

Rotary Club of North Conway – Rotogram

Thursday, April 05, 2018

Leslie Leonard opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Patriotic Song was led by: Charles Taylor – America the Beautiful

Prayer led by: Carolyn Brown

We had 18 members and 4 guests

Guests: Guy Lopez-ADG, George Cleveland, Bailey Infinger, Kaitlyn Young

Updates:

Steve Jones reminded the group we have just 4 weeks to sell RRR tickets. We have 45 sold and need to sell 154 more. SELL, SELL, SELL – We also need to have at least 30 donated prizes or cash. SELL, SELL SELL.

Roy passed around a sign up sheet for club members to buy Kiwanis Passport Coupon booklets.

Thank you's were received from Ability Plus, WM Aquatic Center and the Hannes Schneider Meister Cup for sponsorships.

Bob Young let the group know that Sherri will not be able to step into the VP role in June so we need a new nomination for that position. Please put your thinking caps on and Bob will be calling to tap your for leadership. Other options are Co-VP's. We don't want to wing it at the last minute.

Kelly updated the group on the following service opportunities – contact Kelly with interest:

1. Women's Build – Lowes Training. The build day is May 12<sup>th</sup>
2. Track, Division II: May 26<sup>th</sup> – work concession stand
3. Storyland Event: May 18<sup>th</sup>

District Training is coming up on April 14<sup>th</sup>. We must send a representative if we want to apply for a grant. All officers and anyone else interested in learning more about Rotary should attend this training. It is very informative. Held in Lyndonville Vermont.

The Multi-District Conference is on May 4 – 6, at the Mt. Washington Hotel. Check out the district website for details. They need volunteers and our club is close so should be considering it. If you volunteer, you do get a credit toward the cost of the conference.

Guy Lopez, ADG, updated us on ideas and initiatives being considered by Rotary to enhance club presence and performance. More to come as initiatives roll out.

Kelly, Shauna and Bob attended Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) this past weekend. All three really enjoyed it. Club members are strongly encouraged to participate in this wonderful resource.

A BIG THANK YOU to Jim Umberger, Carolyn Brown, Chuck Taylor and Bob Young who set up for our meeting today.

A BIGGER THANK YOU to Carolyn Brown for the wonderful breakfast. Jim commented about how lucky we are to know Carolyn and have her in our club. Everyone agreed with Jim. 😊

Guest speaker – George Cleveland, Executive Director for the Gibson Center for Senior Services:

George updated the group on some stats – Opened in 1979 in the basement of the Memorial Hospital and now, from it's own location, serves 55,000 meals a year including Meals on Wheels, Offers Transportation to Sr's five days a week throughout the valley, and has programs from Death to Dating in an effort to engage the senior community.

The Gibson BOD wants the center to be thought of as a fun and vibrant place to be. Too often "senior" is depicted with a person using a walker and we all know that here in the valley, that is just not a good descriptor. They are working to address what "old" is and what "old" means. The thought is to redefine the Silver Tsunami and be more things to more people. George noted that many daily visitors have more energy than some 30 year olds and we have to find a way to be proud of aging.

George thanked the club for being so generous to the Gibson Center over the years. They are now a \$1MM business. The Center will have its May Fest at Abenaki Pub on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$25 each. Leslie, Jim and Carolyn are all selling tickets.

Happy / Sad \$\$

Alan: Enjoyed a visit with his Ex-sister in-law but didn't get to see his brother. Had a wonderful visit to DC and told a memorable story about the battery dying on his wife's scooter in the middle of a four lane roadway. All survived to tell the tale. They then took a cruise on the Potomac, visited Mt. Airy in Pa. Only downside, missed the cherry blossoms. Next time.

Bill K: Happy for his trip to Portland where he used an UBER for the first time. He met with guidance at Kennett and the RYLA requests are going out to the top 40 students in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Applications are due back in the next two weeks. Sad - Today was opening Day for the Red Sox and the Masters – Why is this not a National Holiday????

Steve J: Gave \$\$ for all the Rotarians who went to Mineral Springs this morning. LOL Maple season is all wrapped up and he made 5 gallons of syrup. He wants to do it again next year but even bigger. It's an addiction.

Charles T: Agrees with Bill that today should be a national holiday! He is happy to report his implants are in and doing fine. He has Bell Choir tonight and is having a visit from his son for dinner. Gooo Red Sox.

Carolyn: Kiwanis dinner was awesome. Her Grandson's Robotics team made national news and her grandson was the spokesperson who was actually interviewed on the news for the team. See WMUR to watch video. Her daughter's birthday is today, Rotary Park is melting and she removed the ratty flags and will get new ones.

Evelyn: Was so pleased to see Carolyn's grandson on TV. Happy for a nice trip to Florida.

Guy L: Celebrated skiing 50 days this season and now it's time to get the golf clubs out.

Ryan: Happy for the snow melt and the leaves coming out.

Sherri: Proud owner of 10% of the old Journey church. She looks forward to increasing that ownership as she pays the bank. The rehab is in motion and her father is hitting town today to help with that. He is a workhorse and a great example for all. Thanked Evelyn for doing the Rotogram this week and gave a dollar for people older than her. Gibson Center is a GREAT social outlet in our valley. She sees how it helps people.

Shauna: congrats to Sherri and to Carolyn. RLI was awesome. Will try to go to Lyndonville on the 14<sup>th</sup> and volunteer at the Mt. Washington. She has a clean bill of health now and can finally make plans for a vacation. The club was thrilled for her.

Roy L: Happy for Red Sox opening day, his daughter is attending the game (lucky girl) and happy about the Villanova game and their basketball win.

Jim U: Karen's picture was in the paper in a Keno article. Jim asks, Can Rotary use keno? He is ready to use his lawn mower and gave a huge happy dollar for Carolyn because we can always depend on her.

John E: Great club happy dollar.

Brian S: Congrats to Sherri and nice to see George.

Nate: Happy for Bailey to join him and took the family to the Celtics game this weekend. The goal was to get on the Jumbo Tron and it was a success. They were on within the first two minutes of the game. Sounds like some bunny ears helped to get the cameras attention. Nate then shared that the truck that was rammed on the Conway, Rt. 16 Bridge during the high speed car chase was HIS! At first he thought he would help and park the truck to block the road. Once the crazy driver started ramming his truck (while Conway PD all had their guns drawn) he thought better of it and drove off. Nate says he went from Hero to Zero quickly. The club says he was smart to get out of harm's way. So thankful he was not hurt but he is getting lots of ribbing from his family and friends.

Kelly: Thanked Nate for kind words. Gave a sad \$ for her father who has pneumonia and a sad \$ because Jess had to back out of her fencing competition in Tennessee due to illness.

Leslie: Gave \$ with no stories because it was 8:40.

Reminder that the meeting is at Mineral Springs next week.

Meeting adjourned – 8:42.

Respectfully submitted: E. Whelton

**District Governor Elect Larry Vars needs you! Needs you to attend the District Assembly on Saturday April 14th at Lyndon State College.**

**He wants to inspire you!      He wants you to be the Inspiration!**

**He has a message you need to hear!**

**He wants to Ignite your Passion!!!**

**1) President Elects: Larry has a plan how you can inspire your club, how you can make your club vibrant and irresistible!**

**2) Club Officers: Larry wants to give you the tools for you to succeed and make your role and position easier to perform.**

**3) Rotarians at large: Larry wants you to bring your ideas, your passion, your expertise, and share how we can make a difference in our world, and even in ourselves!**

**Speech Contest: Larry wants to invite you to see our youth compete and perform in our Annual speech contest. This will inspire us all!!**

**Grants: Come get refreshed! Learn about grants, Larry wants you to engage your members through grants, engage your club and show what "Service above Self" means!**

**Fellowship: Larry wants you to come enjoy each other in Rotary fellowship, we can inspire each other, talk and collaborate with one another. Make new friends as we do our Rotary work in serving humanity!**

**How to sign up: Larry says Go to [www.Rotary7850.org](http://www.Rotary7850.org) Clic on the April 14th**

District

Assembly!

**Register today!!!**