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David Heckman - Berry Plastics
Posted by Tom Breen on May 21, 2014



Pal-Mac Rotarian Tom Breen introduced guest speaker Dave Heckman, from Berry Plastics.

Our guest speaker today was David Heckman from Berry Plastics. Dave grew up in the Palmyra-Macedon area and has worked for Berry Plastics and its predecessors since 1975. He came to us today to give an overview of the company and some details on the Macedon plant.

Berry Plastics is headquartered in Evansville, Indiana and is manufacturer of plastic films, tapes, and adhesives. The company began in 1967 as Imperial Plastics and was purchased by Jack Berry in 1983. He renamed the company and over the years it has expanded greatly. The average American handles 5 of the company's products each day. They manufacture a variety of packaging materials including pallet wrap, grocery bags, drinking cups, yogurt containers, plastic storage bags, and prescription drug vials, to name a few. The company has over 16,000 employees worldwide.

Berry Plastics has made a commitment to sustainability. They are one of the largest plastic recyclers. In fact, the Macedon plant recycles more than 100% of its waste. They purchase scrap from outside sources to recycle into new product. They are the biggest recycler of #5 plastic. The plant is also in the process of switching out its lighting, to be replaced by more energy-efficient lighting.

The Macedon plant has had a few name changes. From GLF to Cordite, Mobil Chemical, Tenneco, Pactiv, Tyco, Covalence, Huntsman, Pliant, to Berry Plastics in 2009. The plant has 530 full-time employees. With 400,000 square feet of manufacturing space, they can produce 7 million packages per day. There are three main areas of production. In Extrusion, plastic pellets are melted and pressed out, like a giant Play-Doh machine, into rolls of film 20 inches in diameter. If unrolled it would be a sheet of plastic 4 miles long. In the Printing area high speed, 10-color printers imprint the customers' designs at a rate of 2500 feet per minute. Finally, in the Conversion area, the printed film is cut, folded and formed into usable bags and pouches before being packaged for shipment.

Berry Plastics is a vital manufacturing resource and one of our area's major employers. It was great to have Dave on hand to give us this insight into the company's operations.

Upcoming Programs

- Jun 04, 2014
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The Incredible and Rewarding Art of Fly Tying and other Non-Essential Matters
 - Jun 18, 2014
[Kim Clement](#)
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May 21, 2014 - Meeting Minutes

Posted by Tom Breen on May 21, 2014

Guests:

Shirley Bassage, Jenn Preston, Dave Heckman, students Corey Hurley, Jordan Pipes, Mike McGinn, Savannah Kasperski, Morgan Jamison, Szabi.

Missing in Action:

Brian Brooks, Wayne Brophy, Jim Bush, Kim Clement, Mark Clement, Marie Cramer, Vicky Daly, Gary Haigh, Dick Kirchoff, Debbie LeMoyne, Anne Morrell, Jim Murray, Peter Park, Arnie Pechler, Dave Pray, Maurina Schmidt, Dave Stachnik, Cindy Surline, Leslie Vecchiotti.

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

Rich Shriner is in hospice.

Singing:

In honor of Memorial Day, Bob Sloan led us in singing "America the Beautiful."

Birthdays, Anniversaries:

None this week.

Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

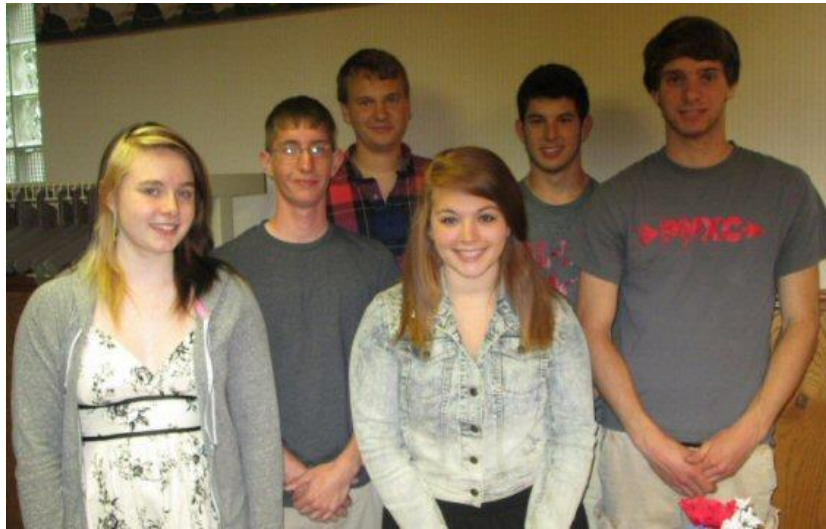
- Bob Ike had a happy buck because the budget passed.
- Bob Yost travelled to Philadelphia for Heather's graduation.
- Cheryl had happy bucks for 5 days in Ocean City.
- Bob Ike had another happy buck for an article in the Daily Messenger which featured a photo of Cindy at the wheel of a bus.
- Gary brought his son to work last Friday.
- Gene and Shirley's great-granddaughter is 10 weeks old and smart as a whip. Curious minds wanted to know: her name is Addison.
- Dianne's dinner badge went on an extended vacation, but has safely returned.
- Pam had a happy buck for Legionnaire Jim Arthurton, who fixed up our Rotary club banner display board.



Legionnaire fixed our flag display...Thank You

Notes and Updates for the Club:

- The club changeover picnic is scheduled for 6 pm, June 25 at Gravino Park in Macedon.
- Sign-ups for RL Concessions are continuing. Volunteers are still needed to fill shifts on Friday 7/11, and both Saturdays 7/12 & 7/19. Please contact Bob Yost if you can help out.



Several Pal-Mac students joined us for lunch today. From left to right, they are: Savannah Kasperski, Jordan Pipes, Szabi, Morgan Jamison, Mike McGinn, and Cory Hurley.

Dianne Bob Sloan won this week's 50/50 drawing; he donated the winnings to the Interact Club..

May 28, 2014 - Meeting Minutes

Posted by Tom Breen on May 28, 2014

Guests:

Chris Santelli, Elder Steve Stewart, Sister Anne Stewart, students Tessa Viscosi, Donika Emerllahu, Leah Broersma, Daniel Alsup, Szabi.

Missing in Action:

Wayne Brophy, Kim Clement, Mark Clement, Vicky Daly, Gary Haigh, Robert Ike, Debbie LeMoyne, Anne Morrell, Jim Murray, Peter Park, Arnie Pechler, Dave Pray, Dave Stachnik, Cindy Surline, Eric VanZeilen, Leslie Vecchiotti, Andy Wahl.

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

Pat's son, Dave Vandermolen, underwent a procedure to drain fluid from a cyst near his brain.

Singing:

Jim Bush stepped up to lead us in "R-O-T-A-R-Y".

Birthdays, Anniversaries:

None this week.

Fines, Happy Bucks, Confessions:

- Any member not wearing his or her dinner badge was fined \$1. (The fine was optional, however, since no one had a dinner badge – the American Legion Post was locked up so Gary couldn't bring them.)
- Brian had a happy buck for the Rotary Reads musical, the proceeds of which went to support Literacy. He had an additional happy buck for the nice porch-sitting weather we've had lately.
- Bob Sloan put in a happy buck also for Rotary Reads, which he says is one of the greatest projects we do. He encourages you to get involved with it if you aren't already. It's fun and the kids welcome you like a hero. He says it's "the bright spot of my week."
- Pat offered a happy buck because she avoided a potentially costly scam. She explained how someone had called and said her granddaughter was stuck in another country and needed money sent to her. Pat talked herself out of sending any money, and when she checked with family she found out her granddaughter had never gone away.
- Maurina and John went to their camp last week. There was some high water, but they go in some fishing and had a good time there.

Notes and Updates for the Club:

- Rotary International has started a program to recognize Rotarians who sponsor new members. President Pam presented pins to Margaret Brooks (Maurina Schmidt's sponsor) and Gary Hopkins (Jim Murray's sponsor).
- The club changeover picnic is scheduled for 6 pm, June 25 at Gravino Park in Macedon. Sign-up sheet has been going around, or contact Bob Yost.
- RL Concessions sign-ups continue. We still need volunteers for shifts on Friday 7/11, and both Saturdays 7/12 & 7/19. Please contact Bob Yost if you can help out.
- At the last meeting, we took up a collection from members for the Penn Yan Rotary Club to help with their flood-relief efforts. Members pitched in \$100; the club board of directors met briefly and voted to send \$100 as well.
- We received word that the mobile eye clinic we helped sponsor in India began operations yesterday (5/27).

- The Rochester Deaf Rotary Club is holding a picnic to celebrate their 10 year anniversary. The event is Sunday, June 22 from 2pm until dusk at the Martin Road Park in West Henrietta. If you would like to attend, tickets are \$30 per person. Contact Rgreen07@rochester.rr.com.
- Mark your calendars: Rotary Night at the Rhinos is June 28, 7:05 game time. Tickets are \$10 for the Blue Seating Area. This is a Fundraiser for Literacy, so please bring a gently used or new book to donate! To purchase tickets at the Rotary Special Price please(585) 454-KICK (5425) or visit www.rhinosoccer.com and mention Rotary. Governor Ellen Hughes will be kicking out the first ball.
- The District Change Over Dinner will be held Mondya, June 30 at the Bristol Harbour Resort in Canandigua. Cocktail hour starts at 5:30 PM, with dinner beginning around 6:30 PM. Flyer and registration form available on the district [website](#).

Dick Kirchoff won \$10 in this week's 50/50 drawing, which he donated to Polio Plus.