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

Club Calendar & Speaker Assignments

July 15 John Crump - Jan Draper -Canadian International Development
Agency(CIDA)
22 Betty Maguire
29 Jack Miner – Caryn Crump – GSE Trip to Taiwan

August 5 Al Molnar
12 Stan Needleman
19 Patricia Pinkston
26 Dinsmore Fulton

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: Lorraine Keener 7/8; Ron Geren 7/9
Anniversaries Rich & Sally Reisner 7/13

REMEMBER EVERYONE!!! WE ARE MEETING IN THE CASTLE ROCK PUB

Meeting News

Good crowd on this gray morning; we filled all the tables. Our guest list included: Gene Scarpato (former mayor of Lynbrook, N.Y.), Mark Killian, Pete Kelly (Liz's husband), Carol Groom (Jim's wife), Bob Grant (prospective member), Joyce Crabtree (Betty's sister), Harriet Adams (John Straub's wife).

Editor's note: I lived in Lynbrook for over 30 years and did not meet the mayor until he sat next to me at breakfast this morning. He was also born in Brooklyn.

Announcements

Thank you note from Kathryn Barnes for her \$2,000 scholarship. She promises to continue her dedication, passion and hard work. Although she will leave the Valley she says the Valley will never leave her.

Dinsmore: There is a Mad River Path Work Party on Saturday, July 11 at 9 AM. Meet at Carroll Rd or in front of the Skatium. We will be completing the path section mowing, trimming, evening boards etc. - Rotarians worked on last fall. MRPA will provide tools.

Art Conway -Baseball - It is too expensive to hire a bus and drive to Boston for a Red Sox game again, therefore Art is trying to arrange a trip to a Lake Monsters Home Game in Burlington. He passed around a Schedule and a sign-up sheet for those interested in attending a game. Date will be decided later if enough people are interested.

Dues were due on July 1st. Dave says August first is the deadline to continue your membership. About 75% have paid up.

Leo - Duck Race

Packs of 20 raffle tickets have been distributed to all members. Each member is responsible to either sell or buy the tickets received. Also a sign-up sheet for the weekend - Fri and Sat evenings at Mehurons' and the morning at the Farmer's Mkt on Sat.

Audrey was happy to report that we made \$195 selling tickets at the 4th of July parade in front of Larry's house. (in spite of the nasty weather).

Leo thanked everyone who worked on our beautiful Rotary float. He gave Joyce a lovely plant for all her work decorating the float.

Our newest member, Ken Amann received his Rotary Button today.

Caryn Crump advised us that the GSE team from Taiwan will be here from Oct. 9 - 15th and needs host families. We need a committee to plan an agenda for their visit. There are only 4 team members as one of them couldn't get a visa.

Dave Ellison told us there will be a book sale at the Farmers Mkt on Sat. The Warren Library is anxious to sell the overstocks of the books they have and doesn't want contributions of anymore books now.

Mega Bucks \$554. Lucky ticket holder, Carol Hosford, drew the 9 of hearts - got the usual \$5.

Happy Bucks

John Hale - Looking forward to going to the Cape with kids, and grand kids.

Monk - Traveling to Alaska with his granddaughter

Ken Friedman - Enjoying being an "EX"

Carol Hosford - Science camp for grand kids.

Karen - One nice summer day.

Al Barillaro - Great work on Float

Dave Ruane - Cheers for our new president

Stan - Upstaged by Dave R.

John Basile - another rainy day

Jim Leyton - Swam in Lake Champlain

Leo - Splendid parade

Joe Klimek - Grateful for all the help on the float

Caryn- Happy that Joyce is with us today

John Crump - Rode thru the parade 3 times on different floats

Jack Miner - Wonderful Changeover party

Betty - Thanks to Joyce for help on float

Len - ditto

Audrey -Glad to take in money for the Duck Race at the parade.

Dave Ellison - Thinks he is happy that in-laws are coming to visit

PROGRAM

Liz Kelly introduced Carol & Jim Groom who made a presentation about how the beautiful mountain tops of Appalachia in Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky and West Virginia are being blown up to extract coal the cheap and easy way.

She started by having us all sing "God Bless America", followed by showing slides of the mountains when they still resembled our beautiful Green Mountains as Jane Brennan was singing about "Tearing the mountains down."

After the blasts, the bulldozers push all the debris into the adjoining streams. The impact on people who live in the valleys below is devastating. Between the floods and the pollution, their homes are being destroyed, in some cases children have been killed in their own yards by falling boulders.

The situation is complicated because the politicians are all tied into the coal business and are reluctant to stop the destruction. So far over 500 mountain tops have been blown up...It is going to take outside groups such as the Sierra Club to stand up for the local people's rights.

The current issue of the Saturday Evening Post features poems and illustrated articles on "America the Beautiful".

The Article "A Smoky Mountains Birthday" by George Miller, is about the Great Smoky Mountains Park, (in No. Carolina and Tennessee) created 75 years ago by the first citizen-driven park in the nation. By the time the park was established in 1934, 80% of the hills and valleys had been clear cut by timber companies. Yet today you would never guess the mountain slopes had been stripped, the streams silted, and the wildlife decimated.

This demonstrates that it is possible to reverse the destruction of nature when enough people get together to donate and preserve.

We hope Carol and other people will persevere in their efforts to save the mountains of Virginia and West Virginia.

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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