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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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Natalie Towne - Beekeeping 101
Posted by Tom Breen on Sep 11, 2013



Deb LeMoyné introduced us this evening to Natalie Towne, who has a very interesting hobby. Natalie has been a beekeeper for three years and gave us a primer on bees and beekeeping. Natalie has always enjoyed being outdoors, with a passion for gardening since she was just a kid. When her brother found a swarm of bees for sale on the internet, he suggested she buy them. Natalie learned that the cooperative extension offered beekeeping classes and signed up; after just a couple of sessions she was hooked.

Humans have been collecting honey from bee hives for thousands of years. Cave paintings in Spain dating back 8,000 years depict humans gathering honey from bee hives. In the 18th and 19th century, methods were developed which allowed beekeepers to harvest honey without destroying the hive. The Langstroth hive is a movable hive invented in 1852. This box-like structure is the hive most commonly used by beekeepers throughout the world, and has remained essentially unchanged in that time.

Typically, one of these hives can contain up to 65,000 honeybees: one queen, one- to two-thousand drones, and the rest workers. On average a queen will lay 1,500 eggs per day. The workers are all female and perform different tasks, depending on their age. The first few days after pupating are spent cleaning out the cells of the comb and warming the brood nest. For the next several days, they feed the larvae. After that, they may spend a week receiving pollen and nectar from the foragers, or making wax and building cells. At two weeks old, they become guards or foragers. Workers live from 6 – 16 weeks on average. The drones do not work, do not forage, and have no other function than to mate with the queen. When that function is no longer needed, the workers force the drones out of the hive to die, biting and tearing their wings and legs.

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During their foraging for pollen and nectar, pollen sticks to the bee's bodies. It can then be deposited on the next flower visited, resulting in that flower's pollination. Honeybees pollinate a large variety of plants, including most food crops. It is estimated that honeybees pollinate 90% of New York's apple crop. Pollen and nectar collected by the bees are used to make honey, which is the hive's food source. Beekeepers must use care when harvesting to ensure they leave sufficient honey for the hive's survival. Honey is mainly fructose and glucose and is as sweet as granulated sugar. It contains almost no water, which prevents fermentation. Honey can be stored for very long periods of time, provided it is not exposed to moisture.

Beekeeping is a rewarding, fascinating activity, and Natalie has a wealth of knowledge on the subject. We were treated to just a fraction of the information available, but came away with a new appreciation of the complex ways in which nature works. We thank Natalie for sharing her passion with us.

September 11, 2013 - Meeting Minutes

Posted by Tom Breen on Sep 11, 2013

Guests:

Natalie Towne, Brian and Mary Brooks, Jim Murray, Andy Wahl, John and Maurina Schmidt, Dave Stachnik, Shirley Bassage, Rory Sloan, Bob Daly, Edie Chapman.

Missing in Action:

Tom Brighton, Wayne Brophy, Bill Dean, Kim Clement, Mark Clement, John Denniston, Chase Ellsworth, Cheryl Ford, Gary Haigh, Jeff Johncox, Anne Morrell, Peter Park, Arnie Pechler, Dave Read, Nancy Schrader, Richard Searle, Wynnette Searle, Cindy Surline, Eric VanZeilen, Roger Wilbur.

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Roger Wilbur is doing much better.

Singing:

In remembrance of the anniversary of 9/11 Jim Bush led us in "God Bless America."

Birthdays / Anniversaries:

Dave and Cathy Pray – anniversary 9/13

Jim and Susan Bush – anniversary 9/6

Jim Murray's birthday was 9/9

Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Rory Sloan offered a buck because he plays tight end on his youth football team. They had a game on Sunday, and he played all four quarters of the game, which his team won!
- Bob Sloan matched that happy buck and told us that the "C" team has gone undefeated so far and has not allowed an opponent to score.
- Edie and Eric's daughter Kari auditioned for the University of Vermont dance team. Of 44 aspirants, Kari was one of only seven selected.
- Gene reports that the Yankees won Tuesday night, and predicts another win for tonight.
- Dave S attended a recent high school football game (Pal-Mac vs Wayne), but confessed to leaving early to avoid the celebrating Wayne fans.
- Leslie's brother is running for mayor of Binghamton, and received 61% of the vote in the primary.
- Bob Yost informs us that his daughter Heather is settled into her room in Tokyo and that son Matthew is in Chicago, where he has completed his first two weeks of law school.
- Bob Ike is very happy to announce that he has lost 35 pounds. Way to go, Bob!
- Jim Bush got his wife a new car for their anniversary.

- Maurina happy-bucked in honor of being married 3 months today.
- Dianne took part in the Dirty Girl Mud Run, a 5k race, this past weekend.
- Jim Murray expressed pride in his son, who was our club's RYLA representative this summer.

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. As of this meeting, there was still a need for one more volunteer to help from 12 – 3. Please contact Dianne if you can help out. All shifts may be filled as you read this, but more help will surely be welcomed.
- Bob Yost updated the club on the results of the RL Concessions effort at the Hill Cumorah Pageant. Through your help and that of the other clubs, a very successful year was realized. Bob presented to our club a check for \$9,235.



Rory Sloan won \$15 in this week's 50/50 drawing.

Next meeting - Noon Wednesday, September 18 at the American Legion in Palmyra.