



Greene Rotary Newsletter

Old Mill Diner

Wednesday @ 12:05 pm

September 3, 2008

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Members Present last week 09/03/2008: _____

Sherry Guiles, Jeff Henry, Bob Sternbergh, Jim Saroka, Cindy Ferguson, Fibber Magee

Make-ups Jeff Henry District Interact Conference Meeting
Guests: Sally Magee

Important Dates To Remember

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

September starts another busy month for Greene Rotary.

We start the month off by manning the booth at the Labor Day Picnic followed by the meals on wheels Monday, Wednesday & Fridays for the month of September. We also undertake our only major fund raiser, the annual golf outing on September 19th.

Last Week's Meeting:

Even though we had no formal agenda much was accomplished.

Meals On Wheels:

We officially started our month of delivering meals provided by Meals on Wheels. Jim & Nonie started on Wednesday. Sally Cindy & I will cover Friday 9/5/08.

We need coverage for 9/ 8, 9/10, 9/12, 9/15, 9/17, 9/19, 9/22, 9/24, 9/26, 9/29, and 9/30.

Sally & Cindy will take 9/10,.

Remember this is a Green Rotary Function. It is considered a make up.

Please contact Jim & Nonie Saroka to arrange for your day to serve.

Unfinished business:

I finally managed to have Jeff's Past President



Plaque and Jeff in the same place. At the same time. Needless to say this presentation was long over due.

Many thanks to Past Pres. Jeff for his two years of devoted service as president.



Board Meeting:

We will have a board meeting Monday Evening 9/8/08 at our house 145 Jackson Hill Rd 6:00 P.M.

Annual Golf Outing

Bob Sternbergh reported on his progress in obtaining door prizes and award gifts. Presently Jim has one foursome signed up.

Interact

The Green High School Interact Club Interact club did an excellent job in manning the baseball booth at the Labor Day Picnic.

Many thanks to Matt Butler for his efforts and guidance with club members.

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I take this opportunity to recognize all of the Interact Students for their dedication in serving the community. They are: ALEXANDER VIGLUCCI, JENNIFER BURROWS, ALYSON GYURIK, JON COX, EMILY HERMANOVITCH, MARK DAY, MEGAN MCDERMOTT, BECCA CONNOR, MARK MCDERNOTT, MAUREEN MCDERMOTT,

EVAN MOXLEY, ETHAN DAY, BRIAN REID.



Past Pres Jeff reported on the Interact Conference Meeting that he attended in Dryden. This affair is planned for March 7, 2009 at the Tompkins Cortland

Community College. The next meeting is scheduled for Oct 7, 2008 at the same location.

Polio survivor cycles across Canada to fight polio

By Dan Nixon
Rotary International News - 3 September 2008

"I am reminded of the effects of polio every day of my life," says Ramesh Ferris, who is cycling 7,200 kilometers (4,474 miles) across Canada to ensure that children worldwide are able to walk.



The 28-year-old polio survivor is riding a 27-speed hand cycle on a journey that began in Victoria, British Columbia, on 12 April. He plans to arrive in Cape Spear, Newfoundland, in mid-October.

"Cycle to Walk is my way to prevent polio and give other polio survivors a chance to reach their full potential," said Ferris. He is promoting

polio eradication at schools, Rotary, and other service clubs, health care providers, and government offices.

Among other highlights, Ferris has cycled through Fraser Canyon, the Canadian Rockies, and Jasper National Park, on the Terry Fox Courage Highway, and across the town of Sudbury's

Bridge of Nations. He has stopped to address District 5550's annual conference, joined Sault Sainte Marie's Rotaryfest parade, and been honored by the Toronto Blue Jays on Cycle to Walk night, in front of more than 23,000 baseball fans.

On 12 August, Ferris met with Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Ottawa. "Our visit today helps demonstrate that Canada will continue to be a global leader in the fight against history's greatest cause of disability," Ferris said.

A day earlier, Ferris was welcomed to the nation's capital by Liberal Party leader Stéphane Dion. "It's a wonderful initiative," Dion said of the global battle to end polio. "It requires a lot of courage and determination. Everything we are able to do, we will do."

Personal battle

For his part in that battle, Ferris has had to draw deeply on his own determination many times. Born in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India, in 1979, he was stricken by polio at the age of six months. He was adopted by Canadian parents at age two and, following several surgeries and physical rehabilitation, learned to walk with crutches by age four. But polio also afflicted his lungs, and he contracted pneumonia nine times before his 11th birthday.

A visit to India in 2002 and seeing others suffering from polio inspired Ferris to found the Cycle to Walk Society, which raises money to fight polio and boosts public awareness of the disease. His goal in cycling across Canada is to raise C\$1 million (US\$955,082); as of 15 August, contributions had reached C\$279,148 (US\$266,609). Of the total, 75 percent will go to Polio Plus to immunize children in polio-endemic and at-risk countries, 20 percent to aid rehabilitation, and 5 percent to help educate Canadians about the disease and advocate their continued immunization.

"We are on the brink of making history," he said about the global effort to eradicate polio. "Let's get excited about making polio history, so that we can continue the work of ridding the world of other diseases."

To follow Ferris's journey, read his blog at www.cycletowalk.com.

If Ferris has plans on raising nearly 1 million Dollars, we can certainly help with our pennies for Polio Campaign.

Plan on having loose change for the Pennies for Polio Jar at each meeting.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

No Birthdays or Anniversaries this week

He Profit's most who serves best!