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District Governor Bill Gormont Visits Pal-Mac

Posted on Sep 30, 2015

At our club assembly this month, we were honored to welcome our district governor Bill Gormont for his official club visit. Bill had many things to share with us about Rotary in our district and the world.

Bill started off by inviting us all to “come on down to chocolate town – the sweetest place on Earth.” Of course this was really an invitation to join the fun at this year’s district conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania April 29 through May 1. This year’s theme is “Celebrate Rotary Service.”

Bill took us back in time to 2 years ago, when Ron Burton became RI president. Ron taught all of us Rotarians throughout the year to engage Rotary. We all worked to do just that all over the world, and we found that we were changing lives. Last year, Gary Huang saw that we were changing lives all over the world, but in many parts of the world, Rotary is the best-kept secret. He said that we needed to let people know what we’re doing and we need to do it over and over again. We needed to “Light Up Rotary.” This year, our RI president Ravi Ravindran looked at what we were doing and said “We’re changing lives. We’re engaging Rotary – more people know about Rotary than ever before.” But every time you give something, that’s a gift. And that’s our theme this year: “Be a gift to the world.”

When we joined Rotary, it changed us in many ways. We stopped looking at things as what is and started looking at them as what could be. We realized that some of the obstacles in the way of completing our service projects were really opportunities to be taken advantage of. In 1985 when Rotary took on the eradication of Polio as one of its goals, there were 125 countries where Polio was endemic. Rotarians around the world supported this effort and today there are only 2 Polio-endemic countries. That shows the resolve that Rotarians have. Through every donation to the Rotary Foundation, through every fundraiser for Polio Plus, we’ve all had a hand in that amazing result.

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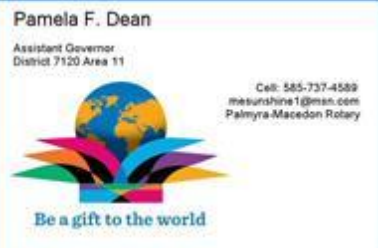


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District Governor Bill Gormont and his wife Helen (middle) with club President Mark Clement, and PE Kim Clement.

After attending the Rotary International Training Assembly last winter, Bill came back to our district energized and ready to lead some changes to better give the incoming club presidents the tools they would need to lead their clubs. Changes to President-Elect Training, fireside chats, and training seminars were put into place. As an example, the district recently hosted the One Rotary Summit. Traditionally at this time of year the district would have held a membership seminar. This year, the One Rotary Summit touched on three areas: membership, public image, and the Rotary Foundation. These three areas were covered at the same time, because they all interact with each other. In prior years, each of these would have been the subject of its own seminar, but by integrating them together, it showed how they interconnect.

Bill talked about some of the district's goal for the year, including membership (recruitment and retention) and strategic planning. He mentioned the importance of public image. Tom Brown is the district chair for public image and has created the website RotaryWebinars.com. At that website, Rotarians can sign up for webinars about social media and event marketing, among others, and how to use social media to those ends. Previous webinars are also available there in their archives.

Bill talked about how impressed he is with our club's activities. Our fundraisers – the Hill Cumorah Pageant, Wayne County Fair, Canaltown Days and parking for the PPL Barn Sale – are done for the year, and brought in more money than was expected. The funds we raised go to Camp Onseyawa, Dictionary/Thesaurus project, the local daycares and food pantries, Meals-on-Wheels, Dollars for Scholars, Youth Baseball, and the Good Neighbor Fund. We also sponsor contestants for the district oratorical and vocal competitions, support an

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Interact Club, send students to RYLA and the district spelling bee, and we are hosting an exchange student. He said these things show that our club is made up of people who are gifts to the world.

Bill's talk was well received by everyone present. It's easy to see why Bill is a successful motivational speaker. Thanks, Bill, for sharing your talents and time with us today!

September 30, 2015 - Meeting Minutes

Posted on Sep 30, 2015

Guests:

Ruth Wilbur, Shirley Bassage, John Schmidt, DG Bill Gormont and Helen Gormont, Sofia Coll.

Missing in Action:

Tom Brighton, Brian Brooks, Eric Chapman, Gary Haigh, Deb LeMoyné, Tina Medina, Jim Murray, Arnie Pechler, Dave Pray, Dave Stachnik, Cindy Surline, Eric VanZeilen, Andy Wahl.

Please remember the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Mike VanHout passed away.

Pat's daughter Lea Ann has finished her chemo treatments, but now has the flu.

Dianne's sister-in-law has moved to a nursing home in Binghamton.

Singing:

Kim had a new composition in honor of our DG's official visit: "Hail Hail – Bill Gormont's Here." The complete lyrics appear at the end of this newsletter.

What's New with Sofia?

She had her first exams this week, which went well. Last week was homecoming week at Pal-Mac, which was so much fun. She spent the weekend with all the district exchange students at Cal-Mum. They all had a good time with many fun activities, such as roller skating.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Sofia's mother had a birthday on September 29.

Pat's daughter Lea Ann's birthday was today.

Fines, Happy Bucks and Confessions:

Due to the full program, these were deferred until next week's meeting.

Notes and Updates for the Club:

- A huge thank you to Bob and Dianne Sloan for all the hard work they put into organizing the parking fundraiser at the Purple Painted Lady's Barn Sale this past



weekend. Dianne thanked all the volunteers who helped with the parking and especially Bob for the prep work he did to get the field ready. Thanks to the efforts of those volunteers, we raised \$5,753 for our Pal-Mac Rotary Foundation. This was well above the amount budgeted for this year, which will allow us to finance all our community service projects and possibly add some more.



- President Mark presented a certificate of appreciation to Ruth Wilbur for all her efforts in helping our club. Some of our newer members might not know Ruth; she is the widow of long-time member Roger Wilbur. She has always been a big help to our club and continues to help out to this day. She has worked at the Hill with us; she helps open the fair booth each day; and she was one of our top sellers in the Canaltown Days fundraiser. This year she sold \$221 in tickets herself, and together with Joan raised another \$100 selling tickets at Breen's. The entire club appreciates all Ruth has done for us over the years. We know Roger would be proud.

- Speaking of Canaltown Days, it should be noted that our top seller this year, again, was Gary Haigh. He sold \$250 worth of tickets, so thanks to Gary!

- A vote was taken to approve a change in leadership within the club. Due to a career change, Tom Breen is unable to be club president for 2016-2017. Kim Clement has offered to take over as President-Elect in his place. No other nominees were offered, and the membership present unanimously approved the change. Congratulations, Kim!

- The Rotary Leadership Institute has a session coming up on November 7th at the Canandaigua Inn on the Lake. All courses will be available. Starting this year, the

graduate course will change each year. So if you've taken the graduate course before, this year's course will cover new things. Registration is open until November 2nd and can be accessed through the District website. (Click [here](#).)

- The Rochester Rotary Club will proudly host the 90th annual Eastern Cities Dinner at 4:30pm, Sunday, October 18 at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. This year's keynote speaker is Michael McGovern, Rotary Foundation Trustee and Chair of RI's Polio Plus committee. Registration can be done online by clicking [here](#).

Thanks to Kim Clement, Maurina Schmidt, Margaret Brooks, and Gary Hopkins for donating items to this month's auction. Their items raised \$64 for the Rotary Foundation. Congratulation to the winning bidders: Gene Bassage, Bob Sloan, Bob Yost, and Dick Kirchoff.

Congratulations to Sofia for winning \$14 in this week's 50/50 drawing. She seems to be getting good at this 50/50 thing!

DG Welcome 2015 (to the tune of "Hail, Hail, the Gang's All Here")

Hail, hail, Bill Gormont's here.
He's the DG this year;
Let's give him a big cheer.
Hail, hail, Bill Gormont's here;
We welcome you here with this song.

Hail, hail, for our DG.
He has come here from Greece.
The suburb, not the country!
Hail, hail, our DG's here
To motivate us all today.

Bill has some awesome skills.
A trick or two up his sleeve,
To show us before he leaves.
Show him our Pal-Mac Pride
And thank him for his work this year!

October 7, 2015 - Meeting Minutes

Posted on Oct 07, 2015

Guests:

Shirley Bassage, John Denniston, Sofia Coll.

Missing in Action:

Tom Brighton, Brian Brooks, Marie Cramer, Bill Dean, Deb LeMoynes, Marty Medina, Tina Medina, Jim Murray, Peter Park, Arnie Pechler, Jenn Preston, Chris Santelli, Nancy Schrader, Maurina Schmidt, Joan Shaffer, Cindy Surline, Eric VanZeilen.

This Week in History:

Today is *Bald and Free Day*. It's to honor those with a beautiful shiny top. You don't have to be bald to celebrate this day, but it helps. People who are married to, or related to, a bald-headed person can celebrate with the honoree. Enough with the bald jokes. There will be zero tolerance for them today. Rather, today is a day to cherish and appreciate the freedom that comes with being bald. While the rest of us are spending money on haircuts, hair shampoo, hair sprays, combs, and such, the bald guy is smiling as he is saving money and time.

Upon becoming a lucky bald guy, you are finally freed of the worry and fret that other guys have as they wonder for years: "Will I lose my hair?" or "Is my hair turning grey?" Better still, bald guys are much happier. In addition to saving money on haircuts and hair accessories, they never had a "bad hair day".

So, if you are bald, enjoy your freedom, as you celebrate *Bald and Free Day*.

Singing:

To honor our country, we sang "America the Beautiful."

What's New with Sofia?

Last week, after Rotary she went to cheer practice and sprained her ankle. So that's not so fun. They say it will take 6 to 8 weeks to heal, but Sofia says she is going to get better sooner. Tuesday she went with the Medinas to see the Disney musical "Newsies" at the Auditorium Theater in Rochester. It was awesome! After the show, they had a backstage tour, which was also awesome.

Birthdays and Anniversaries:

Bob's son Nate is 24 today.

Dave and Cathy Pray's anniversary was Sept 24.

Fines, Happy Bucks and Confessions:

- Leslie had a happy buck for her 30th college reunion 2 weeks ago. Several of her friends from college live in the area so they get to see each other often, but this was nice because some friends who live farther away were there as well.
- Dave Stachnik confessed that he went to the Bills game Sunday and behaved badly out of frustration with the Bills.
- Gene and Shirley attended their high school reunion recently (70th and 71st). Dick Kirchhoff was there, too!
- Dick made a donation to the club, as he was unable to

help with the parking project.

- Bob Sloan had a happy buck because he had so many leftovers this week.
- Mark confessed that he and Kim were unable to attend the Sloans' cottage party on Sunday. Seems their son came along Sunday morning needing help moving some things. One thing led to another, and the day was soon used up.
- John Denniston offered a few bucks in honor of his recent move to Farmington.
- Eric and Edie went to the Bills game in Miami with a group, which included a cruise afterwards. They went to Nassau the day before the hurricane then on to Key West.
- Pam offered a buck in order to promote Gananda Rotary's Haunted Hayride/Haunted House. It's October 9, 10, 16, 17 and 23 at 1485 Walworth-Penfield Road in Walworth.

Notes and Updates for the Club:

- The Eastern Cities Dinner, presented by the Rochester Rotary Club, will be Sunday, October 18 at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center with registration beginning at 4:30, dinner at 5:30. More info is available and reservations can be made at their [website](#).
- Rotary Leadership Institute is accepting reservations for the upcoming session to be held at the Canandaigua Inn on the Lake on Saturday, November 7th, from 7:30am – 3:30pm. Registration is open until November 2nd and can be accessed through the District website. (Click [here](#).) If you wish to go, the club will pay for your attendance.
- Dundee Rotary will be holding an interactive dinner theater, "Where Are the Cows Now?" on November 14 at the Glenora Wine Cellars. Tickets are \$25 per person and must be ordered by October 31. For ticket and menu information, see the Glenora Wine Cellars website, [here](#).



We were joined today by former Pal-Mac Rotarian and all-around good guy John Denniston. John plays with the band Eva & the Dog Boys. He brought some of his mandolins and told us a little about each of them. He talked about their construction and how that influences their sound. Much to our delight, he played a little tune on each of them. We all enjoyed John's playing and the information he had to offer – it was very entertaining. Thanks, John!

Gary Haigh won \$11 in this week's 50/50, which he gave to Sofia.