



THE GATEWAY GAZETTE



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The Rotary Club of Warton

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

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President Mike greeted everyone as they joined the group. We enjoyed a 20 minute social time before the meeting started. President Mike introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Meagan Grundman, who was our outbound Rotary Youth Exchange Student (Germany) during the year 2018/2019. Meagan’s first host family, the Gahmigs, live in a town of Bad Homburg. It is a relatively small town of 50,000 located fairly close to Frankfurt, in Rotary District 1820. Meagan was part of a group of 27 international exchange students from 9 different countries that District 1820 hosted. After arriving Meagan had a small vacation with her new host family on the island of Baltrum before being sent off to two weeks of rather intense language camp. Following that she attended Humboldtschule Gymnasium (High School) where she, in addition to making many friends, also played in the orchestra and participated in 5 different dance groups. During her Fall Holliday Meagan traveled with her host family to Dresden and Berlin, where she met some of her relatives and saw where her grandmother lived (just outside of Berlin). During the Christmas break her host family took her on a 1 week ski vacation in Italy. When Meagan returned from Italy she was introduced to her second host family, the Willis’s, who promptly took her on a two week ski vacation in Switzerland...good thing Meagan loves skiing. The Willis family was from Switzerland originally and spoke Swiss German, which is quite different than the High German Meagan had been learning to this point. During the spring Carnival Festival Meagan was fortunate to have the opportunity to celebrate in Cologne. The highlight travel tour was the Eurotour that Rotary sponsored in April of 2019. Over 3 ½ weeks Meagan and the other exchange students traveled to 10 different European countries during a 6,500 km bus tour. Highlights of the tour included Paris (2 days before the Notre Dame fire), Rome, Barcelona, the Vatican (for Easter), Venice (during the flood), Budapest and Prague. Shortly before she returned to Canada Meagan was chosen to be the flagbearer (for Turkey) at the Rotary International Conference in Hamburg. It was pleasant to see how Meagan experienced everything she could during her time in Germany. She thanked the Club for the opportunity to go on an exchange and President Mike thanked her for her presentation.

Attendance: 16 Rotarians

Guests: Meagan Grundman

Birthdays:

June 3 Al Leeder
12 Ron Balsdon
16 John Foris
26 Holly Hathaway
29 David Dean
29 Sheila Gatis

Anniversaries:

20 Bill and Mary Lou McKenzie
28 Al and Shirley Leeder

Upcoming Meetings:

All meetings are cancelled till further notice
Next Zoom meeting June
Zoom District Conference June 13
Zoom International Conference June 20

Next Zoom meeting,

OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE 2019-20

PRESIDENT	Mike McMillan
PAST PRESIDENT	Mike Mason
PRESIDENT ELECT	Gay Ratcliffe
SECRETARY (Executive)	Gay Ratcliffe
SECRETARY (Recording)	Donna Stewart
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SERVICE PROJECTS	Kathryn Christie
MEMBERSHIP	Gay Ratcliffe
FOUNDATION	Trevor Hathaway
PUBLIC IMAGE	Pat Cavan
FUNDRAISING	Eric Robinson

Bob Carson and Pat informed the club of possible fundraiser projects they are working on. Internet Euchre and/or Bridge tournament. Bob and Pat received positive feedback for the internet Trivia contest May 23 (\$1,700 was raised). A number of possible repeat dates and various pricing schedules were discussed. In the end, it was left up to the committee to make the final decisions as to dates and prices. Thornbury and Hanover Rotary Clubs have also inquired into our interest in running a Trivia night for them.

Kathy Christie is requesting that club members respond to emails regarding interest in the proposed Paul Harris Zoom night. Dinner will be prepared (for reheating) by the Green Door for \$20-22/plate. A spreadsheet will be emailed out to sign up ...so watch for it. Kathy also encouraged us to support the Bruce Peninsula Association for Community Living Fundraiser by purchasing their tickets – see Gay's email from May 27th.

Marathon Session ended at 8:30PM

Exhausted Scribber:RB

Note:

I need someone to take notes and report on our June meetings. This is a good way for someone who has not done it in the past to step up. You have my email address.