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Rotary Theme Topic for June - International Conventions and Club Service

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

June 26 Changeover Dinner at the Round Barn 5:30 P.M

July 3 NO Meeting

4 Rotary Float in Warren Parade 10 A.M.

10 Caryn Crump will be doing a presentation about the Rotary Club in Mexico and their various projects.

17 Kate Williams - Forest Canoe Trail Org.

24 open

31 open

Aug. 7 Bob Ackland

Editor's Note: Please inform Wini (496-6710) of your speaker at least 2 weeks in advance.

Last 2 weeks of June are bursting with birthdays and anniversaries

Birthdays: June 27 John Basile & Jack Simko
June 30 Gene Scarpato
July 7 Dinsmore Fulton
July 8 Lorraine Keener
July 9 Ron Geren

Anniversaries

June 27 Doug & Sue Stoehr
July 7 Carol & Charles Hosford

Since this was our changeover party, there are too many people to list all the guests. The weather man was considerate of our Club and brought out the sun enabling our guys & gals to show off their best bib & tucker without any rain drops to spoil the occasion.

Announcements

Doug reminded us: NO BREAKFAST MEETINGS FOR THE NEXT 2 WEEKS!!!
Manny called up Chris Pierson to receive his membership pin and be inducted into our club. Chris has already helped out at meetings. Congratulations Chris! :-)

*Our club is Sponsoring a community dinner at the Waitsfield Church on Fri. June 28th. Jackie Leyton has agreed to provide 100 desserts. A couple of servers still

needed. We will purchase, prepare the food and clean up afterward. This is a good type of community service for our club to perform.

* There will be 2 committee meetings at 8:30 AM on July 3rd at Hogan's Pub:
1) Duck Race committee. 2) Float for the July 4th Parade.

Editor's note: I did not take any notes during the party and am doing this from memory, therefore things may be out of order and some things omitted.

When all the announcements were finished, Doug told us that dinner was ready and people should pick up a plate and line up for dinner at the 4 stations.

PROGRAM

Karl Klein provided our entertainment by singing "Moonlight in Vermont" followed by a duet sung by Karl and Doug which everyone enjoyed tremendously.

Then Doug got serious and gave his "Lame Duck" speech:

Outgoing President Speech
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The dictionary gives two definitions for a lame duck. The first is an official (especially the president) in their final term of office, after the election of a successor. There was a moment in May, when Gene indicated that he could not serve as president this year, when I feared that this definition would not apply to me!

The second definition is an ineffectual or unsuccessful person or thing.

I won't wait too long for you to come to a conclusion on which definition I come most closely to match. Suffice it to say that I am a lame duck, and I am so pleased that Manny has agreed to step up his term of president by one year. You don't know how pleased I am Manny!

Last June we had a Long Range Planning Visioning session, which formed the basis for some of the things we accomplished this year. For example, reorganizing the manner in which we recruit speakers, responding to resident needs, increasing our fundraising so that we can respond to more needs in the community, utilizing web based contribution tools (which we have just started, thanks to the continual friendly prodding by Clayton-Paul), holding meetings at businesses, and starting the process of looking into an International project. We still have a number of initiatives from the planning session that we can still implement and I hope that we can do so.

Thanks to all of you who have been such great support to me and our board this year. And, special thanks to the board and to a number of our members for always being there when I needed help. We are truly a brotherhood and sisterhood of

people who care for each other and our community. I take great pride in calling myself a Rotarian, and this club is the reason why.

Now it was Manny's turn to make his pitch as the incoming president :

Changeover Notes

Tribute to Doug

Tonight is a time to thank Doug for his commitment to the MRV Rotary and to hope that the incoming rookie manages to keep the lights on for another year. Doug had a tough act to follow when a year ago he took over the reins from Lorraine Keener. He stepped up and led us to another successful year. During the 2012-2013 Rotary year, under Doug's leadership, two new members were added to our ranks, and we welcomed back one member from the past. Five fund raising activities were successfully concluded which refilled the coffers and permitted the club to continue its commitment to many worthy causes in the community. Doug recognized the need to implement new technology and encouraged Clayton-Paul to pursue Square as a credit card processing vehicle. This decision has already paid dividends and will help to insure that our fund raising does not become victim to a cashless society.

Doug felt strongly that the MRV Rotary is more than fundraising and that we should participate in community service projects. An example is our commitment to the community dinner on Friday night. I agree with Doug on service as a core principle and hope to continue his commitment in this area.

During the year, a speaker committee was formed and has already brought many new and interesting speakers to our morning meetings. This has been a significant upgrade.

Doug brought a strong, deep voice to our morning sing-along's. I cannot sing a note. However, he has agreed to continue to lead us in song. If Doug is not available, other notables are Karl Kline, Heli and Jim Leyton isn't shy about singing. In appreciation for Doug's leadership, I am pleased to present him with a plaque commemorating his service to the MRV Rotary during 2012-2013.

Plans for Next Year

So, what can I say? I'm untested and untrained. I'm also a slow learner. Due to Gene's unfortunate fall from a ladder, I am here at least a full year sooner than any had anticipated, most particularly me! I think that should buy me at least 3 or 4 months of grace. I hope that the more senior members will help me to avoid major mistakes and that the newer members will step up with fresh ideas, energy and enthusiasm.

Doug told me that now is the time to introduce my thoughts on goals for the coming year. I have established 6 areas for focus. Not all are clearly measurable goals, but perhaps statements of intent. My objective tonight is to introduce the focus areas and tomorrow send them to you for your input. To be successful, these cannot be my goals but goals that everyone buys into.

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Goals and Intent

Get the Word Out

Annual Report to the Community. Many know Rotary for the Duck Race and You Bet Your Ice, but few know how much we raise or where the money goes. In addition, we should highlight the number of volunteer hours contributed by Rotarians. I think we should publish an annual report of sources and uses of funds. I have begun to develop an annual report for 2012-2013 and will discuss it with the board.

Rotary Meetings on channel 44. The speaker committee has been bringing in interesting speakers. We should set a goal to get more of our meeting videoed and available to the public. I will ask for a volunteer to learn how to video for local access TV.

One Article per month in the VR

Invite the public to meetings where we have a high profile, provocative or particularly interesting speaker.

Community Service (continuation from 2012-2013)

One community service project per quarter. Rotary contributes about \$35,000. per year to the community, but we also have the opportunity to contribute time, experience or muscle. We need an organized approach to identify projects and determine where we have the ability to make a difference. I have already spoken with Bruce Bertholon, our new VP, and he has agreed to lead this effort.

Member Involvement

Invite members to attend board meetings. This will expose more people to the scope of the MRV Rotary and perhaps encourage some to take a leadership role.

Seek and encourage new ideas. Take some risk. Many of us have been out of the workplace for some time and that is where we were exposed to more current approaches to problem solving and new ideas. An example is use of Square to process CC. This new technology was initially met with skepticism and there may still be issues to solve, but it is essential going forward. We need more of this. It's easy to criticize, much harder to do. So let's embrace new ideas, even if some don't make the cut.

Tolerance of Each Members Point of View. We are a diverse group with many different life experiences. Everyone has something to contribute. We want to encourage each member to express their opinion or make suggestions. Perhaps 5 minutes at each meeting should be devoted to one member's assessment of what we can do better.

Encourage Leadership. Members of the MRV Rotary have accomplished a lot in their working careers; we need their experience and leadership. With a group this strong, we should not rely on 40% to drive our projects and fill our leadership positions.

Youth

Rotary Speech Contest. There are really bright, articulate students at Harwood and the GMVS. Let's see if we can engage the schools to partner with us and

participate in the Rotary Speech Contest. Perhaps, participation can become an extra credit opportunity in a related class and potentially help a student to win a cash award for their post high school endeavors.

International Commitment

Identify a project appropriate for our organization which we can sponsor or participate in with another club.

Global Health Media Project - Deb Van Dyke?

Membership and Recruitment

Establish a small team mentored by the membership chairman to identify and recruit younger members. Experience has shown that young members drop out if they do not have peers in the organization. Jack Miner has agreed to mentor this effort. Shortly we will approach 3 or four younger member to develop and implement a plan to address recruitment of working age members. In the next year, we should goal ourselves to add 4 new members.

To wrap up, I think of the MRV Rotary as our franchise. Above us is the District, Zone and RI. They provide policies and procedures, training and support. But in the end it is up to us to set goals and to be as good as we can be. With the experience in this room, our potential is unlimited. Each of you has achieved success in your chosen area of endeavor, I am sure that your skill, experience and commitment will allow us to accomplish great things in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you in the coming year.

Bob Holden presented Doug with a certificate from the IRS stating that our club is in good standing with our status as a non-profit organization.

A special thank you to Al Barillaro for arranging a great party for our last affair of the 2012 - 2013 Rotary fiscal year.

THE FOUR WAY TEST
of the things we think, say or do:

- 1) Is it the Truth?
- 2) Is it Fair to all Concerned?
- 3) Will it Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
- 4) Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned?

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