

The Maverick

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Rotary Club of Vergennes

August 27, 2013

Events

Tuesday September 10, 2013

Club Picnic

At Lynn & Mike Donnelly's Home

Online

www.Rotary7850.org - District Site

www.Rotary.org - RI web site

www.VergennesRotary.org - us

Rotary Club of Vergennes

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Officers for 2013-2014:

Anthony Panella - President

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Robert McNamara

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Lynn Jackson-Donnelly

Scott Gaines

Sergeant-at-Arms:

Father Yvon Royer

Tuesday's Meeting

A hot and humid 70 degree morning welcomed the District Governor who was second to Walter to arrive in-house. Attendance is still gradually increasing with fifteen Mavericks present this fine day.

Our guests this morning were District Governor Stephen Dates and wife Elaine, Assistant Governor Eric Denu, Uncle Rene from Sarasota, FL and of course Sophie.

Mary chose "Let There be Peace on Earth" for the morning choral exercise. The minute taker said it was sung fairly well.

Rotary Minute

Rob Mac presented his Rotary Minute on the status of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation have extended the fundraising partnership that will introduce millions of new dollars into the campaign. The Gates Foundation will provide a two-to-one match for every new dollar that Rotary commits to polio eradication, up to \$35 million a year through 2018. (ref: Rotarian Insider).

Rubber Duck Event Review

Congratulations to all the Mavericks who made this event successful. The winners were;

1st place – Boys and Girls Club

2nd place – Ann Lynes

3rd place – Evan Ambrose

Corporate Duck - Hall Communications

We still have 11 big ducks to collect and a celebration to plan. Thank you so much for a job more than well done.

Happy Dollars

Father collected our humor dollars and we all learned about a possible conspiracy relative to the side race that consisted of a Yankee Duck and a Red

Sox Duck. It was revealed that the big ducks for this side challenge were both labeled Yankees. There are pictures of the Chief holding the big ducks in question before the race, but they were identified as a Yankee and a Red Sox. So the question remains, at what point were the labels changed and by who?

Yearbook Update

Please make sure you get with Tom Heeter to complete your profile in the yearbook. He has a preliminary copy prepared and asked you to review and make necessary changes. He also mentioned if you want a new picture, please make an appointment with him in order to complete your part in the book. The yearbook has proved to be a valuable member information resource.

The Weekly Program

The program this week was District Governor Stephen Dates who first presented Sue Burdick with a Governors Membership award for increased membership in 2012.

He then provided information for the district supported Concert for Lac Megantic. District 7850 is sponsoring a concert with proceeds to benefit the victims of the train explosion in Lac Megantic, Quebec. This concert will be held at Saint Michael's College on Tuesday September 24th at 7pm. Performing will be Italian Rotarians; Pietro Tagliaferri, *Clarinet* and Francesco Attesti, *Piano*. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$15 children/students and are available via Flyntix, www.flyntix.org or 802-863-5966.

Steve then proceeded to speak on his background, originally from New Jersey went to UVM where he

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earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. He worked for a small firm in Burlington before spending 30 years at IBM. Steve joined the Charlotte/Shelburne Rotary Club in 1999. His wife Elaine also a UVM student with a masters from Middlebury College was a Latin teacher and they have been married



for 30 years. He then proceeded to talk about the RI theme for this year "Engage Rotary—Change Lives". Membership world wide has been pretty flat for 10

years. One of the reasons for new members to leave was they did not feel engaged. He talked engaging new members to work as a group to identify new community service projects. Give the team a budget and if not sufficient, plan a fund raiser to fund the project.

In district 7850, the last 5 years has shown a growth of 10 new members. In 2012 the district added a new club in Canada. This year the district re-charted a club in Ossipee, NH. The 7850 challenge to all clubs in the district is to add 1 new member.

The annual district conference will be held in Burlington at the Hilton Hotel April 24-27, 2014.



Sue receiving her Membership Award.

"Never allow a person to tell you no who doesn't have the power to say yes."

- Eleanor Roosevelt



Scott displaying the District Grant Check to support the Boys and Girls Club

Actions/Announcements

King George had an hilarious entry to the monthly joke-a-thon of which just two out of a possible 15 Rotarians voted. What's up with that?

Thanks for the pictures for the newsletter, Mac.

Club picnic at the Donnelly's next Tuesday the 10th, which means no morning meeting.

If you have program coming up and don't have an entry at this time, we have some waiting in the wings. Let us know so we can supply you the information.

Tuesday September 3rd Agenda

Program - **George Koplinka**

Minute - **Mary McKinnon**

Prayer - **Patty Paul**

Song - **Rob McNamara**

Humor - **Not This Week**

***Hope to see everyone at
Breakfast!***

