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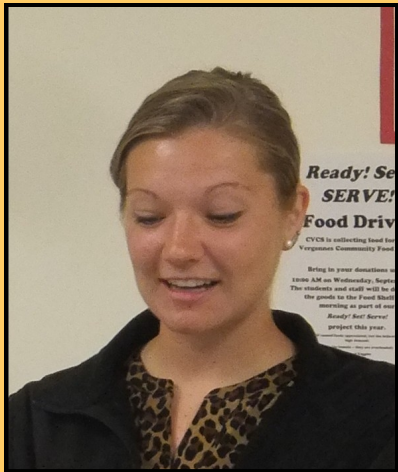


Rotary Club of Vergennes

October 1, 2013

Events

**Executive Board Meeting: Monday
October 14th at Sue's.
Halloween Party at Dick & Mary's
Friday October 18th.**



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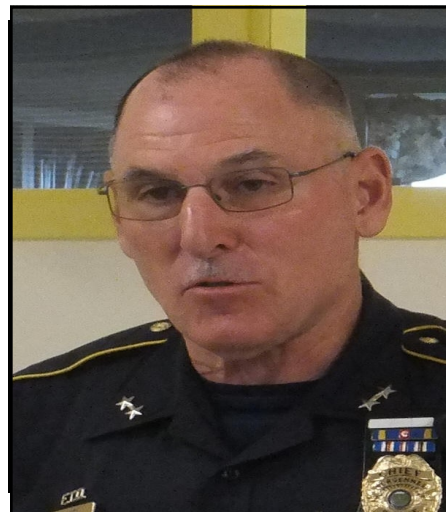
Lynn Donnelly Comm. Service

Lee Shorey New Generations

Jim Weening, CJ Hebert Public
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Today's Meeting

Today was a beautiful morning to hold our meeting. Apple cinnamon pancakes were on the menu and although fall is on the calendar, summer was in the air! Today we welcomed two high school students as guests. Phoebe Plank and Eric Eisenhower. We missed Tony our Prez this morning but past president Sue was comfortable back at the podium. Today was backward day for the agenda so both teachers and students could get to class. Therefore, Big Dog, Michael started us off with the prestigious National Life 'Life Changer of the Year' nomination that he and Cookie submitted nominating our own Lee Shorey. If you missed the meeting you should definitely ask Big Dog to send you the impressive nomination essay. We truly have a special person among our Club with Lee! She and VUHS have the potential of a \$3000 to \$7000 award if cho-

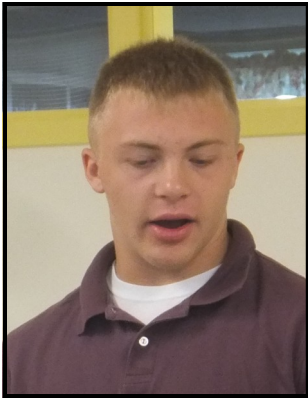


sen. Good Luck Lee!

Next Phoebe filled us in on the goings on at the high school. The Peace One Day event was very successful with lots of participation and peace themes. Next we heard about a very fun Home Coming weekend with a Super Hero theme. All classes built and float, they had a parade and drum line doing a cadence up through Main St. Then on Sat. the soccer teams each played. Fun! Finally, VUHS welcomes German Exchange Students this week for 12 days. Phoebe is excited to be a host. The Senior walk-a-thon is Oct 17th to benefit the Brian Frase Foundation which supports a rare muscular dysfunction that one of the students suffers from at VUHS so this is a walk from the heart for these students.

Next, to help introduce our morning's program, Chief Merkel gave us a Rotary Minute giving us a refresher course on the history and purpose of Rotary's RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards). He spoke that he works hand in hand with many of our local high school students who in his eyes absolutely demonstrate leadership skills especially through the Explorers program as well as the football program. Eric Eisenhower is one of those students that he is most proud and who shows those leadership skills. Thanks Chief for a great minute!

Next, Eric Eisenhower was introduced as one of the candidates that represented our Club at RYLA this year. Eric spoke about his June 17th



RYLA experience and how much fun it was to work together to accomplish tasks with the other H.S. participants. He learned that it is OK to be yourself and still be a great leader and that you have to learn about yourself first before leading others. Participants had to work together on a ropes

course and they had fun doing a Talent Show. Eric did a monologue for his talent. He was genuinely grateful for getting the opportunity to attend and thanked us all for sending him.

Once Lee and the kids left for school we continued with our backward meeting and wished our own Tim Vincent a very Happy Birthday. Of course he was sung to and many wishes were sent his way. He was celebrating a special birthday on Tuesday and very much appreciated the good wishes.

Happy Dollars followed as Fr. passed the bucket. Many dollars were dropped in for our own President Tony as he was under the knife about that time. I am pleased to tell you all that Elrick bear is helping Tony recover and they were both sitting on there front porch Wed. evening enjoying being home and the nice summer weather. We are looking forward to having Tony back at the helm next week. Lee was also a recipient of Happy Dollars for her nomination and all the great teaching she does at the H.S.

50/50 was drawn and the birthday boy won for the second week in a row with #4!

Announcements included the Halloween Party at Mary and Dick's house on Friday, October 18th. Snacks will be provided, BYO drink and if you are so inclined please come in costume. Mary always has great surprises for us. It is

a great evening so don't miss it. If you didn't sign up on the sheet passed around, it will go around again next week.

Our sponsors for Rubber Ducky Race are being thanked in the local newspaper as well as being posted on our website. Check it out.

In honor of the Baseball Play offs that start this week, Patty chose the song 'Take me out to the Ball Game' and we all sang it with great vigor!

No joke this week as Mac is touring the great US of A on his motorcycle. Everyone was reminded to vote for past jokes.

A second collection was taken for the Food Shelf, if you missed it, please give your donation to Mary directly.

The Club had a discussion about connecting with our school youths and their parents to get them involved with our Club projects. Then, maybe we will have future Rotarians.

Next board meeting is on Monday Oct. 14th at Sue's house.

Next Week: Tuesday Oct 8, 2013

Invocation: Jim Weening

Rotary Minute: Lynn Donnelly

Song: Cookie Step

Program: Scott Gaines

