



Greene Rotary Newsletter

Old Mill Diner
Wednesday @ 12:05 pm

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Members Present last week 08/13/2008: _____

Jim Saroka, Bob Sternberg, Debra Eggleston, Fibber Magee, Sherry Guiles, Jeff Henry, Nancy Kemmeter, Cindy Ferguson,

Guests: D. G. Lana Rouff, Betty Casey, Sally Magee

Important Dates To Remember

- Aug 23, 2008 - Berean Bible Church Concert
- Sept 1, 2008 - Labor Day Picnic
- Sept 18, 2008 - Groton Rotary 70th Anniversary Celebration
- Sept 19, 2008 - Annual Golf Outing
- October Vocational Service Month
- Oct 18, 2008 Membership and Foundation Seminar
- October 30, 2008 - Foundation Dinner
- November Rotary Foundation Month
- Nov. 8, 2008 - Rotary Day at the United Nations Headquarters
- Dec 2008 Elect Club President and Secretary
- Dec 31, 2008 - 2008 Deadline to report new slate to RI

Last Week's Program:

District Governor Lana Rouff made the annual D.G. Visit to Green Rotary on Wednesday. Lana met with the board prior to the regular meeting. She reviewed our accomplishments and made some suggestions for improvements.

The areas of concern Programs, Membership, Foundation Support which were no surprise's. We have been struggling with these issues for some time.

Lana's presentation to the membership included a situation that is near & dear to her heart which made her realize the need for World Community Service.

A number of years ago Lana was volunteering as a mentor with the Roosevelt school where the majority of students are on the meal subsidy plan. Lana was mentoring a girl from Sudan, whose life amounted to beating after beating for a period of time. Suddenly the girl dropped out of school and disappeared from the area. After the child's disappearance, Lana hoped to locate this child and her and possibly give a better way of life.

At an RI Convention Lana met a Rotarian from Sudan. She shared the details of this girls life as well as her hopes of locating the young girl. The Sudanese Rotarian promised to try locate her in Sudan. After months of searching, he reported back that he was unable to locate her.

After the floods hit the Binghamton Area in 2006, the Sudanese Rotarian heard about the floods and contacted Lana to see if help was needed. Lana was touched to see that those that are in great need in a third world country, were ready to offer assistance to our community.

It is this brotherhood we have in Rotary that makes it such a great organization.

Lana also touched the need for us to support the Polio Plus Program. She would like to see Polio disappear from the earth, so that the word can be removed from the dictionary. Lana left us with a large jar to collect our loose change at our meetings. Please be prepared to empty your pockets of loose change each week.

Prior to Lana's visit, she had requested

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that we donate to one of the Foundation Programs in lieu of any gifts of appreciation. I presented Lana with a check for \$25.00 for the Polio Plus Program.

2008 Barbecue

The 2008 Barbecue is now history, on Friday Evening Aug 15th, Sally & I hosted the Greene Rotary Barbecue at our home. The following is a list of members and guests that attended: Jeff & Chris Henry, Eric Henry, Jim Saroka, Debbie & Joe Eggleston, Bill &



Carol Reid, Paula & Andy Estabrook, Cindy Ferguson, Sherry & Neil Guiles,

There was an abundance of food & liquid refreshments and deserts. The weather cooperated so that we could have outdoor barbecue and we were able to set up the telescope for a short astronomy session. A good time was had by those who attended.

Berean Bible Church Concert:

Our next event is the Concert at Berean Bible Church on Aug 23rd We will be supporting the Interact Club in selling Popcorn for this event. Jim reported that Charlie Dietrich is supplying the canopy. The popcorn Machine has been reserved. We need members to volunteer to support the Interact Club.

Labor Day Picnic:

We also need volunteers for the Labor Day Picnic on September 1, 2008 Again we will be backing up the Greene High School Interact Club. Jim has ordered and received the prizes for this event.

Annual Golf Outing

Jim Saroka is working on the paperwork for the upcoming golf outing. It should be ready to circulate through out the community shortly.

Interact

Matt Butler - Guidance Counselor for Greene High School is the new Interact Faculty Advisor.

Rotary International News - 15 August 2008

UN secretary-general to attend

2008 Rotary-UN Day

Rotary members and their guests are invited to attend a landmark Rotary Day at the United Nations on 8 November in New York City, USA. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is slated to give a special presentation at the annual event.

The meeting, scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at UN Headquarters, will include presentations and panel discussions addressing key humanitarian issues such as water, health, literacy, and hunger. Registration forms are due 24 October.

In addition to Secretary-General Ban, other key presenters will include UN senior officials, representatives from key non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and Rotary International leaders. The day-long event is sponsored each year by the RI Representatives to the United Nations in New York.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday :

Aug 22 - John Pilkington

He Profit's most who serves best!