



## JULY 25, 2018

This week's speaker was Lauren Dixon, our returning exchange student. Lauren has spent the past year in Belgium.

She was introduced by Rotarian Brent Smith, who oversees the exchange program for our club.

While in Belgium, Lauren stayed with a host family. Her host family had 5 sons, with ages from 5 to 19. At first, Lauren could not speak either French, Dutch or German, the three official languages. Belgium is a very small country with a population of 11 million, situated next to the France, Netherlands, Germany and Luxembourg.

Lauren was particularly interested in food during her exchange and was introduced to many new taste sensations. She enjoyed most of the food but was rather reluctant to eat the raw fish and raw eggs. However, she did.

While in Belgium, Lauren did a lot of travelling, some with the host family and some with other exchange students.

She went to Berlin for a week and saw the Berlin Wall. She also took a trip to Amsterdam and was fortunate to be able to visit Anne Frank's home.

She travelled on the train often and now feels like an expert with the train system.

She met many other exchange students and became friends with one from USA and one from Australia.

She visited Belgium during the holiday seasons of Christmas and also on St. Patrick's day.

Lauren had trouble showing her photos to the club. However, she did describe many of her adventures and we could tell she had a fantastic year.

We thank Lauren for her presentation today and were pleased to have her represent our club as an exchange student.

*Lauren Dixon addressing the Rotary club. She talked about her year in Belgium as part of the exchange program*





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*Above, Lauren Dixon*



*President Jennifer thanked Lauren on behalf of the club and presented her with a book.*



*Above, Rotarian Brent Smith introduces Lauren to the club.*



*Left, Lauren takes questions from the members.*



# Happy Notices

## **BIRTHDAYS**

**Gord Fry**  
July 23

**Tania Sharpe**  
July 24

**Fannie Vavoulis**  
July 24



Peter Tanner had some good news for the club.

Rotary International has approved the Guatemala Project for a grant of \$50,000 US. The total projected cost will be \$130,000.

This project supplies used cell phones to schools. These phones are loaded with Wikipedia and other websites that the students can use as a resource.

Peter has been instrumental in getting this project approved and we are very thankful.

## **CLUB ANNIVERSARIES**

**Andy Watson**  
49 years

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

August 1  
**Sabrina Fields**  
The Shanti Uganda Society  
Efforts in maternal health

August 8  
**Dave Bakker**  
Crime Stoppers

August 15  
**President's BBQ Meeting**  
(No Lunch)

August 22  
**Mike Genge**