

Norsk News, May 11, 2016

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Students: Emily Mullis, Gabriela Giler

Absent: Helwig, C., Helwig, S., Johnson, Lookabaugh, Olson, Orzechowski, Webber, Witte, Wedig, K., Helvey, Gordon

Guest: Steve Salerno

Happy Bucks: Rux, Rooney, Yauchler, Steinhauer, Christian

Yauchler pointed out that the policy of Rotary is to make sure that if there is something of a political nature all points of view must be represented.

Secretary Report: We have 33 members at 74% attendance which is very good.

Treasurer Report: Please look back at your membership payments and make notes of the checks that you wrote because he doesn't have itemized deposits and needs to go back to June 2015 in order to straighten out the books. Please help him out.

Announcements:

- ✓ Golf Outing: 18 teams and 36 hole sponsors at this time. Need some help for various activities. You can pay with credit card. Contact Tyler. Check in at 10, tee off at 11.
- ✓ District Governor of Ecuador emailed Brent and said that the \$1000 cash donation was much appreciated and was used for buying water and food. A copy of his letter and Brent's response is attached to the Norsk News.



✓ Judy needs to get items for the gift basket for the District Conference. Please contact her.

✓ The students will be attending RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) this coming weekend at the Dells

✓ Next week is student Rotarian Week. The picture gives a hint of what the students have ordered for us for lunch. We need drivers for 17 kids... 4 or 5 drivers next Wednesday. Let Judy know. Next Wednesday night the Scholarships will be

given out.

- ✓ Chamber Social at Play-N-Wisconsin tonight, hosted by Shannon & Jim Hadoc who are Gabriela's host parents. Please come.
- ✓ Gabriela reported on the Garage Sale that was at Hadoc's house. They made \$298 to go toward the Ecuador Relief Fund.
- ✓ District Conference is next weekend. Judy will represent our club at the District Assembly. Peggy & Tony will make a presentation about Community Grants on Saturday morning at the conference.
- ✓ Mark Bohl asks that you please sell your Frolic Tickets.
- ✓ The Mt. Horeb Rotary Ecuador Relief Fund has \$1743 with over \$300 more pledged. If you plan to donate, take your check to the State Bank of Cross Plains or get it to Peggy.
- ❖ Golf outing will be Friday, May 20th. We'll market to other clubs who will be coming to the District Conference, which is that weekend.
- ❖ District Conference will be Friday, Saturday & Sunday May 20th to 22nd. Union South, Madison



Upcoming Meetings:

May 18th, Student Program

May 18th, Scholarship Presentations at High School

June 29th, International Night

Greeter for May: Paul Rux

Greeter for June: Kurt Wedig.

Letter to Brent from Ecuador District 4400 Governor

Dear President Brent,

Thank you very much for your important donation which will certainly be very helpful to providing assistance to the many Ecuadorian poor people damaged by the recent earthquake. We greatly appreciate your kindness.

I am sorry for not writing this letter before, but I had problems identifying the sender of the donation. I was finally able to do so through Evanston.

I would like to inform you on how your donation has been used. As a district, we initially set up an emergency plan carried out through our 8 clubs of the Province of Manabi, where the earthquake hit, to assist the victims, concentrating mainly on the supply of bottled water, canned tuna, and insect repellents. Supply of small water purification plants was started to lower the costs of provision and transportation of potable water.

We have been monitoring how the situation has been developing, and have decided, besides keeping the initial plan but with a lower emphasis, to undertake a new phase, emphasizing the supply of water purification plants for small communities and starting assistance for the reconstruction of homes through the supply of building materials. Up to now we have delivered four water plants to needy small villages.

We will continue to concentrate on these actions.

Please extend our gratitude to all the members of the RC of Mt. Horeb.

Warmest regards,

Manuel Nieto J. Gobernador D-4400

Brent Yauchler's Response from Mt. Horeb Rotary Club 2706 to Governor Nieto

Dear Gobernador Manuel Nieto J.,

Thank you for reaching out and thank you very much for your letter! I will be passing a copy of your letter to the members of our Rotary Club here in Mt Horeb, Wisconsin at our business meeting today. We are all very concerned that the people in Ecuador affected by the terrible earthquake get what they need to survive and recover from the devastation. We are also concerned and supportive for our exchange student, Gabriela. Her parents, relatives and friends have all been affected and she has been working very hard to do what she can to help, despite feeling very bad that she wasn't home with her family and friends.

I cannot express enough how much it means to our club and to Gabriela to be able to have a "boots on the ground" resource like you and the local Rotary clubs in your district to help us help those there in need with our resources. It has helped us all feel empowered to do what we can as a club to help and we are very grateful for that. Our intention is to continue to work with your local Rotary clubs in a supportive manner as we have. Please let us know if there is anything else we can do. In the meantime we'll keep working on our end to spread the word and work to gather continuing support from our community and fellow Rotarians.

Sincerely,
Brent D. Yauchler
President, Mt Horeb Rotary Club
Mt Horeb, Wisconsin, USA

