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Rotary Club of Palmyra-Macedon



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Club President:

Dianne Sloan

Asst District Governor:

Tim King

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Gaven Hurley

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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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Anne Morrell - Rotary Youth Exchange

Posted by Tom Breen on Dec 12, 2012

If you were to ask several Rotarians what they like about Rotary, you'd likely get several answers. Each of us has at least one Rotary program that we especially like. Today, heard our own Anne Morrell tell us about her favorite Rotary program – Youth Exchange.

Anne got involved in the Youth Exchange program when the club's previous Youth Exchange officer, Robert Leopard, asked at a meeting if anyone knew Pal-Mac's soccer coach. The inbound student was from Brazil and Robert wanted to see if the coach might have a spot for the student on the team. Anne helped make that happen, and became one of the student's host families, too. She went on to become our club's Youth Exchange officer, and is currently the District's Vice-Chair for Inbound Students.

The Rotary Youth Exchange was started with the idea of bringing the world together through its youth. Today, more than 8,000 students participate in almost 80 countries. Through this program, young people learn about family life, school, and culture in other countries. They develop friendships and bonds that can last a lifetime.

Youth Exchange focuses strongly on safety. 9/11 prompted many changes to the program. The 9/11 terrorists were in the US on J-1 Visas – the same type of Visa our exchange students use. Rotary International became certified by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). All potential inbound students undergo background checks by DHS, as do all host families. The Exchange Program must know where each student is at any time on any day. Students are not allowed to leave their district without extensive paperwork, due to limitations of the visa. With all the paperwork and record-keeping, managing the program is like running a business. But if you ask Anne or anyone involved, the program is well worth the effort.

Anne started her talk by thanking the club for its support of Youth Exchange. She extended her thanks to the club members who have hosted exchange students in their homes, and to the school district for its work with the program. She closed by reading a recent email from that Brazilian exchange student, and it was clear that he considers the Morrells as a second family. Anne is clearly passionate about the Youth Exchange program, and it is certainly in good hands with her on board. We are all grateful for her efforts. Thank you, Anne!

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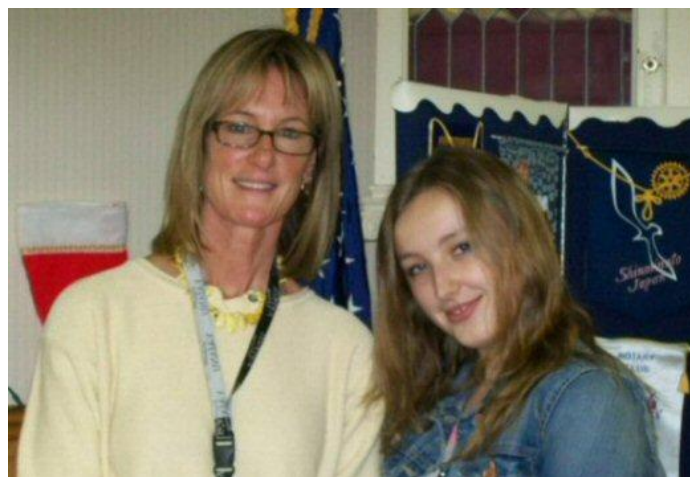
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Anne Morrell (l), with our current exchange student, Mila Koziarska

December 12, 2012 - Meeting Minutes

Posted by Tom Breen on Dec 12, 2012

Guests:

Missiy Allison

Students – Cody Yerden, Courtney Jeffery, Matthew Lewellyn, James Fennell, and Mila.

Missing in Action:

Gene Bassage, Kim Clement, Mark Clement, John Denniston, Chase Ellsworth, Gary Haigh, Jeff Johncox, Peter Park, Arnie Pechler, Joan Shaffer, Cindy Surline, Roger Wilbur, Bob Yost.

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Cortney tells us her boyfriend's father has an accident and is in serious condition.

Cheryl's mother-in-law passed away last week.

Dick Parr passed away on the 11th. He worked for 50 years at Garlock, then 20 years at Breen's.

Exchange Student Update:

Mila tells us she attended the Madrigal dinner which was exciting. She is looking forward to a trip with the Sloans to Splash Lagoon, an indoor water park in Erie, PA.

Singing:

Having sung Silent Night last week, Mila led us in *Cicha Noc*, which is Silent Night in Polish.

Cicha noc, wi ta noc,
Pokój niesie ludziom wszem,
A u łobka Matka wi ta
Czuwa sama u miechni ta
Nad Dzieci tka snem,
Nad Dzieci tka snem.

Silent Night, holy night
Brings peace to people everywhere
And at the manger, the Holy Mother
Watches alone, smiling,
Over the Child's sleep,
Over the Child's sleep.

Birthdays, Anniversaries:

None this week.

Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Vicky is now officially and happily unemployed.
- Debbie is now officially employed – at Gorbel in Fishers.

- Leslie had a happy buck for all the students and their volunteer work at the breakfast with Santa and at St Patrick's angel tree. Also, her daughter Carly earned a National Merit Scholarship, and Juliana was named Resident of the Month for the Binghamton Campus.
- Bob Ike recently purchased a new truck. He also confessed in advance to a birthday in the coming weeks. He had further happy bucks as he feels very fortunate to work with good people and good kids.
- Eric gave away his tickets to the Bills game, so no Bills game for him.
- Bill enjoyed the bell ringing at Breen's and offered a happy buck for the two students from last week's meeting, who stepped up and filled a gap in our bell-ringing schedule.
- Carol joined our happy buck tradition by pitching in for her son-in-law, who is stationed in Germany. He will be coming home for Christmas. You remember Carol – she is one the many people at the Legion who help put on our lunch each week.
- Bob Sloan took Rory indoor rock climbing; they both had a lot of fun.
- Margaret had a buck for her grandson's basketball tournament in New Jersey; and they won!

Notes and Updates for the Club:

- The proposed candidates for the 2013-2014 Officers and Board of Directors was presented at today's meeting, and was unanimously approved. They are:

President: Pam Dean
President-Elect: Bob Yost
Vice-President: Mark Clement
Secretary: Joan Shaffer
Treasurer: Tom Breen
Sergeant-at-Arms: Gary Hopkins
Past President: Dianne Sloan

Directors:

Through 6/30/14 – Gary Haigh, Nancy Schrader, Leslie Vecchiotti.
7/1/13 – 6/30/15 – Kim Clement, Margaret Brooks, Vicky Daly

- Our annual Foundation Dessert Auction will be Wednesday, January 16 at Parkwood Heights, in the evening. This event will be instead of our regular noon meeting that day.
- Bell Ringing has been successful. Through Tuesday night, \$1,350 has been collected. Thanks to Cindy for organizing this!
- Dianne reminds us that she is happy to take any "Box Tops for Education" you may wish to give her. She recently turned some in, netting \$300 for Rory's school.
- The Christmas Party will be held at Parkwood Heights in Macedon on Wednesday, December 19. Social hour begins at 6:00; dinner follows at 7:00.
- The 3rd annual Murder Mystery dinner is Saturday, February 2. There will be no club meeting the following week.

Due to holidays, there will be no regular club meetings on Dec 26 or Jan 2.

This week, Mila won \$10 in our 50/50 drawing.

Next meeting: Noon, January 9, at the Palmyra-Macedon High School. Parking will be reserved for Rotarians. Please enter through the main doors.



Our guest students this week were (l-r): Cody Yerden, James Fennel, Courtney Jeffery, Matthew Lewellyn, and Mila.