

Weekly Club Meeting Minutes

City of Lakes Rotary – Rotary After Dark

Meeting Date: 3/8/2016

Overall comments:

Leader – Jodi Petrich. There were approximately 20 attendees including 2 guests and 2 speakers from the University of MN “Engineers without Borders”

Meeting Details:

Jodi opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Russ Michaletz provided the reflection of the day which a summary of the top 10 points of advice from an entrepreneur.

Ken Stone introduced the attendees with the question of the day “what instrument did you play or would you like to play and why”. It was thought provoking and always fun to listen to the answers.

Jodi provided a long list of announcements including:

- Visioning summary reiterating it is a great time to get involved.
- March 30th vocational committee meeting after the Wednesday morning meeting
- March 30th Literacy Champs meeting at 5:00 at a location TBD
- April 14th from 4:30 to 6:30 join the vocational committee helping with mock interviews with Dunwoody students
- April 21st, 3:30 New member orientation at Gray Plant Mooty office. Happy hour to follow at the Mission.
- May 12 & 13 Rotary District conference at Mystic Lake “Celebrate our gifts to the world” theme.
- May 28th – international convention in Seoul

Patrick Burns provided a vocational. In summary - Patrick has been a member of COL since 2005. Patrick, his wife Paula and their 3 children (twin girls age 11 and a son age 13) live in Victory Drive neighborhood in North Minneapolis. They love it there as it is close to the city, is a short commute to downtown and there is no fly over noise. Patrick grew up in South Dakota. His dad was an attorney in Sioux Falls where he was also a Rotarian. Patrick’s first intro to Rotary was as a junior Rotarian in high school. He later was an exchange student spending a year in Australia. All of Patrick’s siblings went on to also become exchange students. Between the students hosted by his parents and spending time abroad, the Burns family has contacts throughout the world. After having spent time at larger firms, 15 months ago Patrick stuck out on his own as the sole proprietor of his own firm. His office in the Loring Park area.

The speaker was two women students, who study at the University of MN, from the nonprofit organization Engineers without Borders. Engineers without borders, University of MN is a student

organization whose mission is to connect under-served communities in need throughout the international community with engineering education and technologies to help them live a sustainable life. They are currently working on three projects that are water focused in Uganda, Guatemala, and Bolivia. The organization is fully student run, utilizing expertise from professional who act as their mentors in design and implementation. The call for action was to become a mentor or financial support.

Submitted by Marlene Dieterich