

Muskegon Rotary ReWine Notes

May 18, 2017

ReWine Members in Attendance: Kevin Ricco, Esther Ricco, Asaline Scott, Papa Njai

Lunch Members in Attendance: Orville Crain, Susan Crain, Jules Terry, John Noling, David Manley

Rotaract/Interact: Kaytie Ely, Braxton Gerdes, Jadyd Midkiff, Derek Sakielek, Autumn Skantz, Tess Gerczak, Christopher Graham, Amanda Rupert, Zakeria Chriss, Emilia Tallent, Anna Sullivan, Bella Lindsay

Fast Fashion presentation – notes by John Noling:

Melanie Berends, from the Rotary interact Club of Forest Hills North High School, presented a fascinating look at the fashion industry to a large and diverse crowd of Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors at this week's ReWine meeting.

Discussing "fast fashion" appeal in the United States with an interesting multi-media format, Melanie described both labor and environmental concerns involving millions of clothing workers in sweat shops around the world who produce fabrics and clothing on the cheap for major companies. Melanie favors a simplified wardrobe of good clothing, preferably fair traded, spiced with recycled clothing from thrift shops.

Members had plenty of questions about the purchase of fair trade clothing items, "thrifting" as a way of maintaining a good wardrobe, and pro-active things one can do to purchase good clothing wisely. She recommended good books, websites, and a YouTube documentary "the True Cost", for those wanting to explore this topic further.

All in all, a very interesting and informative program, worthy of a Rotary program anywhere. Melanie Berends showed all of us the many talents and passions of our Interact leaders. We have much to learn from one another in Rotary, Rotaract, Interact, and EarlyAct.

Upcoming meetings/events:

5/25/17 – no ReWine meeting at the Holiday Inn this week due to the Rotary Community Mixer which will be held at Mona Lake Park from 5:00-8:00pm.

6/8/17 – Students from the trip to El Salvador will give a report to the ReWine group

7/24/17 – Adopt a lot work session. More details to be announced at an upcoming meeting.

Submitted by:

Esther Ricco