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Rotary Club of Palmyra-Macedon



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Club Events

BOD meeting at Palmyra Town Hall

Oct 10, 2013 06:30 PM

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[Mark Wyse Talks Rotary Youth Exchange](#)

Posted by Tom Breen on Sep 04, 2013

September is New Generations Month, and we were privileged to have Mark Wyse on hand today to talk to us about the Rotary Youth Exchange program. Mark gave us some of the details on the outbound exchange program, which allows students to “see the world through Rotary Youth Exchange.”

The Rotary Youth Exchange actually has three parts – the one-year Inbound Exchange, the one-year Outbound Exchange, and the Summer Exchange. To be eligible for the Outbound Exchange, a student must be doing well in school and be between 15 and 18-1/2 years old. There are currently 27 countries to which students can be sent. The age requirements are somewhat flexible at the low end, but the US State Department will not allow students over 18-1/2 to participate. Students must be doing well in school because, as you can imagine, a student who is behind or doing poorly here will only have more difficulty in a foreign country.

There are 92 programs of varying size and scope offering youth exchanges in the United States. Rotary’s program is rated highest; more than 80% of outbound exchange students do so through the Rotary program. Primarily, this is because the Rotary program costs about half of what the others cost and provides significantly more support. Our district is a certified district and undergoes an annual audit for re-certification. We only exchange students with other certified districts. Background checks are performed to the level allowed by local law.

Our Outbound Exchange program costs \$5,500 per student. This includes the student’s visa, flights, language camp, and insurance. In comparison, the second-ranked program, AFS, charges \$15,000 per student. The cost for a Rotary club to sponsor an outbound student is \$500. This covers the cost of the student’s blazer and attendance at the district conference.

The deadline for applicants for the 2014-2015 program is October 15. Any student in good standing and between 15 and 18-1/2 years may apply. Children of Rotarians are certainly eligible, though relationship with a Rotarian is not required. Selected applicants and their parents will be interviewed in November, and prospective students stay overnight as part of the evaluation process. After that, students are selected and matched to exchange countries, and they become Youth Ambassadors, off to represent their home country and clubs.

We are fortunate to have Mark Wyse and our own Anne Morrell as co-chairs for the District’s Youth Exchange. They both do a fantastic job managing the program and we thank them for their service. And thank you, Mark, for taking the time to further inform us on this worthy program.

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September 4, 2013 - Meeting Minutes

Posted by Tom Breen on Sep 04, 2013

Guests:

Shirley Bassage, David Stachnik, Maurina Schmidt, Mark Wyse.

Missing in Action:

Tom Brighton, Wayne Brophy, Jim Bush, Bill Dean, John Denniston, Chase Ellsworth, Robert Ike, Jeff Johncox, Deb LeMoyné, Arnie Pechler, Dave Pray, Dave Read, Bob Sloan, Cindy Surline, Eric VanZeilen, Roger Wilbur, Bob Yost.

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Roger Wilbur was released from the hospital yesterday; he had been in with an infection but is recovering.

Singing:

Kim led us through "Ro-Ro-Rotary"

Birthdays / Anniversaries:

Peter and Beth Park – 15 years Sept 5

Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Dianne had a happy buck in honor of the first day of school.
- Mark offered a happy buck for his son Dan, who turned 23 yesterday.
- Eric went to a youth football game over the weekend; he has three grandchildren who play.
- Margaret tells us the Cowlick had another successful season and is now closed until next year.
- Anne's son starts his senior year in high school today, and he wouldn't let her take his picture.
- Leslie confessed that her twins are seniors this year, and she didn't even think to take a picture.

Notes and Updates for the Club:

- The "Purple Painted Lady" is hosting her annual barn sale on September 21. Our club has volunteered to handle parking for this event. Customers will pay \$1 per car; all money raised will go to the club. Volunteers are needed for three shifts (9-12, 12-3, and 3-5). Four or five people per shift should be plenty. Please contact Dianne if you can help out.

Dick Kirchoff won \$10 in this week's 50/50 drawing.

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