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[GSE Team Visits Pal-Mac Rotary Club](#)

Posted by Tom Breen on May 23, 2013

Our guests at tonight's meeting were the members of this year's inbound Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team. The team traveled from Rotary District 2410, which consists of 49 clubs in Sweden and 19 clubs in Latvia. The team consists of 3 men and 3 women, mostly from Latvia. (One member is from Sweden.)



Club President Dianne Sloan (l) with the GSE Team (l-r): Erik Östman, Kar na Kopmane-Ra ko, Indra Kavi a, Inese V tra, Normunds Strods, and Kaspars Gail tis.

The team leader is Indra Kavi a, an architect and planner from Latvia. Together with her husband, she designs residential and public buildings. Additionally, they help develop master plans and local development plans for coastal municipalities. Indra is the charter president of the Talsi Rotary Club and has been active in Rotary since 1997.

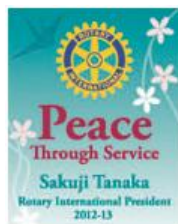
The team members in this exchange are:

- Erik Östman, the only Swede, is a tax officer in Swedish Tax Agency. He serves on his City Council and is running for Parliament.
- Normunds Strods, a shipbroker from Sigula, Latvia. He is the manager of the cargo handling terminal in Riga.
- Kaspars Gail tis, "the Lawyer." Kaspars is the Assistant to the Judge at the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Latvia. Additionally, he works as a freelance translator for the Court of the European Union.
- Kar na Kopmane-Ra ko, DDS. Kar na works at one of the best, most modern dental clinics in Latvia. She also lectures on dental radiology and teaches a pre-clinical course in operative dentistry.
- Inese V tra, a marketing director for the Pizza Lulu restaurant chain.

The team members took turns telling us about the governments, cultures, and economies of Sweden and Latvia, as well as listing some notable figures from their hometowns. Their slideshow included scenes from their hometowns and pictures of their families. As this was their first day with our club, they weren't able to share any stories about their adventures with their hosts yet. (Perhaps the hosts will share with us next week.)

The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

We are very fortunate and happy to host this group of people. Their presentation at tonight's meeting was informative and very entertaining. We look forward to spending more time with them over the holiday weekend before they leave for home on Monday.



Club President:
Dianne Sloan

Asst District Governor:
Tim King

District Governor:
Gaven Hurley

Rotary International President:
Sakuji Tanaka

Club Events

June Board Meeting
Jun 13, 2013 06:30 PM

Changeover Picnic (nighttime)
Gravino Park Macedon
Jun 26, 2013 05:30 PM

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May 23, 2013 - Meeting Minutes

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Guests:

Shirley Bassage, Edie Chapman, Mickey Kirchhoff, Katie Read, Kathy Pray, Betsy Pray, Bob Daly, Fred Trowbridge, Mila; Wayne and Kathy Henning, Don and Ruth Dantz, Rory Sloan and Autumn Sloan, and the GSE Team.

Missing in Action:

Tom Brighton, Margaret Brooks, Jim Bush, Kim Clement, Mark Clement, John Denniston, Chase Ellsworth, Gary Haigh, Bob Ike, Jeff Johncox, Anne Morrell, Peter Park, Arnie Pechler, Cindy Surline, Cortney Surline, Roger Wilbur.

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers this week:

The victims of the Oklahoma tornado;
Margaret Brooks, who recently underwent surgery;
Les from the candy store, who has cancer.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

Debbie and Craig LeMoynes anniversary, May 22. And Craig remembered!
Friday the 24th is Mila's Name Day.

Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Dianne had a happy buck for the American Legion staff, who managed to feed us all tonight, despite the larger-than-expected crowd; and another for the GSE Team's visit.
- Rory had a happy buck because there is a member of the "CSI" staying at their house. Oops, he meant to say "GSE" – it's okay, Rory. The rest of us mix up acronyms all the time!
- Bob Yost's son Nate has been deployed for several months, and Bob was honored to be able to travel with him back to San Diego via Nathan's ship.
- Pat also had happy bucks for the GSE Team.
- Dave Read took a chance on the huge (\$590 million) Powerball jackpot and matched the Powerball number. He won \$4.
- Gene had a happy buck for Margaret's recovery.
- Edie offered a buck for Kari, who placed 11 out of 95 soloists in her recent competition.
- Eric C went to a Razorsharks game and won season tickets.
- Bob Sloan tells us that Rory missed the bus Wednesday, so he took him to school. He ran into Bob Ike there, and said, "See you at Rotary." So, if Dr. Ike came to the Legion yesterday at noon for the meeting that didn't happen, Mr Sloan takes responsibility.
- Gary happy-bucked for his daughter Ashley, whose girls' modified lacrosse team remains undefeated for the fourth year in a row.

Notes and Updates for the Club:

- The Camp Onseyawa golf tournament takes place June 1. Cost is \$85 per person. Contact Bob Sloan to arrange for your foursome. Also available are green and hole sponsorships; cost to sponsor is \$250 and \$100, respectively. Again, Bob Sloan is the man to see.
- Our club change-over picnic will be Wednesday, June 26 at Gravino Park in Macedon. More details will be announced as we get closer, and a sign-up sheet will be passed.
- The district change-over dinner takes place 5:30pm Monday, July 1 at Ventosa Vineyards in Geneva. The cost for dinner is \$45. Further information and registration are available on the district website, <http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/home.aspx?did=7120>
- Kim Clement is accepting sign-ups to man the Fair Booth for the Gus Macker tournament June 14-16. Also, sign-up sheets for the Hill Cumorah concessions are being passed. Each member is asked to fill 4 shifts at the hill this year, if humanly possible. Remember that you can fill shifts with family members and friends.

Nancy Schrader won \$14 in 50/50 drawing, which she donated to the Fair Booth Project.

May 15, 2013 - Meeting Minutes

Posted by Tom Breen on May 15, 2013

Guests:

Shirley Bassage; students D Robson, S Candon, Mila; guest speaker Robert Oaks.

Missing in Action:

Tom Brighton, Margaret Brooks, Vicky Daly, John Denniston, Chase Ellsworth, Cheryl Ford, Gary Haigh, Jeff Johncox, Debbie LeMoynes, Joan Shaffer, Cindy Surline, Bob Yost.

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers this week:

Dave Morrell's mother passed away just recently.

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

None this week.

Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Cortney tells us that her baby wouldn't hold still long enough to get a clear ultrasound, so she still doesn't know whether it's a boy or a girl. Also, she is moving out of her apartment and into a house.
- Dave Pray had a happy buck for his daughter Betsy, who will be interning with Norma Holland at channel 13.
- Leslie is looking forward to Julianna being home for two weeks before heading off to her summer job at Walt Disney World.
- Arnie is happy to say that 24Hour Helping Hands needs help – a sign of success. Also, he spent some time in Florida recently.
- Peter had several happy bucks. First, he's happy to be back. He now has an office in the city, and things are going well there. Finally, he witnessed an accident on his way to work this morning. A car in front of him knocked down a power pole,

which did not hit Peter's car. It did knock out the power in Macedon for a while. The driver appeared not to have been injured.

- Dave Read announce that his daughter Karen just earned her M.B.A. from Nazareth College.
- Mark had happy bucks for Kim and Anne painting at the Fair Booth, on Mother's Day, no less!
- Bob Sloan had happy bucks for his healthy family, good business, and for Mila's speech at the District Conference.
- Gene says he's glad to be back and he's happy with the Yankees.
- Bob Ike reminded us the school district budget vote is Tuesday, May 21.
- Pam is happy to announce that one of our members, Dick Kirchhoff, will be honored with the Dixie Prittie award by the Palmyra Community Library.

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Pam Dean won \$11 in today's 50/50 drawing.



State Assemblyman Bob Oaks was our featured guest today. He brought us information on the results of the 2010 US Census in Wayne County. Wayne County grew by 7 people from 2000 to 2010. There was a decrease in persons under the age of 18, while those 19-24 saw a significant increase. The 25-44 age group decreased by 20%. Nationwide, the trend is towards a more urban society. As Wayne County is mostly rural and suburban, this trend is reflected in our stagnant population shift. The assemblyman urges us to help find ways to attract young people to our County and encourage them to stay. Pictured above (l-r) are Club President Dianne Sloan, State Assemblyman Robert Oaks, Gene Bassage, and Dill Dean.

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