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LAST WEEK: Club Assembly meeting.

Sue Keefe reviewed the Skaneateles Rotary Club financial results for the past year and the budget for the 2011-2012 (7/1/2011- 6/30/2012). Total Income for the 2010-2011 fiscal year ending 6/30/11 of \$9,156.35, less Total Expenses of \$9,103.64, resulted in a Net Surplus of \$52.71. Our ending Available Fund Balance (checking account) totaled \$3,396.15 as of 6/30/2010.

The Budget for the current 2011-2012 fiscal year shows Total Income of \$8,870.00 versus Total Expenses of \$9,000.00, leaving a modest Fund Deficit of (\$130.00). The major reason for the budget deficit is an increase in Printing and Supplies from \$227.45 to \$700.00. The club plans to purchase a projector for use at our meetings and order more miniature trading banners.

Sue mentioned that our current annual dues has been held at \$110.00 for several years, and suggested that we consider an increase beginning with the next fiscal year 2012-2013. Assistant District Governor Deb Glisson, from the Marcellus Club, was in attendance at our meeting, and stated that the Marcellus Club charges members dues of \$125.00.

Duane Weaver then reviewed the preliminary (some pancake breakfast ticket money is still outstanding) Skaneateles Rotary Foundation financial results as of fiscal year end 6/30/2011. Total Income was \$27,802.34, with the two biggest contributors being the pancake breakfast (\$13,800.06) and the Holiday Country Club Fundraiser (\$11,834.34). Total Disbursements (Expenditures) to worthy causes totaled \$24,390.60, leaving a Net Surplus of \$3,411.74.

Robin Jowaisas followed with a review of the Pancake Breakfast results. Once all the ticket money is turned in and expenses paid, Robin estimated that Total Net Proceeds from the Breakfast should set a new record, in excess of \$14,000. This compares to a total of \$11,800 last year. This year the breakfast also became a little more "green". The 9,000 egg shells were delivered to an organic farm. The egg crates, cardboard boxes, and syrup bottles were all recycled. We also used eco-friendly cups, instead of the styrofoam cups used in the past.

Major factors impacting the record results: the increase in the adult ticket price from \$6 to \$7; the increase in attendance to 3,250 (90 more than last year); cost containment resulting from excellent negotiated purchase prices, and inventory control, thanks to Bill Buterbaugh; the addition of the yard signs this year; \$900 from the 50/50 raffle; and \$350 from the Kayak raffle.

Robin said the Breakfast functioned this year without any glitches (I guess 42 years of practice finally paid off!). Issues to consider for next year include:

- Consider changing the closing time from 1:00PM to 12:30PM, due to low attendance beginning after 12:00PM.
- After 9:00AM, hold the 50/50 raffle every half hour. This will eliminate people lingering and taking up space at the tables waiting for the raffle on the hour. After 9:00AM, the dollar amount of the pot is large enough for a raffle every half hour. Announcing a winner every half hour may also generate more interest in purchasing tickets.
- Sandy Rademacher suggested wearing our Rotary badges on the front of our Aprons and, perhaps, purchasing matching Rotary Polo Shirts or T-Shirts.

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Lori Ruhlman next discussed possible ways our club's Rotarians could interact more often with our three inbound exchange students, Diana Bermudez from Venezuela, Thomas Boxho from Belgium, and Geraldine Vollmin from Switzerland, all of whom will be arriving shortly. Suggestions included: picking them up and taking them home from a Rotary meeting; inviting one, or all three, to your house for the day when you're having a family gathering, or just inviting one, or all three, over for dinner; taking them along with you to a local state park, festival, concert, museum or sporting event; bringing them along on a family day trip or picnic; take them to a movie etc. Lori said it is wonderful way to get to know the students better and for them to get to know more Rotarians. She also indicated that the exchange students have more "down time" in the first few months after their arrival. As they get more acclimated and once school commences it becomes easier. It also gives the host families a break from trying to always find activities for the students to do.

Anyone interested in offering to help out, please contact Lori directly.

Jack Hyatt then discussed a request from the Fire Dept. that Rotarians help out at the Fireman's Field Days in partnership with the Sons of the Legion selling steamed clams. The proceeds would benefit the Fire Dept. As outlined, the Sons of the Legion would steam the Clams and the Rotarians would serve the clams to the customer. This would require us to provide volunteers at the booth both days (Saturday and Sunday), probably from 12:00PM until closing. Everyone in attendance at our meeting thought this was a great service project idea, giving us great visibility and would help raise needed funds for the Fire Dept. volunteers, who, by the way, help us at our Pancake Breakfast. Jack said he would keep us posted on further developments.

THIS WEEK: Three of our returning outbound Youth Exchange students, Sierra Prochna (back from Germany), Caroline Stanford (back from Argentina) and Johnathan Bronk (back from Mexico) will be with us to share their experiences of the past year in their host countries.

NEXT WEEK: Meg O'Connell, the Executive Director of the Allyn Foundation, will be with us to share her thoughts about issues affecting Private Foundations in general. She will also discuss the history, the purpose and the various grants distributed by the Allyn Foundation over the years. This should be a very interesting program.

LOOKING BACK: July 20, 1961. The Board of Director's Meeting was called to order by President Don Cain at the Sherwood Inn. Jack Hellier moved, and Douglas Howe seconded, a motion that we have a picnic for underprivileged children at Chester Coat's home, the same as last year. The club also voted to have the secretary order 40 more song books to be paid by 10 cent fines next week.

ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENTS & HOST FAMILY:

Diana Bermudez, Venezuela: First host family-Joseph Judge and Sheila Myers
Thomas Boxho, Belgium: First host family-Kanstantin Hristodoulou and Roberta Williams
Geraldine Vollmin, Switzerland: First host family-Stephen and Julie Hartnett

Our outbound students:
Dan Lemp, Belgium
Emily Cosbar, Taiwan
Jamie Alberici, Argentina
Margo Ferro, Brazil

To see pictures of these students, go to:
http://www.skaneatelesrotary.org/Skan_Rotary/Youth_Exchange.html

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CAN YOU NAME THIS ROTARIAN? This Rotarian did not grow up on a farm, but close enough to be familiar and comfortable with the smell of cow manure. Learned to enjoy seaweed and the smell of cooking of food from a variety of cultures while in high school – thanks to the university that was just two blocks away. Fell in love at 15 and is still married to the same person. Is the great grandchild of the Poet Laurette of Denmark. Favorite college job involved working next to people who now head the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun Times. Early career involved spending time at a Cuban Refugee Camp and a nudist camp ... also went inside a city sewer system, an xxx rated movie theater, a Playboy Club, and many police departments -- all in the name of work. Moved to Skaneateles from the Midwest when spouse got a job at Welch Allyn and became a freelance writer for magazines while raising two kids here. Still writes, still likes seaweed, exchange students and other cultures. Has given up visits to police departments, refugee camps and nudist camps for quieter subjects like the school budget crunch and kindergarten concerts. Family quote to live by now, for various reasons: “Life isn’t about waiting for the storm to pass ... It’s about getting out there and dancing in the rain.” Can you name me?

(Answer to last week’s puzzle- Rotarian Bill Pavlus)

DISTRICT AND OTHER NOTICES:

- Oct. 22nd, 2011 - RLI Loudonville – Siena College
- Nov. 6th – District Foundation Brunch, Embassy Suites, Syracuse, NY 1:00 pm
- Nov. 12th, 2011 - RLI Canandaigua – The Inn on the Lake
- Apr. 27-29, 2012 – District Conference, Vernon Downs Casino, Vernon, NY
- May 6-9, 2012 – Rotary International Convention, Bangkok, Thailand

REMINDER TO MEMBERS: For those members with special dietary restrictions, special meal requests are limited to a salad or pasta dish, and must be arranged in advance of the meeting by calling Nancy Ranieri at the Sherwood Inn at 685-3405.

MAKEUPS: Remember to report your “make ups” to Cheryl Silvestrini ASAP. You can email her at cherylsilvestrini@rocketmail.com. It is important to report the work you are doing and the time you are putting in.

CELEBRATIONS:

Rotary Anniversaries in July: Lee Overstrom (38), Michele Tarnow (7), Steve Schwartz (27), Chuck Williams (32).

Member Birthdays in the Month of July: Bill Buterbaugh (8th), Jack Emmer (13th), Todd May (14th), Jim Messenger (16th), Roberta Williams (25th), Cheryl Silvestrini (27th).

SETUP - 50/50 - Ticket Sales - Pledge of Allegiance - Invocation:

July 28th	Set-up-50/50-Ticket Sales	Ward Vuillemot and Timer Whittingham
	Pledge	Chuck Williams
	Invocation	Roberta Williams
Aug. 4th	Set-up-50/50-Ticket Sales	Dale Zabel and Peter Adams
	Pledge of Allegiance	Lee Bennett
	Invocation	Seb Bentivegna

Be courteous & get a replacement if you won't be available for assignment, please!

“It’s important to give it all you have while you have the chance.” ~ Shania Twain