June 2, 2008

Call to order: Deb Wirtz
Prayer and Pledge: David Hayford
Today’s Program: EAA Update and Volunteer Program
Today’s Speaker: Bob Campbell

May 19, 2008

Deb Wirtz opened the meeting and welcomed all Rotarians and guests.

Bill Topel led the club in the prayer and pledge.

VISITORS AND GUESTS from May 19, 2008:

Introduced by Lori Renning:

Southwest Rotary: Kim Johnson-Thiel, Doug Seefeld
Morning Rotary: Vicky Schroeder
Out of Town Visitors: Jerry Rickman (Neenah Rotary), Carl Stapel (Appleton Rotary), Wally Bergstrom (Neenah Rotary)
Guests of Our Club: Mark Beecher (club membership applicant), Erin Kohl (Lincoln School), Mel LeBaron
Guests of Members: Brandon Strand (guest of Jessica King), Gabriele Van Aacken (daughter of Teresa Van Aacken)

GOOD NEWS/HAPPY DOLLARS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

• Lurton Blassingame announced Steve Arndt as the winner of this month’s raffle.
• Lurton Blassingame announced that Deb Wirtz was presented a District citation at the annual conference in Lake Geneva. Deb Wirtz announced that Oshkosh Rotary Club increased its membership this past year to 98.
• Rick Wells announced that UW-Oshkosh graduated a record number of students this year (approximately 2100). UW-Oshkosh Business graduates testing in the top 5% in the nation.
• Kathy Propp and Jean Caudle are seeking volunteers for the presentation of the Oshkosh Rotary Club High School Scholarships at the following locations and times:
  - West High School Tuesday, June 3rd at 7:00 PM
  - Lourdes Academy Wednesday, May 28th at 7:00 PM
  - North High School Monday, June 2nd at 7:00 PM
  - Valley Christian Friday, June 6th at 7:30 PM
  - East High School Thursday, June 5th at 5:00 PM
• Wilbur Scoville paid a self-inflicted penalty for not wearing his Rotary pin.
• Kimberly Johnson-Thiel gave happy dollars for the graduation of her stepdaughter from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She also reported that Garth Brooks was at the graduation.
• Dave Sennholz gave happy dollars in recognition for the great work Chancellor Wells did this year at UW-Oshkosh.
• Lori Renning introduced the New Year’s Eve party fundraiser to the club. Presently, the Ball will be held at the Park Plaza and the 13-piece band “Swinging Jump Cats” will be playing a wide array of music from “Big Band” to contemporary.
• Deb Wirtz recognized the following members who attended the District Conference in Lake Geneva: Steve Arndt, Lurton Blassingame, Steve Schmudlach, Cathy Zimmerman, and Deb Wirtz.
• Frank Tower introduced Erin Kohl and Mel LeBaron as co-organizers of the PALS program at Lincoln School. They announced the annual “Spring Fling” coming up Wednesday, June 4th and that volunteers to help with outdoor activities were needed.
• Michael Cooney requested volunteers to assist with meeting, greeting, and registering individuals for the Photo Contest on June 14th. See Michael for more details.
• Sue Panek reminded the club about the Imagination Library “Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?” fundraiser on Saturday, May 31st.
MARKET REPORT: By Tom Harenburg
Tom Harenburg presented this week’s market report. Stocks were posting decent gains, with the S & P up roughly 0.5%, but still down 2.5% in 2008. The S & P Retailing Index was trailing the broader market with a loss of 0.1% with Lowe’s and Home Depot largely to blame. Crude oil traded up at $127.26 per barrel. Crude is up 32.5% this year after gaining 57% in 2007. A 6.4% advance in shares of Amazon.com helped to offset Lowe’s weakness. The Dow was up 122.70, Nasdaq up 16.24, the S & P 500 up 11.74, and the 10-Year Bond up 0.04.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
June 4  “Spring Fling” at Lincoln School
June 14  Photo Contest (See Michael Cooney for details)
June 30  Changing of the Guard

FUTURE MEETINGS:
June 9  The Fun and Sport of Sailing
June 16  Early Learning Initiative/United Way’s Imagination Library
June 23  Eagles Renovation
June 30  Changing of the Guard

PRAYER & PLEDGE/GREETER:
June 9  Ron Heilmann
June 16  Gordon Hintz
June 23  Stephen Hintz
June 30  Hugh Hughes

May 19, 2008 - MEETING REVIEW:
Speaker: Jennifer Korevec  
Title: My Experience as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in Ecuador

Jennifer was born in Germany but has always considered Neenah, WI her home. Awarded the District 6270 Ambassadorial Scholar for 2007-2008, she elected to study in Quito, Ecuador, a city located 9200 feet above sea level.

Besides the city of Quito, there are 3 other sections of Ecuador- the Andes (highlands), the Amazon (jungle), and the Galapagos Island (coast). Jennifer also informed the club that everybody in Ecuador speaks Spanish and that people in Ecuador are very opinionated and that it is not a problem to run late. Public transportation is very extensive, but not always on a predictable schedule. Ecuador has had 10 Presidents in the past 12 years. The culture of Ecuador is very focused on the family.

Jennifer presented Deb Wirtz a “Mother and Child” picture from Ecuador as a gift to the Oshkosh Rotary Club.

4-Way Test:
Deb Wirtz concluded the meeting by leading the club in the Four-Way Test.

Message from the editor: I regret that I do not have a background in short-hand, so I apologize for any errors when reporting announcements, good news, happy dollars, etc. To improve my accuracy of reporting, please e-mail or provide me a hand-written copy of the pertinent information that you would like me to print. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. - Teresa Van Aacken
Four Avenues of Service

The term "Four Avenues of Service" refers to the four elements of the Object of Rotary: Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service and International Service.

Although the Avenues of Service are not found in any formal part of the constitutional documents of Rotary, many Rotarians use this concept to describe the primary areas of Rotary activity.

Club Service involves all of the necessary activities Rotarians perform to make their club function successfully. Things like taking attendance, keeping records and raising money come under this Avenue of Service.

Vocational Service describes the opportunity each Rotarian has to represent the dignity and utility of one's vocation to the other members of the club, as well as the responsibility of the club to undertake projects related to such areas as career planning, vocational training, and the promotion of high ethical standards in the workplace.

Community Service pertains to those activities that Rotarians undertake to improve the quality of life in their community. It frequently involves assistance to youth, the aged, the disabled, and others who look to Rotary as a source of hope for a better life. When we are volunteer readers at Lincoln School, when the club pays to send grade school students to the symphony, when we raise money for the Literacy Council we walk this Avenue of Service.

The Fourth Avenue of Service, International Service, describes the many programs and activities that Rotarians undertake to advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace. International service projects are designed to meet humanitarian needs of people in many lands. Our most obvious international service is our connection with the orphanage in La Molina, Peru. Half the money from our table nes goes toward the eradication of polio through RI's Polio Plus effort. So even here in Oshkosh we are working internationally through the connection of Rotary.

When a Rotarian understands and travels down the Four Avenues of Service, the Object of Rotary takes on an even greater meaning.

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