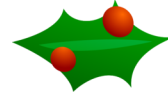




# Mavericks



December, 2015

Vergennes Rotary on Facebook



## Thoughts From Our President

*CJ*



October was a great month. The Pumpkins in the Park fund raiser was a success even though the weather was a bit chilly. The chili contest was great featuring a wide range of beany concoctions that were pretty tasty. I want to thank everyone for their donations and help to get the Addison Food Shelf 20 complete turkey dinners. They were very appreciative of our help. And to see everyone pull together after that to get more turkeys to help them with their shortage was absolutely great! If you google "Rotary Thanksgiving" you will find that Rotarians everywhere, young and old are helping those out in need just as we are. Isn't it wonderful to be part of such a great organization of people who really care.

With the Craft Fair coming up on December 5<sup>th</sup> it would be great, if you're out and about, to stop by and help out the ladies for a few minutes. You never know who you might run into and be able to strike up a conversation with them about Rotary. All it takes is a spark to pique their interest.

We don't have many meetings left in the year. Carolyn Thompson, a new lawyer in town will be coming on December 1<sup>st</sup> to give us some information about estate planning. On December 8<sup>th</sup>, Karl Swanke, a former offensive lineman for the Green Bay Packers will be shearing some insight about the business of football which should be interesting.

I certainly hope you all have a great Thanksgiving. We certainly have a lot to be thankful for. Just think about all the troubles in the world that we have heard about over the last month and yet none of us face any of those issues. Let us remember that the next time we are called on again to help those in need.

Again, Happy Thanksgiving and keep up the good work!



## Membership

*Rob*

At our Nov. 17th meeting, we had 10 members attend. With our membership slowly decreasing, we really need to up our intensity to attract new and qualified members. A committee has put together a membership package for businesses. Now you have to go out and commit yourself to complete the task. The letter and brochure about the club is a great start. We can begin by inviting someone to breakfast. Check the schedule. Who do you know that would like to hear a program of interest? Also, to attract people to our club, it's time to "Toot our own horn" about some of the great things we are doing. Take a picture, write a story, send it to the Addison Independent and the Addison Eagle. The Lions seem to be able to do that.

Consider every person in our club to be members of the membership and PR committee.

### 2015- 2016 Officers

President - [CJ Hebert](#)  
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 Vice president - [Lynn Donnelly](#)  
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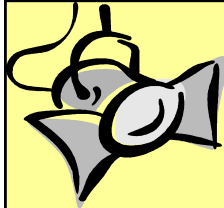
### 2014 - 2015 Directors

Membership - [Rob McNamara](#)  
 Public Relations - [Jim Weening](#)  
 Rotary Foundation - [Scott Gaines](#)  
 Club Historian - [Scott Gaines](#)

To send an email to any of the officers or directors, click on their names

### Notes of Interest

Upcoming Birthdays: CJ on Dec 4th, Susan on Dec 5th  
 Full moon is the Cold Moon on Dec 25th at 6:11 AM  
 Winter begins on December 21, 11:48 P.M. EST  
 Board meeting is December 2nd at 5:30 @ Century 21 office



### In the Spotlight

Dec 5th – Holiday Stroll/Craft Fair  
 December 11th – Christmas Party at Tim’s  
 December 15th – Wrapping Party  
 Dec 19th—Judging of Christmas decorations

### Report from our Treasurer

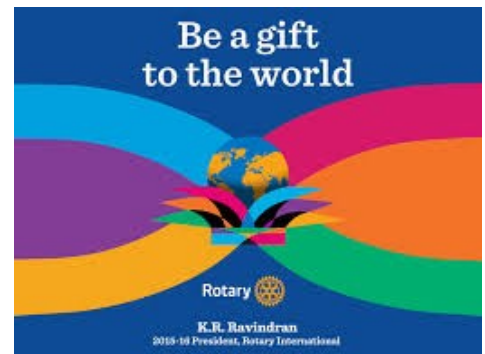
*Mary*

### The Greater Vergennes Rotary Financial Report as of October 31, 2015

As of October 31, 2015, the Charities side is reflecting \$9,421 in income and \$1,989 in expenses giving us a net income of \$7,432. This is unfavorable to the budget by \$520. This reflects our Rubber Ducky Sales missing its mark by \$479. The reason our expenses are so low is because we don't pay out our Scholarships until December.

On the Operations side, our Income is \$5,645; expenses of \$4,901 and a net income of \$744. This net income compares to a budgeted projection of \$1048, down \$304. While our expenses are lower than budget, our income is also lower than budget due to less than 20 members making the meetings. We will be seeing a loss in future months due to our breakfast expenses exceeding our food income unless our membership is increased. So let's make a concentrated effort to get our membership up.

Bank statements are: Charities Net \$31,640; Operations Net \$4,007; and CD \$30,967.



### Meeting Assignments

Date	Program	Songs	Invocation	Minute
Dec 1	Carolyn Thompson	Mary	Susan	Lee
Dec 8	Karl Swanke	Patty	Tim	Kalvin
Dec 15	Wrapping Party	—	—	—
Dec 22	No Meeting	—	—	—
Dec 29	No Meeting	—	—	—

Have you checked out your **Mavericks** website lately? Have a look!



## Give The Gift of Rotary During This Holiday Season



Rotary Peace Fellows at an RI Peace Symposium in Sao Paulo Brazil - June 2015

Every year, hundreds of thousands of people – children, families, and entire communities – benefit from projects funded by The Rotary Foundation. When you give to Rotary, you enable local leaders to create sustainable solutions to their community's most pressing needs.

Although Rotary gives back in countless ways, they focus their service efforts in six primary areas: promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and growing local economies.

In light of all the terrorists acts taking place throughout our world, now more than ever Rotary needs our help to support those in need the most. With your support we can do even more. By making a gift of any size, you can be part of this positive change. If you'd like to make a donation please talk to me, your Foundation Chair, to figure out the best way that fits your budget. You can always make an online donation at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), but we'd prefer that you donate through our local club.



Merry Christmas, everyone!

### District Governor Louisa Visits Rotary Day at the United Nations

Two years ago Paul Grupp from the Central Vermont club visited Rotary Day at the UN and could not say enough good things about the day and the people he met. This year everything worked out to allow me to go to NYC on Nov 7 to participate in Rotary Day at the UN. "Rotary's relationship with the United Nations dates back to 1945 when some 49 Rotary members acted as delegates, advisors and consultants at the United Nations Charter Conference. Today, Rotary holds the highest consultative status possible with the United Nations as a non-governmental organization

There were so many interesting, well spoken, thoughtful people speaking and in attendance, that I was simply in awe. Those speaking to us throughout the day were clearly dedicated to issues and their resolutions and had taken on their work with an intelligence and commitment that cannot help but impress

I knew that people scavenged in dumps and landfills around the world for life's necessities including food, clothing and items to sell or trade. I did not know that people actually lived in some landfills and, more, that whole communities setup within the dumps including housing (such as it is). Dr. Walters from Maine visited Guatemala a few years back and was introduced to such a community where food, water, clothing, shelter and sanitation comes all from the dump.

This is where 13 year old girls have cardboard boxes for their newborn children (see picture on next page) and, because they have no "address", children cannot register for school. Deb Walters is currently working with "Safe Passage" ([www.safepassage.org](http://www.safepassage.org)) to help with education, sanitation, nutrition and vocational training. One way to help people is to give them a way to raise their own monies. Here women collect items from their "neighborhood", clean and paint them and make necklaces for sale as their business. You can see women wearing one of these in the picture be-



low. Deb is kayaking from Maine to Guatemala to raise awareness of this issue AND will be joining us at the April 2016 District Conference in Jay Peak! You will not want to miss this wonderful presentation.



I encourage everyone to try to attend the 2016 Rotary UN day!  
For more information click here: [Rotary Day at the UN](#)

Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy Hanukkah  
to all



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