40 years, Murray Scharf and trading him if for Harold Empey!

• Kathy Weber and Maureen Torr offered happy dollars in celebration of becoming members of our club.

Don Somers won the free lunch!

Next Meeting - September 12, 2010 by Joy Adams Bauer

Join us on **Sunday, September 12th** at 6:15 p.m. for our second annual Fajita Fiesta at La Bamba el Norte Restaurant on Primrose Drive. Our Monday meeting is cancelled because of this event. You'll find more information about this event elsewhere in this newsletter.

We are back at the Delta Bessborough Hotel on **Monday, September 20th** when we will be visited by District Governor, Harvey Hanson.

Duty Roster September 2010 by Joy Adams Bauer

Duty Roster for September 20th, 2010

Greeter - Maureen Torr Visitors & Guests - Jocelyn Davey-Hawreluik Cashier - Irv Bender Grace - Bert Ayers Food Cards - Joanne Fisher Sergeant-at-Arms - Bruce Bays

Duty Roster for September 27th, 2010

Greeter - Jocelyn Davey-Hawreluik Visitors & Guests - Maureen Torr Cashier - Graham Pearson Grace - Mike LeClaire Food Cards - Joanne Fisher Sergeant-at-Arms - Bruce Bays

Please be at your posts no later than 11:45 a.m. <u>If you cannot fulfill your volunteer duties</u>, please arrange for a fellow Rotarian to replace you.

Program Aug 30, 2010 by Joy Adams Bauer

Rotary Youth Exchange to Sweden

Peter Shiel introduced "rebounder" Julia Milne who spent a year in Sweden as a Rotary exchange student. Julia graduated from the French Immersion program at Walter Murray Collegiate and headed off to Sweden for her exchange year. She is currently studying at the

College of Engineering, U of S. Julia took to the floor wearing her Rotary jacket positively festooned with pins.

She explained she chose Sweden because she loves doing things outside (ski-ing, ice-fishing, moose hunting, outside saunas). She picked up her third language while on the exchange. She didn't want to travel to a densely populated country and wanted to live in a small town. She landed in Hudiksuall, a fishing village of 20,000 souls 30 kms north of Stockholm. She attended a high school with 200 other students and had a great time playing her trumpet in the school (and in a community band).

She regaled us with many stories of her time abroad including the fact there is only light from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in December and January; she enjoyed kayaking, snow-mobiling, and taught her Swedish friends how to make s'mores on a camping trip; both of her host families had a daughter her age; she experienced an amazing second high school graduation which began at 7:00 a.m. one day with a champagne breakfast and ended two days later at 3:00 a.m. as she watched the sun come up with her fellow graduates. Graduation is a "huge deal and a huge celebration in Sweden."

She ended her presentation by explaining that the year away made her very independent. "I couldn't have done it without Rotary .. it was the best year of my life."

Announcements

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• The Fiesta Fajita Fundraiser is on Sunday, September 12th at La Bamba El Norte on Primrose Drive. Get your ticket from **Dave Sundby** NOW. Only 77 will be sold. The cost is \$50 with a \$35 tax receipt. Join us for a mouth-watering meal and silent auction. We are raising money for the 25 students we are supporting in Mexico through the Programma de Becas of the Rotary Club of Puerto Vallarta Sur. If you can't make the dinner, please give serious consideration to donating the \$20 you'd be paying for the luncheon meetings that are cancelled on September 6th and 13th to the Programma.

You can also contribute monthly, quarterly or annually by cheque or credit card. Please contact Dave for tickets or to make a contribution.

If you have any silent auction items you'd like to donate, please contact **Dave Sundby or Jim Weber**. Dave hopes that those members who generously supported a student last year will continue with their sponsorship this coming year and that more members will become involved. Thank you for your support!!

- Will Arscott announced that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is matching any donations to PolioPlus by Rotarians. A city wide committee has been created to raise the profile of Rotary in the fight against polio <u>and</u> to come up with a local project in this area. For more information, and to get involved, please contact either Will or **Kevin** Wilson. They also welcome your project ideas.
- President Wayne reminded Board members that treasurer Joanne would appreciate

their feedback on her draft budget.

- Mark your calendars for September 17th when you can enjoy a wine tasting at the Saskatoon Club. Stay tuned for more information.
- The next Board meeting is September 14th. All members are welcome to attend.
- The District is calling for nominations for District Governor in 2013/2014. The deadline is October 1st. Speak with President Wayne if you have any suggestions for this critical Rotary role.
- The Winnipeg Club is having a 100th Anniversary of Rotary in Winnipeg gala on November 6, 2010 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. Anyone interested in attending may contact Bev Allwood at (204) 957-6713. Tickets are \$100/person.
- Station 20 West has approached the club. They are selling tickets on behalf of the Saskatoon Chef's Association (who have adopted Station 20 West as their charity for the year) to their famous gourmet six-course dinner at Prairieland Park in February 2011 and are looking for our help. Stay tuned for more details about this mouth-watering opportunity. For more information on Station 20 West visit www.station20west.org

District News by Joy Adams Bauer

The District 5550 World Community Services Foundation is working in partnership with ShelterBox to coordinate a District 5550 response to provide relief to displaced survivors affected by the floods in Pakistan.

Distribution of ShelterBox tents to Pakistan flood victims commenced two weeks ago and more shelter boxes and tents continue to be flown in as the disaster worsens. ShelterBox has initiated a large-scale response and urgently seeks further donor support to enable much greater numbers to receive rapid assistance.

ShelterBox has extensive experience in Pakistan. To ensure the aid gets to people who need it quickly, ShelterBox is working with the French Military and Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority, both of whom have extensive experience working with ShelterBox in several disaster responses.

Cheques for club and individual donations should be made payable to: District 5550 WCS Foundation and mailed to:

District 5550 WCS Foundation Box 3541, Melfort, SK S0E 1A0

Donations can also be made online to the D5550 WCS Foundation at <u>www.shelterboxcanada.org</u> Donations from individual Rotarians are tax deductible and eligible to receive a tax receipt. The District 5550 World Community Service Foundation is a registered charity in Canada.

Charitable Registration #: 892901760RR0001.

The District 5550 WCS Foundation will work with ShelterBox in Canada to maximize the number of boxes that can be funded by donations form District 5550 to support disaster relief efforts. Our hearts go out to the many thousands of people in Pakistan who are affected by the extensive flooding. The need is urgent.

2010/2011 Club Executive by Joy Adams Bauer

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