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Great Picnic courtesy of Jeff & Diane



Keuka State Park is one of the little known but well-liked parks in the state system. The pavilion where we meet is fabulous, as are the campsites and the boatlaunch.

PDG **Jeff** flipped the burgers and rolled the sausages over the fire while **Diane** set up all the silverware, plates, etc. By 5:30 the buffet was groaning with dishes to pass, wine and soda was flowing, and John S's crazy round morsels (what were they?) were passed around. A lot of spouses, friends and Rotaractors were chatting up a storm. **Sandi P** offered the blessing and introduced **Elias** who was passing around an order form for Mustang sportswear. The weather cooperated and a wonderful meal was eaten. Fellowship was a well appreciated program.

President Bob presented **Diane** and **Jeff** with their Paul Harris + 7 pins to memorialize their long term and continued dedication to Rotary International, the Foundation and all the good works of Rotary. It is an inspiration to us all.



Elias, shown center, sits with the four 2015-16 Keuka College Rotaract Club officers for a photo. From the left - Mikayla Rypkema - Public Relations; Bridget Tracey - Secretary; Brooke Reynolds - Vice President; and Taylor O'Neill - President. The club will meet Tuesdays (7 PM - check time) in one of the Geiser Cafeteria's meeting rooms. Check 'em out. Tina and Steve are serving as advisors. Pictures courtesy of Diane K.



Mary Ellen, Dean and Patrick caught by the intrepid camera



Several men in the club gather on the patio to talk about the job Jeff was doing at the barbeque pit. Stacy W, Jorgen O, Don O, Jeff Bray (host dad to Elias) and Tom H. Elias was hiding behind the leaves and Sarah Jane Hunt is seen in the background.



Sandy Smith, wife of new member Bob, Chris, wife of Stacy, and Jackie S



Marie, wife of Don O has Stacy W laughing before dinner.

News and Notes of interest

Elias' host family for the next several months is Jeff and Kristen Bray, 2392 Widow Hill Rd. Their contacts are: home phone - 536-8869; Kristen's email - k2bray@gmail.com.

President Bob and **Jackie** are heading to Maine and points north by first heading west, around Lake Ontario, back through the Adirondacks, through Vermont, etc. Whew! Three weeks of substitute club meeting leader. If **John S**, let's hope he has new jokes.

Elias (and host sister Kelly) nursed sore arms and shoulders after an afternoon of water skiing. Elias was a natural...up on the first pull. News is that the soccer team is doing well. Next home games are Tues. 22nd 6:30 pm, and Sat. 26th 6:30 PM.

Birthdays coming up

Stefan	Lewandowski	9/24
Jack	Clancy	9/25
Sandie	Minster	9/25
Ed	Balsley	9/27

Fun and Fellowship this week

Well, there were many, many people at the picnic and the temperature in late afternoon was in the mid-70. The lake was calm and reflected the setting sun... making a bright gold hue throughout the dinner

pavilion. Spouses, Diane DeLoza (daughter of Evelyn), Evie Worth (Rotarian Norm) and Cory Stork (Rotarian Don) were the guests for the evening.

What's Happening Next

9/22 Slide show on Camp ONSEYAWA

9/29 Regular Meeting

10/18 Eastern Cities Dinner

Thanks to our Club Service volunteers for the month of September:

Set up	Rob S
Attendance	Diane K
Pledge Song	Jeff K
Rotary Minute	Tom M
Prayer	Stacy W
Sergeant	Sue A



Autumn in Rotary means training and seminars

President Bob has shared the list of events that might be of some interest to club members:

- 9/26 **One Rotary Summit** (Membership, Public Image, Club Extension), Fairport
- 9/26 Membership Seminar at Harris Beach Office
- 10/3 Full Grants Seminar in Hammondsport
- 10/10 Membership Seminar in Dansville
- 10/18 Eastern Cities Dinner in Rochester
- 11/7 Rotary Leadership Institute in Canandaigua
- 11/15 Foundation Breakfast at FLCC (12:00-3:00 pm) ... NEW PLACE AND NEW TIME

Rotary Minute –

From the archives - Calcutta was the home town for the first Rotary club in the mainland of Asia. R.J. Combes, the manager of a steel products company while on a business trip to U.S.A. was so impressed by the "Friendship, fellowship, and service" aspects of the movement called Rotary that he wanted to introduce the idea to his friends in Calcutta also. He convened the first meeting on 26 September, 1919. The new club was chartered just after three months on the New Year Day, 1920. All the twenty charter members were non-Indians. S.C. Rudra who was the first Indian member was inducted in 1921. The first

Indian to become the club secretary was Nitish C. Laharry (1926) who climbed all steps to reach the RI presidency in 1962-'63.

Except for the lone club chartered in Lahore (in Pakistan now) in 1927, for about a decade India had to be content with the only club, in Calcutta. Things changed when James Wheeler Davidson of Calgary, Canada arrived on Indian shores with a firm determination to spread Rotary in India. He founded many clubs, and in fact he was responsible for establishment of Rotary clubs in different countries including Australia, New Zealand, Southern Europe, Egypt, Siam and Japan and was known as 'Marco Polo of Rotary.

Join in a project – Feel good

Scarecrow Contest on the streets of Penn Yan will be from October 2nd to November 2nd. Open to all organizations and individuals, the application for a site and inclusion in the contest must be submitted to the Yates County Chamber by September 25th. Is anyone interested in making a colorful contribution to the Halloween/Fall decorations?

5th Annual Yates County Nonprofit Workshop will be held Tuesday, October 13th in the North Education and Conference Center at Keuka College. The topic for this year will be: **Finding and Inspiring Champions for your Organization.** Topics are:

- Recruiting volunteer board members with specific expertise and motivation
- Inspiring members to be effective fundraisers
- Building up members and keeping engagement
- Hearing from a panel of peers on best practices with governance and volunteer engagement

The nonprofit organization training workshop is presented by the Rochester Ad Council and is supported by several grants so that the registration fee for attendees is \$10. If interested, contact Katelin Ryan Pellett at kpellett@adcouncilroch.org or call 585-442-0200, extension 204. We Rotarians give a lot of thought to these issues and find them on our training agendas. If we attend, or get our various other nonprofit leaders to attend, we just might learn something from a different perspective



What if?...a little editorializing

The **Ad Council leadership** session brings to mind DG Bill's suggestion that we invite friends who could become prospective members to one of our projects. The obvious approach is to bring a friend of yours to the leadership training..."because I see great potential in you as a community leader." What would happen if you approached a young professional in our community with that suggestion?

Also, it would suggest a little closer to home that we invite someone to help us flip pancakes at a breakfast for needy kids when school is in recess for a teacher's conference. It means that we invite someone to help us pick up trash along 54A or thin trees and brush in the Rotary Woods. What other opportunities can you think of? Packing or planting pine trees?

Perhaps the potential Rotary Fundraiser, the **Classic Wine Festival**, presents an interesting opportunity for us to reach out for involvement from the community. We might need to help Josh Trombley and his friends monitor the 5K run. People will be needed to hand out tee-shirts and number placards, distribute water to those that want it, run check points, etc. Several club members suggest that we create an environment for families with kids. Would we need help setting up and staffing a kid's court where kids could safely play while their parents taste wine or watch food preparations? Probably, we will need ushers and monitors to assist the guests, and perhaps help direct traffic or staff shuttle buses (depending on the site).

Or what if we take on a month of weekend projects on the Outlet next summer? How much help would we need if, let's say, we were to repair the **Seneca Mills** site? We'd need the help of some contractor, and we would need many strong backs and hands in gloves to place erosion controlling stones and smooth restored parts of the trail, pick up trash and debris and cut back overgrowth....then party afterwards.

What if we asked sports family parents to help us sell healthy snacks at sporting events, or we asked others to help us plant trees along Water Street or someplace else that is featured in the Vision 20/20 report.

Wow! How many opportunities are there for us to reach out and engage like-minded people who are in service to the community?

Who would you ask to become part of these possible service projects? Would they become

interested in our work? Could we include them as friends of Rotary, if not members? What do you think? rhs32@cornell.edu. Tell me!



Doing a Make-Up Meeting?

Club members are encouraged to make up for missed meetings whenever possible. One can make up by:

- Visiting neighboring clubs or attending a club while on vacation.
- Log in on District 7150's Internet Club www.rotaryclubNY1.com
- Attend Interact or Rotaract meetings
- Work on a club or district committee
- Attend a district function
- When you have made up a meeting, please be sure to notify Chris Bergman for proper credit. hatzcb@yahoo.com

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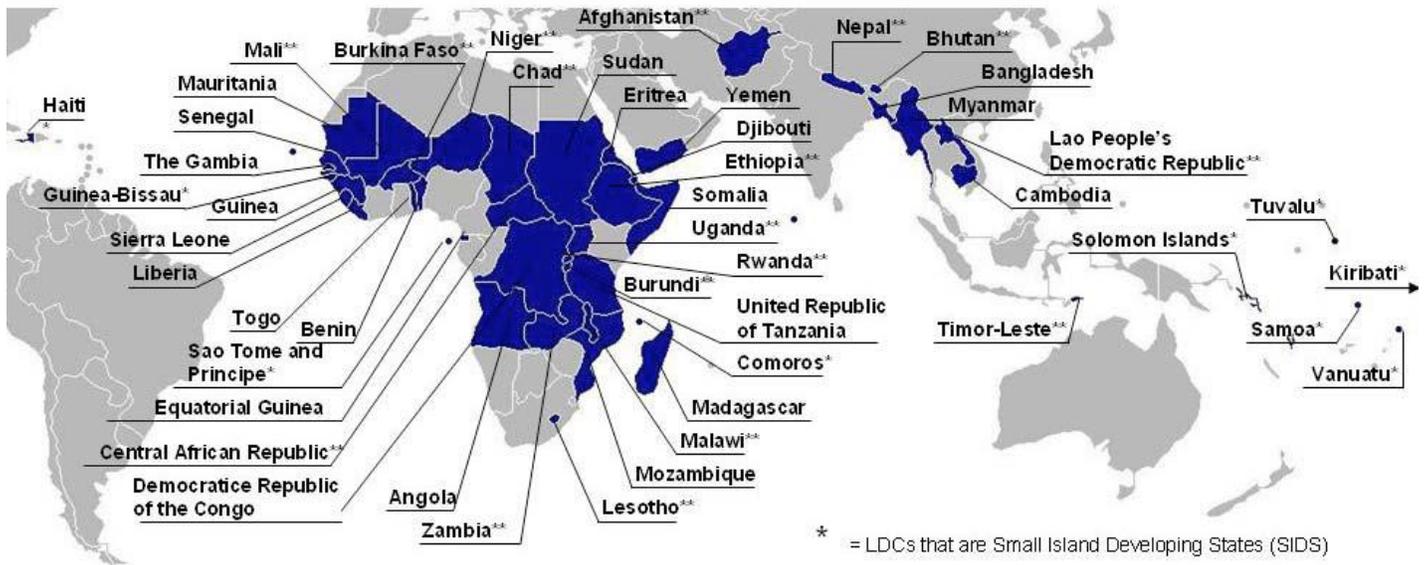
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* = LDCs that are Small Island Developing States (SIDS)

** = LDCs that are Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDC)

UNESCO – World Peace and Understanding

UNESCO, a body of the UN that Rotary was instrumental in founding in 1945, embraces a mission of World Peace through Understanding and Sustainable Development. Central to this mission is Worldwide Education. Since 1995, one of UNESCO's major missions has been achieving worldwide adult and child literacy.

The above map shows the countries that are Less Developed (LDCs) and in need of educational assistance. Missing parts of the map show nations that are considered well developed. In our hemisphere, only Haiti is on the map.

Interestingly for Rotarians, Nigeria is not a lesser developed country, but the Congo and Malawi are. Much of the poverty and low literacy are found in countries that are isolated, have few exploitable resources, suffer inhospitable climate or have had governments, which by our standards are “failed governments.” World development studies in the past have demonstrated a very high correlation between corrupt governments, low levels of development and low quality of life levels. In part, it is because foreign developed countries are not willing to invest in those countries, except to acquire minerals and extracted resources and then only with bribes or behavior we in the USA consider illegal business behavior. Rwanda, where the Millers served in the Peace Corps is another one of the LDCs. But when banks don't invest, can we go forth and help with Rotary volunteers?

How would WE assist in the UNESCO mission to raise educational attainment in these countries? They look for volunteers and programs to further the following:

- Promoting quality education for all, particularly through capacity development, so as to prepare young people for the world of work and to promote economic growth, foster civic participation, personal development and empower of women;
- Providing policy advice and capacity building in Science, Technology and Innovation for sustainable development and poverty reduction;
- Promoting the sustainable management of freshwater, ocean and terrestrial resources, including renewable sources of energy, as well as disaster preparedness and mitigation;
- Promoting mitigation and adaptation to climate change, notably through enhanced education and public awareness;
- Promoting culture as a powerful engine for economic growth to generate income and stimulate employment;
- Developing free, pluralistic and independent media, training journalists and media professionals and fostering ICT applications for enhancing quality and impact of teaching and learning processes.

The Congo and Tanzania will need 100,000 and 80,000 new teachers respectively. Can we field a team of teachers who can teach indigenous teachers?