

The Maverick

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Rotary Club of Vergennes

August 13, 2013

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Vergennes Day
Rubber Ducky Race

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Club Picnic
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Vergennes, VT 05491

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Tuesday's Meeting

A little rainy this morning, 75 degrees and fairly comfortable in our club space. Another Tuesday with left overs since for the second week in a row, low attendance. I guess it is summer vacation time.

Our guest this morning was Carolyn Peterson, Director of Dairy Service for the State of Virginia and daughter of George Koplinka. Also present were Lars Hubbard and Charles Burkins of Appalachian Gap Distillery our guest speakers.

Walter Kuehn had song and chose "America" for the weekly vocal test.

George Gardner prepared his Rotary Minute and presented decisions made by the Council on Legislation. The council approved a \$1/year increase in per capita dues that clubs pay to Rotary International, starting in 2014-2015. This increase should reduce the deficit by \$4 million by 2018 according to the forecast. At this time official recognition will not be given to EarlyAct, KidAct and ElderAct based on the councils position. They did however approve resolutions to consider allowing grandchildren of Rotarians to be eligible for Rotary Foundation programs, and to waive the rules for Rotary grants so that family members of Rotarians affected by a natural disaster would be eligible.

Tim Vincent won Happy Dollars and donated his winnings to Booked for Bikes. This baseball season has been a major topic for Happy Dollars as of late.

The Weekly Program

Lynn Donnelly had the program this week and introduced Lars Hubbard and Charles Burkins of Appalachian Gap Distillery, Inc. Lars presented his background has a Chef and Economist and Chuck as a Biochemist turned computer programmer and have partnered since college on various business ventures. Lars mentioned his passion for Whiskey as the incentive for this latest venture.

"(Whiskey distilling) is like the microbrewery growth that happened in the 1980s," Lars said. He said an increasing number of entrepreneurs are taking on the big whiskey manufacturers. "They are popping up all over the place," he said.

Lars is currently waiting for the equipment to arrive for the 88 Mainelli Road Headquarters in Middlebury which also houses Champlain Valley Creamery. Lars plan calls for the acquisition of the raw products — corn and barley — from local farmers. Appalachian Gap Distillery will make a mash out of those ingredients, a process through which they are steeped in hot water. This activates the malt enzymes and converts the grain starches into fermentable sugars. That substance is then fermented, distilled, aged and bottled..From the Addison County Independent.

The product would consist of "white" and aged whiskeys. Also mentioned was a partnership with the Vermont Coffee Co. and making of Coffee Brandy.

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Actions/Announcements

 Patty is there a ballgame we all are going to on Wednesday the 21st?

 For those who have signed up for big ducks sales, please complete the sale and update the list with Jim.

 Mike Donnelly will arrange the race logistics with the Fire Department.

 Mike and Rob responsible for the boats and the running of the race.

 Sue will organize the cleanup of the old ducks and numbering them. This should complete the 1500 required for the race.

 Our District Governor will be present and also the program for the 27th of August. I would hope all Mavericks would be in attendance for this meeting.

"Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate."

- Albert Schweitzer



Tuesday August 20th

Agenda

Program - *Kalvin Jay*

Minute - *Tom Heeter*

Prayer - *Tony Panella*

Song - *JoAnne LaBerge*

*Hope to see everyone at
Breakfast!*

