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ATTENDANCE: 25 of 49 (51%)

Guests/Visiting Rotarians

District Governor Ernestine Luise; Assistant District Governor Phoebe Leask; Prakash Saxsenia, grandfather of Purvi who is spearheading Project Ashja.

Announcements

1. President Bill announced that Luis Garcia from Vision Consultants will be inducted as a member next Friday.
2. Ray DiGiorgio said the Amber Alert program is now up and running and there will be a test day Saturday, August 11th. We will also have Amber Alert at the Carnival and Ray asked members to sign up to help with that.
3. Victor Tenor asked members to please sign up for the annual carnival which will be held September 7 – 9 at the Gilbert and Bennett school property up near Georgetown. Since the location has moved, publicity will be key – we will run ads in the papers, on the radio, and place lots of posters – please take some and place them wherever you can.
4. Rob Barlow said he spoke with Ben Patt and Bill Mitchell recently. Bill is suffering from pancreatic cancer and is still undergoing chemo.
5. President Bill mentioned that Karen Strickland has been approached by a Wilton student who wants to participate in the Youth Exchange for 2008-09. In order to do this, we need host families for the youth who would come here – please let Karen know if you can accommodate a student for a few months next year.
6. President Bill noted that the grant study committee and the fundraising study committee are still working on their respective reports.

Fun & Fines

Pam recently went to the Westy's Storage Grand Opening and says she may sell her condo and move into the storage facility because it was so nice! Randy only had \$2 left after poker night but he happily placed them into the pot! Judy decided the best way to get a new car was to crash the old one and she announced that she had indeed purchased herself a new car! Bill G left his daughter at Purdue University (one assumes to study!) and Mark was about to get his daughter from camp and send his son off to school. Charles is off for the next few weeks while he continues his professional tennis spectating career!

Program

ADG Phoebe Leask introduced the DG Ernie Luise. DG Ernie is a member of TEAM, the Boys & Girls Club Board, United Way, VAC, she is a recipient of the Joseph Pagliaro Award, the Sharon Bryce Award, and the Chamber of Commerce Gold Seal award. She is a member of the Derby/Shelton Rotary Club.

DG Ernie updated us on all the events we can participate in as members of the district. May 16-18th 2008 will be the District Conference at the Thayer Hotel in West Point – because housing is limited you may wish to reserve your space now. The foundation dinner will be November 7th at County House in East Haven. The big project for the current Rotary president is biosand filters in India - \$25 will build a bio sand filter for a family for a year. President Bill will remember to bring in the bio sand model which can be used to collect donations for this project. There's lots going on and I suggest you take a look at the district website which is www.rotary7980.org. DG Ernie closed out her presentation with an inspirational poem of all that Rotary does.

Next meeting Friday August 24th.

See you at the SilvermineStephanie