

City of Lakes Rotary
Weekly Club Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2017
By Robert Baker...

Our supreme goddess Jodi started the meeting right on time at 7:30 am.

Blake Shelton reflected at us with a very powerful message about end of life decisions. Make sure you tell your relatives and friends. Make sure you find out about your parents.

Shaun Irwin told an enchanting story about Ireland. It seems the various names in the Irwin family have great heritage. Irwin itself comes from Donegal, a much respected area. His wife's maiden name of Pettit comes from Wexford, a place of great history. His mother, Murphy, grew up with the rats. It seemed we were back with Jesse Ventura and the drunken Irish of St. Paul. Shaun then sang an Irish lullaby.

Brock Ray or Ray Brock (whatever) draw prizes for members that had brought guests during February. John Vandermyde won a very nice jacket as the main prize. Ben Hanglseben must have known that he was going to be drawn for the secondary prize. The prize was dinner with Brock. It seems they have their motivations a little messed up.

Terryl Brumm, one of our newer members from the Boys and Girls Clubs, gave a vocational presentation. She had a childhood wish to either be a lawyer or save the world. Lucky for us and the club, she is saving the kids of the world. We have enough lawyers.

Kelly Lorenz was the Day Chair for the meeting. Kelly works in the insurance industry and loves the interactions with people. This Rotary moment is the joy of the annual raking project. It is rewarding to help those people that can't. His passion seems to be consuming him. He is practicing basketball two or three times per week with the dream of playing for the Timberwolves. I hope he is planning of applying to be Crunch.

The speaker of the day was Dan Spock. Dan, director of the Minnesota History Center, told us about the Minnesota Historical Society's plans to revitalize Historic Fort Snelling through upgraded facilities and interpretation. Spock leads the program development team for the Historic Fort Snelling revitalization project. Under his leadership, his team has developed a number of community-based exhibits including "We Are Hmong Minnesota," "The U.S.-Dakota War of 1862" and "Beyond Bollywood: Indian Americans Shape the Nation," which opens Spring 2016 - See more at:

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/3082/Speakers/7b97e390-334b-4656-b472-0566c5713586#sthash.xYor4lr3.dpuf>.

Dan presented four main themes for Fort: Place, Confluence, Remembrance, and Healing.

One of the highlights of the day was Tom Tamura's phone ringing with the sound of a quacking duck.