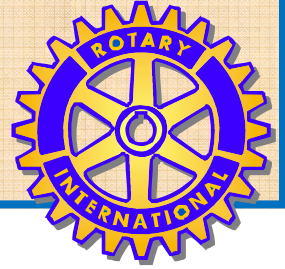


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Tuesday's Meeting

And another hot Tuesday morning at the Christian School. We were a little low on attendance but the membership energy was high.

Big Dog introduced guests Dave and Marilyn Hable who are new neighbors (prospective Rotarians perhaps?).

Tom could not be with us today since he was traveling to Boston for eye surgery but left word we should sing God Bless America.

Tim Vincent had the Rotary minute and talked about the successful fund raisers of other clubs.

Patty Paul mentioned possible dates of when we all can attend a Lake Monsters Baseball game. We decided on the 21st of August for this outing for club and family.

Our guest, Marilyn Hable won Happy Dollars and donated her winnings to Booked for Bikes.

The Rubber Ducky campaign is now in full swing with posters and tickets in hand, thanks to Jim Weening and Cookie Steponaitis. Jim also reported that 14 corporate ducks were sold. Just 82 to go. Now is the time to visit the local merchants and get that big duck commitment.

We also planned Wednesday evening to sort ducks at Walters Barn location. As of this writing Sue, Lynn, Mary, Faye, Tony and Walter completed that task and we determined that Patty will order an additional 200 ducks.

Tony mentioned that the club received the \$2,000 grant that Scott

Gaines, George Merkel and Paula Moore applied for to support the Boys and Girls Club Meal program. Thank you Scott, George and Paula.

Rob McNamara will attend the membership seminar on Saturday at the Dartmouth medical center.

The Program

Mike Donnelly had program this week which consisted of the actual history behind the American Flag and the National Anthem. Mike presented some history somewhat paraphrased from this wiki research;

During the War of 1812, Key, accompanied by the British Prisoner Exchange Agent Colonel John Stuart Skinner, dined aboard the British ship HMS Tonnant, as the guests of three British officers: Vice Admiral Alexander Cochrane, Rear Admiral George Cockburn, and Major General Robert Ross. Skinner and Key were there to negotiate the release of prisoners. Skinner and Key were not allowed to return to their own sloop because they had become familiar with the strength and position of the British units and with the British intent to attack Baltimore. As a result of this, Key was unable to do anything but watch the bombarding of the American forces at Fort McHenry during the Battle of Baltimore on the night of September 13-14, 1814.

At dawn, Key was able to see an American flag still waving and reported this to the prisoners below deck. On the way back to Baltimore, he was inspired to write a poem describing his experience, "Defense of Fort McHenry", which he published in the Patriot on September 20, 1814.

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He intended to fit it to the rhythms of composer John Stafford Smith's "To Anacreon in Heaven", a popular tune Key had already used as a setting for his 1805 song "When the Warrior Returns," celebrating U.S. heroes of the First Barbary War. (Key used the "star spangled" flag imagery in the earlier song.) It has become better known as "The Star Spangled Banner". Under this name, the song was adopted as the American national anthem, first by an Executive Order from President Woodrow Wilson in 1916 (which had little effect beyond requiring military bands to play it) and then by a Congressional resolution in 1931, signed by President Herbert Hoover.

Thank you Mike for this presentation.

I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become reality. I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."

--- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Announcements

All Ducks in Drink!

Tuesday July 23rd Agenda

Program - *Rob McNamara*
Minute - *Cookie Steponaitis*
Prayer - *JoAnne LaBerge*
Song - *Lynn Donnelly*

*Hope to see everyone at
Breakfast!*

