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Rotary Club of Palmyra-Macedon



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Club Events

Holiday Party
Parkwood Macedon
Dec 19, 2012 06:00 PM

Board Meeting
Goodwill Macedon
Dec 20, 2012 06:30 PM

No Meeting
Dec 26, 2012

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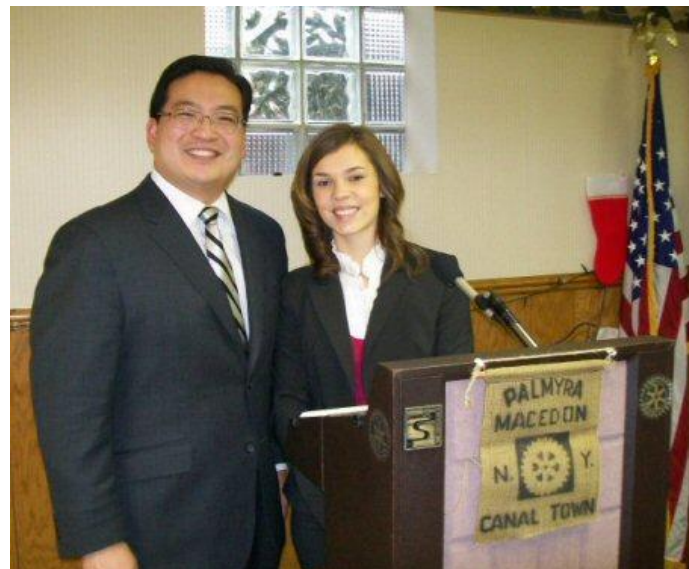
Posted by Tom Breen on Dec 05, 2012

Our guest today was Kelly McClure from Heritage Christian Services (HCS). HCS was formed in the early 1980's by a group of parents who had children with developmental disabilities. When HCS was founded, the concept of group homes was relatively new. In the past, people with developmental disabilities had been placed in mental hospitals and institutions. The founders of HCS wanted to provide safe, nurturing homes, which would preserve their clients' dignity.

The organization started with one group home in Webster in 1984. Since then, it has grown to 70 group homes, with 380 residents and a waiting list of 450. In addition, they provide therapeutic horse lessons in Webster; operate a retreat and vacation center in Inlet, and a health and wellness center in Henrietta; and operate a farm in Ogdin. The farm is an educational facility open to the public and also serves as a day program site for adults with developmental disabilities.

In addition to these services, HCS also offers day habilitation programs, and respite services for caregivers. The respite services offer short-term care for children and adults with special needs, providing their caregivers a bit of time to devote areas of their lives. The organization provides services to over 1600 people in Western New York and the Finger Lakes. The biggest challenges they face are the long waiting list and upcoming changes to Medicaid.

If you would like more information about Heritage Christian Services, or would like to volunteer or make a gift, please visit HeritageChristianServices.org



Past President Peter Park (l), with guest speaker Kelly McClure.



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December 5, 2012 - Meeting Minutes

Posted by Tom Breen on Dec 05, 2012

Guests:

Speaker – Kelly McClure.

Students – Anthony English, Brandon Hellis, Cody Majewski, and Mila.

Missing in Action:

Gene Bassage, Vicky Daly, John Denniston, Chase Ellsworth, Cheryl Ford, Gary Haigh, Jeff Johncox, Anne Morrell, Cindy Surline.

Exchange Student Update:

Mila helped pass out the dictionaries and thesauruses at the Intermediate School, which she said was “pretty cool.” She was happy about the exchange student Christmas party she attended. She showed off the t-shirt she received at the party. She said she is used to people having trouble spelling her last name, but on the t-shirt they misspelled her first name!

Singing:

With the Christmas season upon us, and in honor Pearl Harbor Day, we sang Silent Night.

Birthdays, Anniversaries:

None this week.

Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Arnie and Joy got to see a Nebraska Cornhuskers football game – in Nebraska – and it was quite an event. Also, his granddaughter had a “fill the bus” food drive which was quite a success.
- Margaret tells us the UNC Women’s Soccer team made it to the final four, and won the trophy.
- Bill had a happy buck for Syracuse basketball, still undefeated.
- Eric sat in the rain and watched the Bills beat the Jaguars.
- Bob Yost had a happy buck because he took a ride on his motorcycle – on the 4th of December!
- Bob Sloan offered “a happy 8-point buck” and another for Mila, who joined him and Dianne for Rotary Reads. The kids loved her, and hated to see them leave.
- Peter had offsetting bucks: happy for his youngest brother’s wedding, sad for the abuse his body took thanks to the good food and lack of sleep.
- Joan was happy to announce the Steelers’ win over Baltimore, and that they did it with their 3rd string quarterback.
- Pam got to spend time with her 2-year-old granddaughter over Thanksgiving.

Notes and Updates for the Club:

- Gene and Shirley arrived safely in Florida and are settling in.
- Bell ringing at Breen’s for the Salvation Army begins Friday, December 7th. As of this meeting, there were a couple of shifts that needed to be filled. Two of our visiting students volunteered to help.
- Just a reminder that www.palmacrotoary.org is now active and points users to our ClubRunner site. Please use it in any future publications or correspondence.
- Gary Haigh is stepping back from his role as coordinator of the Dictionary Project. He has been the person who contacted the school to determine the number of students to receive books. He then ordered the books, held a “sticker party” to get our labels in them, and made arrangements with the school for delivery. If that sounds like a fun project to you, please contact Dianne, as the position will be available.
- Speaking of fun projects, we will also have an opening for Programs Coordinator.

Debbie LeMoynes has done a fantastic job lining up speakers for the past several years, but has decided to step down. Recently, we have gone back to assigning members to specific dates, asking them to coordinate with Debbie. If riding herd on the members sounds appealing to you, contact Dianne to volunteer.

- At our December 12 meeting, the proposed candidates for the 2013-2014 board of directors will be presented for approval by the club.
- Our annual Foundation Dessert Auction will be Wednesday, January 16 at Parkwood Heights, in the evening. There will be no regular noon meeting that day.
- The 3rd annual Murder Mystery dinner is Saturday, February 2. There will be no club meeting the following week.

Pat VerPlank won \$12 in this week's 50/50 and donated it to Polio Plus.

Next meeting: Noon, December 12, at the American Legion in Palmyra.

Next Board of Directors meeting: Thursday, December 13, 6:30pm at Goodwill in Macedon.



Our guest students this week (l-r): Anthony English, Brandon Hellis, Mila, and Cody Majewski.