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Rotary Theme Topic for July - Literacy-International service - A time to highlight and emphasize World Community Service

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

July 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	Laura Fegan will speak to us about Long Term Care Insurance Planning
31	George Chelios - History of the Stock Market
Aug. 7	Bob Ackland
14	open
21	Continuation of The Crump's presentation on Mexico
28	open

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

Birthdays: none this week

Anniverseries: Tom & Susanne Byrne 7/14; Rosemarie & Bill White 7/16

Editor's note: FYI, our Rotary year starts July 1st . There is a new volume for each year. We are now up to Vol. 38, ie: our club is starting its 38th year with the 1st first issue today. Theme topic for July - Literacy-International Service

Meeting News

Good crowd today - all tables filled for Manny's first meeting as president. Guest list consists of prospective members or friends of members: John Tocco, Marv Ginzler, John Crump, John Daniell, Charlie Ferry and Jerry LeClaire

Announcements

Manny welcomed back Leon Bruno and Karen Winchell before listing his busy agenda

1) Rotary support for LAC-MEGANTIC, Quebec the small city in Canada that was almost wiped out by a runaway freight train carrying tons of toxic flammable material.

2) Changeover dinner - great evening. Al Barillaro reported everything went well

3) Successful Community Dinner on June 28th. - 29 Rotarians participated and served 104 people. Everyone enjoyed the casserole and only 6 cupcakes were left over.

4) Manny sent out an email asking Rotarians to help move out equipment from the shops on Bridge St. in case of flooding last weekend. 16 members volunteered

5) Duck Race - Wayne Foster reported ticket sales got off to a good start after the parade and passed around a sign-up sheet for the weekend, including the Farmers' Market venue.

6) Manny wants us to get more engaged with the local TV Channel. Take photos of guest speakers to put in the Valley Reporter and make videos of presentations to run on channel 44 in order to get our programs out to the community

Dinsmore thanked our group for maintaining the water stations for Mad River Path Race.

Marathon - Our club also tended water stations during the Marathon on Sunday, July 7th

July 4th Parade - Joe Klimek reported that Bill Brauer designed our beautiful float and we had plenty of candy to throw to spectators (no mention of Bloody Marys) for the float riders this year. WDEV commented on the float and photos will appear in the newspaper..

Megabucks \$417 to the winner. Doug drew the 9 of diamonds for the \$5 loser's compensation.

HAPPY BUCKS

Jim Leyton - change of power for the MRV Rotary Club

Ron Geren - brought John Tocco, his friend of 40 years

Heli - visit from Granddaughter who came from Indiana

Chris Kirchen - glad to return to Vermont

Dinsmore - happy to see visiting friends

Trish - thrilled to be high & dry - no flooding in Massage parlor

Tom Byrne - Susanne visited Montreal

Dave K. - Glad Manny declared that Dave has not been married for 112 years

Bob Holden - Happy that Leon is back (our only living charter member)

Bruce - attended rowdy event with 300 people on the 4th of July

Ken Friedman - visit of daughter, Andrea

Gene - Virginia recovering from pancreas problem

John Daniell - weather status this summer - rain, about to rain, or rain just stopped

Judy - Happy

Stan - not going to Korea this year

Al Barillaro - Excellent Changeover to welcome Manny

Dave E. - back from Calif. trip- encountered 3 weather problems - on edge of weather all the way

Monk - Done driving to visit friends

John Crump -1) Old college Roommates here on visit 2) got to ride on 4 floats in July 4th parade - photo will be in newspaper

Ken Amann - met out-of-town friend

Clayton-Paul - got in last word

PROGRAM

Caryn had jury duty today and left John to do the presentation on the remarkable activities of their Mexican Rotary Club (Puerto Vallarta Sur).

John reported that they are very active in the Mexican club. It has 46 members and is located in a resort town which enables them to get donations and matching grants from both tourists and visiting Rotarians from North America.

There are many townspeople and local farmers who are below the poverty level.

This club has been providing them with 4 levels of scholarships since 1996. They gave to 350 students last year from middle school up to college level. These kids know how important education is.

The club has a staff that monitors the grades and makes home visits.

They also give a free meal to families once a week. They offer English classes, run a book mobile, which loans out books. This is a first experience for some adults of borrowing books.

They often give clothing and shoes to the needy. Many children have no shoes. The club has a goal to provide each child with shoes, as shoes are required for a child to attend school.

Eye surgery is needed for crossed eyes and other problems. Many families can't afford surgery. The club provides free surgery. Doctors do the operations for free but each operation cost \$700 - \$1,000 for supplies and other expenses. This is life changing surgery. Prescription glasses are also provided.

Water Filter Program - Clean water is needed and they have built 4 systems both inside and outside of the town. The one on the school grounds also allows individual families to bring buckets to get clean drinking water.

Often kids who have been helped come back to donate services.

Most jobs require knowledge of English and computers. The club gives lessons before and after school for 150 students.

Remember all this fantastic work is done by 46 members with financial help from visiting Rotarians and foreign tourists.

John and/or Caryn will come and finish this talk in the near future.

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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