

THE GATEWAY GAZETTE



The Rotary Club of Wiarton

District 6330 Chartered 1938
Dinner Meetings –6 P.M. Thursdays
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 208

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Mike McMillan Suggested that any questions or thoughts about the suggested Village Fair changes during our mealtime, as we had a full schedule this evening. Many thoughts and ideas were discussed, and questions clarified. There will be an electronic vote to accept the changes as circulated prior to tonight's meeting before next week's meeting, and for those not computer friendly a paper version will be available at next week's meeting.

The electronic version will be completely anonymous so no one will know how members voted.

Birthday for this week was Cris Bouillon

Eric Robinson finally admitted that George Clooney was dead. How long, nobody knows. Did you pay a fine Eric?

Ella paid a happy buck for being taken to the Nutcracker Ballet

Donna Stewart paid a happy buck as her grandson who had sleep apnea seems after treatment, to be now able to sleep through the night.

Ashley's nephew who was hit by a drunk driver seems to now be recovered. Good news Ashley, and thanks for the buck.

A happy Buck from Trevor for his interact students who despite the poor weather turned up to give the paintings to Gateway residents and hand out some Christmas cheer.

Randy Curran was our speaker this evening and he talked about what it was like to be a player's Agent. First he stressed there are many rules that agents must know and follow when negotiating a contract. In 1966 when Bobby Orr was approached he had to negotiate his salary himself, moving to lawyers representing players to now very knowledgeable player agents. Agents only get paid if their client is signed on and then they receive 2 to 5 percent of that amount as wages.

Attendance: 24 plus Ella

Guests: Ella's host dad Bob Vaillancourt

Birthdays:

Jan 16 Ruthann Carson
17 Brenda McMillan
22 Eric Robinson

Anniversaries:

15 Linda and Mark Ebel

Upcoming Meetings:

January 16 – Fun Night (cards)

January 23rd- Legion- Elizabeth Thorn from the Bruce Peninsula Bio Sphere Association

January 30- Anna Forest (talking about her Rotary exchange trip to Chilie)

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Rick Curran, Randy's Brother is now the most experienced and longest acting player Agent to date.

He talked about what a good and Effective agent was, and the ethics involved. Not only to agents help negotiate salary but they emotionally are there for players at the bad times too for example when bad timing happens or the end of the season changes players and officers around for a new strange situation for a budding player.

This was a very interesting talk with many known names being mentioned.

Thanks Randy

Mike McMillan also asked for Club Members to step forward and champion these potential projects:

Water Bottle Refill Stations for Bluewater Park

Install Retractable Enclosure for picnic shelter

Upgrade the Low Ground Areas

Benevity Causes as proposed by Debbie from the RBC (possible donations to the club)

If interested in one of these projects talk to Mike McMillan

50/50 draw won by Joanne Veerman



Holden Quan

Monthly Report #4

Happy New Year from Spain!

Hello again Wiarton! Things have slowed down a bit and not much has happened since my last report. For my Christmas time in Spain, I visited more of my host family at host grandma's house and I got to make Paella and eat a lot of traditional Valencian foods. I have also spent more time with my Spanish school friends here, seeing more of the city.

Although it never really felt like Christmas for me, the Christmas spirit in the city was lighting up! Streets covered with decorations and people everywhere shopping for gifts and eating at restaurants. The lack of snow is very strange to me, but I enjoy not being home to shovel the driveway everyday!

Back in October my mother sent me a package containing maple syrup and candies, Toronto firefighter hats from my dad, gifts and other things I need for exchange...and I had to wait over 2 months to get it! But thankfully it came just in time for Christmas. It was nice to receive things from home! My host family and exchange friends have tried the maple syrup and candies and they really enjoy it! We made Maple French Toast with chocolate, Maple infused Crepes and I attempted to make Butter tarts...which turned more into muffins.

Now, I am waiting for information regarding my first Rotary trip in February, which is the Tour of Spain, where I will be visiting several cities (including my own!) and I am very excited.

