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District Training Assembly – April 23rd



Diane K and Sue A, when they asked club members to share their memories of past District Assemblies were rewarded with a chorus of comments about fun, learning and fellowship. They went on to share information about our club's role and rewards as host for the day. We are using the academy and will be providing host support from about 7:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be plenty of little jobs for all – from parking,

to registering, to raffle tickets, to auctions and to guiding. Sue and Diane explained how the District Training Assembly will likely bring 400 Rotarians to Penn Yan for training in a myriad of subjects. The Assembly is a very important part of DGE Tom Roger's ramp up to success in his year as governor. It is a privilege to assist him in this effort, which if done well will bring a nice chunk of change to us.

The club chairs for the several parts of a successful Assembly are:

- Project chairs – Sue A, Diane K and Stacy W
- Set up and Clean up – Stacy W and Entire Club
- Silent Auction – Sue A
- 50/50 Raffle – Steve and Tina, Super Bob (Rotaract and Interact members)
- Food – Patrick T
- Photographs – Photo Bob and Dr. Dave
- Parking – Tom H and Dyke S
- Gift bags and PY Promotions – Amy and Dave H
- School contact and AV support – Warren K
- MC of session – John S and Ryan H
- Programs/Advertising/Promoting attendance – Don and Marie O
- Registration – Diane k
- Banners and signage – Jeff K
- Wrap up/thank you notes – Sue A and Diane

As always, a club service project like this will generate a lot of fun and fellowship

News and Notes of interest

Tom H took a minute to show off some of the items that have been donated to the Auction, including one of **Leon's Pewter Vases**. Gorgeous! There were drills and tools, another gorgeous wood party food lazy Susan by **Stu P**, Theater tickets, a case of Constellation Wines and tickets to Watkins Glen Raceway. Get those donations and ads in now. **We have to have all of the items loaded into spread sheets by February 15th**.

Happy Dollars: There were many comments of appreciation for Sue, Heather and Dave Andersen's party last Friday night. It was loads of fun and great support of KidCARE...\$122 and many packets of socks and underwear. Sue sent Heather's thanks.

Carol W asked anyone who wanted to help make up a table of 8 Rotarians for the Chamber Dinner Dance on February 6th to see her. There are six now and she hopes to fill the round.

Sandi P, speaking for the **Can Hunger** team, announced that community businesses and organizations are asked to register for the contest by February 26th. The cans and packages of non-perishable food used in the "constructions" will be donated to the Food Pantry, formerly Food for the Needy, Send local organizations to Sandi P, who had rules, guidelines and application forms. Sandi's team has set a goal of 3,500 items...a small stretch from the 3,300 collected last year. **Leon F** will be leading our club team, Interact and Rotaract will be doing entries as well. Anyone interested can donate to either of the tree teams.



Progress on Flights of Fancy Wine Classic is steady. 8 wineries are committed; the physical infrastructure of

tents, toilets, lighting and power has been coordinated. **Patrick T** is helping with electronic record keeping. Closing winery sales by 9, music probably will go to 10; and we are looking into tax reporting and sale of wine by the glass. **Tarn W** has volunteered to manage the food vendors and demonstrations; and Carol is looking for someone to manage the music on stage.

Advance posters, hot pink, for the Auction are going around. See **Tom M**. Watch on Facebook for more about the Auction.

John S and **Sandi P** are coordinating/assigning workers for wine festival. It looks like there will be lots of set up task Saturday morning, May 14th; and then, a steady but lighter need for workers all afternoon/evening.

Photo Bob won the weekly 50/50 and drew the King of Spades...pot has grown to over \$100.

Evelyn E was happy that Virginia, and not us, received 24" of snow. Ripples of agreement circled the room.

Deb F-C is happy because she made it here two weeks in a row. We're happy just to see her!

L signal on the forehead was the cause of considerable laughter among some members as **Sandie M** performed her Sergeant duties. It must be some sort of story that has yet to come out. We wait with bated breath.

Stu P was back and smiling. He got his heart rewired, now with 4 leads, not just two, and the new coordinated stimulations are working fabulously. He's in the pink and looking wonderful.

Eight **legal** immigrants...or so **Tom H** asserts...are trimming grapes in his vineyard and should be done next week.

Super Bob reported his considerable pleasure at being the welcoming Rotarian and sitting at his little table in the warmth of the sunshine.

Diane K's spinach salad and carrot cake were the subject of many comments... mostly words like awesome and sooooo good. **President Bob** took some home to a sickly **Jackie** (yes, it actually made it all the way home) and she declared it miraculous good.

Events inviting your involvement

Lauren Snyder from Dundee Rotary is letting everyone know that their club is holding a calendar raffle. \$25 for any day you choose. See one of the Dundee Rotarians for a chance.

PEO, a women's philanthropic organization that is active in Penn Yan will be holding a breakfast, March 6th (Elks or Moose?) to raise money for scholarships for girls and women. Same day as our Radio Auction.

Birthdays coming up

Tom	May	2/2
Chris	Bergman	2/16
Teresa	Vivier	2/25

Fun and Fellowship this week

Well, another crazy weather day...green grass showing and daytime temps in the 30's and 40's...ice retreated back toward the Marina. Great meal of Salisbury Steak, steamed vegetables and mashed potatoes. One guest: **Sony Yang** from Keuka College and Advisor to Rotaract.

Thanks to our Club Service volunteers for the month of February.

Set-up/take-down:	Tina & Steve Miller
Attendance:	Taryn Windheim
Pledge/song:	Jeff Krans
Rotary Minute:	Leon Fontier
Prayer:	Mary Ellen Morgan
Sergeant:	Patrick Tolbert/Sandi Perl



What's Next:

Feb 2 nd	Mary Ellen Morgan's Biography
Feb 9 th	Board meeting LNB 8:00 AM
Feb 9 th	District Assembly work
Feb 16 th	Laurie Martin – Work Force
Feb 23 rd	Evelyn Watkins – Drug Court

Our Projects this Year

We're rapidly moving closer to a spring time of projects. Are you ready?

Can Hunger, Sandi Perl leader, starts February 26th.

Rotary Day's Radio Auction, Carol Worth, Bob Shrader, Sarah Crevelling and Tom Hunt are leading the charge. Sat March 5th at the Living Well 8:30 to 5:00 on air. **Asking for donations from businesses by February 2st**. It benefits all our charities, especially Camp ONSEYAWA.

Sat. April 23rd – **District Training Assembly**. It will be hosted by our club at the Penn Yan Academy; and is led by Stacy, Diane and Sue. Lots of indoor and outdoor duties to assist 300+ Rotarians attend the assembly. Will need raffle items. This is an opportunity for the club to earn a little income as well to benefit our several charitable projects.

Friday April 29th – Sunday May 1st - **District Conference in Hershey PA**. Fun! Fun! Fun! Take a break from our busy project schedule to enjoy some of the fruits of Rotary. Look for the hospitality rooms and sign-up sheets for trips to Hershey Park.

Sat. May 14th - **Flights of Fancy, a Finger Lakes Wine Classic**. It will be led by a big team of shakers and bakers, in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce. 24 wineries, 6 restaurant chefs, music and fun! Starting with this new event, we hope to help develop interpretive signs that show the history of the Outlet Trail. The Lions have offered their help too.

Conditions in post-quake Nepal

Since the May 2015 Earthquakes, the rural people in the lower ridges of the Himalayan mountains continue to suffer. Now it is winter without permanent shelter, roads are still in a mess, temples and schools are gone, and last year's crops are spoiling from inadequate storage. It is a subsistence culture. At the worst, in some areas, young boys and men are sent away to work in Pakistan and India; girls are sold into human trafficking and the highly stoic and resilient women stay home to start crops for the next season.

Mhenanegang is a village where "social responsibility funds" provided by a Korean Hydroelectric project that is flooding part of an adjacent valley is going to rebuild the shells of former primary and secondary schools that

had collapsed. There will be no equipment, books, water or latrines. This becomes a place where a water and sanitation project will make a big difference in child health (46% of children die by age 10), community sanitation, and educational attainment for girls. Water flow from a nearby spring was disrupted by the quake and new piping to another spring would be necessary. Also, to conserve water, a big cistern, like the ones Leon built in the Congo would be very helpful.

Earthquakes occur in this seismically active zone frequently, with devastating ones occurring every 80 years or so. Each major quake sets the economy and personal well-being in the region back about ten years. Gradually, the region is becoming aware that their lot in life does not have to be this severe. They can do some things differently and they started this year using bamboo as reinforcing as they rebuild their mud mortar and stone homes. They are beginning to think about sustainability and breaking the cycle of disaster and poverty.

Twenty students in Cornell's Institute for Public Affairs and International Planning have begun developing nine projects to help the Nepalese families in a mountainside village. They are looking at health clinic, schools, sanitation, capturing water from natural springs, women business co-ops, and starting some new agribusinesses. They will be making proposals to international funders in the end of March. A Rotary Club in Nepal (Kathmandu-Balaju) has volunteered to provide local administration and contribute some cash. Surprisingly, a DGE from Australia at the Milt Matthew's reception asked to be kept informed, as some of his clubs do projects in Nepal and would like to do more.

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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