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Literary-International Service - a time to highlight and emphasize World Community Service Projects

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

- August 5 Al Molnar - Debbie Boyer from ShoreBank (one word) International Ltd. Consulting Services. Her topic will be "Banking and Micro finance in Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Palestine/Gaza".
- August 12 Judy Reed Ed Bbride the Deputy Director of Prevent Child Abuse of Vermont.
- August 19 Patricia Pinkston or Ken Amann (classification speech)
- 26 Dinsmore Fulton
- Sept. 2 Frank Rodgers
- 9 Dave Ruane
- 16 Len Rubin
- 23 Jack Simko
- 30 Nancy Spencer Smith

Editor's Note: Please inform Wini (496-6710) of the name of your speaker at least 2 weeks in advance. If you can't get a speaker for that date, please try to trade with another person on the list.

Birthdays: Leo Cohen 8/5, Audrey Witschi 8/5

Anniversaries Bruce & Frances Bertholon 7/29, Art & Barbara Conway 7/24; Al & Sally Molnar 7/31

Meeting News

We finally got a bright sunny morning to welcome our meeting which included guests: Walt Hannemann from Pa., Ron Anderson, local businessman, Brian Lee, Caryn's guest from Taiwan, John Daniell, our regular summer guest, and Blaine, Peter's wife.

Welcome back Leon Bruno. He is one of the founding members of our club.

Duck Race

Leo asked for help on the 14th, 15th & 16th at Kenyon's to work on the 'race track' section of Mad River (clear the banks, etc.)

He announced that we can also sell tickets at the Washington County Fair, but will need a lot of volunteers for Wed. 8/12 at 10 AM and Monday 8/17 at 10 AM. Selling tickets at the Fair may compensate for the slow sales this year. Members need to sign up to sell tickets at Mehurons and the Farmers Mkt. as usual.

\$495. worth of tickets sold last Fri. and Sat and \$15 on Sunday.

MEMBERS PLEASE BRING IN YOUR TICKETS AND CASH
IT REALLY HELPS THE BOOKKEEPER

Art reported that he has sold 30 tickets to the Mountaineers baseball game in Montpelier on Friday, July 31st, 6:30 PM. He advised people to be there early to get good seats.

John Crump announced that the International Rotary Convention will be held in Montreal next spring. He felt that now is the time to make your reservations.

Mega Bucks \$639. Al Barillaro's magic failed him and he drew the King of spades. The deck is shrinking - someone will find that joker soon.

Happy Bucks

Jim Leyton - Happy to see 2 old friends today - Leon and Ron

Jim Groom - Taught youngest grandchild what a shadow is.

Tom Byrne - long baseball season

Al Barillaro - 2 sunny days in a row

Ken Friedman - Yankees in 1st place

Jon Jamieson - 92 mile wilderness trip with kids

Jack Mansfield - "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" at the Valley Players -
July 28 - August 2, 2009

Frank Rodgers - Good weather - flew back from Maine

Art - 21 year old grandson visiting

Joe Klimek - grapes happy for weather

John Basile - Just happy along with several other members today.

Monk - Needs a partner to play golf at Neshobe today.

John Crump - Daughter home for visit.

Editor's note. I am still hobbling around with a cane, could not get around to get more information on this week's news.

PROGRAM

Our distinguished member, Caryn Crump, who is a marketing consultant and now serves on several boards such as the Medical Center, was the leader of our Rotary GSE team visiting Taiwan for 6 weeks last Spring, is here today to talk about that trip.

She said it was a pleasure to talk about the trip as it was the ultimate experience of her life.

Taiwan Background

Taiwan is located off the east coast of China and was named Formosa or beautiful island by the Portuguese. Both Mandarin and Taiwanese are spoken in Taiwan. Taiwan is the most densely populated country in the world with a population of 23 million living in a land area of 13,900 square miles

Taiwan is a highly technical country and is the 4th largest producer of IT products. In fact, it manufactures 60% of world's notebook computers. The country ranks a respectable 43 in GNP per capita.

GSE Trip Summary:

The GSE team traveled to Taiwan from March 21 to April 17. During their stay they participated in approximately 50 different professional visits, attended 10 Rotary meetings, attended and presented at the District meeting and had numerous cultural visits. They had a private meeting with the Vice President of Taiwan, many city officials, and the Director of the National Library.

One of the highlights of the trip was the delicious food, as the group had 10 to 12 course meals every day during lunch and dinner. Caryn estimated that they tried over 500 different dishes during their 30 day stay.

Taiwan Business Overview

The Country has a total of 1,237,000 small and medium enterprises, which accounts for 98% of all businesses. Most of these are sole proprietorships with 44% having been in existence of over 10 years. This group represents 77% of the total workforce. All team members got to spend extensive time with their vocational peers and visited a great diversity of businesses

Observations

Caryn shared her observations of her vocational days, the clubs similarities and differences and some of the interesting superstitions she noticed during

her trip. She encouraged the Mad River Rotary Club to create the same wonderful opportunity for our Taiwanese visitors in the fall and hopes that club members will encourage others to participate in future GSE programs.

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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