

Meeting Notes 05/01/2007

The flag of Peru enjoyed a place of prominence as members arrived for this morning's meeting and it boded well for an exciting meeting. President Darhyl Ramsey called us to order at 7:15 and we stood to the sound of the Peruvian National Anthem. Our special guests today, the GSE Team from Peru proved to be good singers as they sang the lyrics to their National Anthem. One wag wondered if we could have done as well with our own National Anthem.

President Darhyl turned the meeting over to Vice-President Tim Ferris, who called on Ralph Wiley to lead us in the pledge to the Flag, John Blackall in the 4-Way Test, and Charles King in the Rotary Invocation.

Bob Leith introduced Carolyn Ishee and Steve Corbin from the Noon Club, Shelley Alexander, John's lovely wife, and Russ Madden, who introduced Rev. Matt Gaston, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church, charged with trying to keep Russ in line at Sunday services. If he can just get past Russ, Matt may consider joining us on a permanent basis. Sure would help to have another clergy person in the Club to offset the present membership.

Bob introduced Frank Mayhew of the Denton Lions Club (evening club), who helped us with the booth at the Jazz Fest. Frank invited us to join the Lions Club at a Catfish Dinner at the Denton Fairgrounds on May 19. Tickets from members before the dinner are \$7.00 and at the door they will be \$8.00. Proceeds will go entirely to Charity. The Lions Club include in their charities a \$1000 scholarship to each of the Denton High School as well as two scholarships to the high school rodeo in Denton. Put May 19th on your calendar for an enjoyable meal for the benefit of our young people.

Bob Leith read to us a short but sharp poem, "Life Is Too Short..."

Ralph Wiley's ticket was drawn but Ralph drew the Ace of Hearts, so the pot grows.

Announcements and Business

Darhyl asked for drivers for Thursday to help transport our GSE team to various sites and several volunteers stepped forward.

Bob Pettit asked for volunteer on Saturday to move some 80 flags to Jo Wilson's business to be repaired and, again, volunteers stepped up to the plate. He announces that 640 subscriptions have been received to date and they include 50 new installs. He asked for volunteers to help cut the pipes for the installs and Tom Downey announced that it was being taken care of this morning.

John Alexander thanked the volunteers for helping at the Jazz Fest and told us that we had a record number of volunteers for the weekend. Congratulations, Rotarians, for once more putting Service Above Self in the many activities we are doing.

Art Gionet told us that Warren Miller will be leaving the Club as he moves to Houston and we wished Warren well in his new venture.

Program

President Darhyl introduced our special guests, the GSE Team from Peru, in Spanish and Ed Velayos, a native of Peru, introduced the spokesman for the team. We learned that there are 39 Rotary Clubs in Peru with a total of 885 members. The Cusco Rotary Club, host club for the GSE Team, will be 80 years old in 2007 and has a membership of 54, an 11% increase over the past year. One of the major projects of the Cusco Club is educational assistance for children. In Peru only 25% of the children receive an education. In the particular school supported by the Cusco Club children walk for 2 ½ hours to get to school each day. The Club is very much involved in health projects in Peru

and the power point presentation we saw depicted not only Rotary involvement but the beauties of a nation, "the Only One Place in the World That Has It All." It is a country located in west central South America and boasts Andes mountain range, deserts, rainforest and Pacific Coast shores.

Cusco is a metropolis of some 9 million people and the starting point for the journey to Machupicchu. Each member of the GSE Team introduced himself and all agreed that they were having a grand tour. We agreed that they have a grand program. Thank you for honoring us with your presence.

- Important Dates:**
May 19th District Assembly- Mineral wells
June 17-20 RI Convention Salt Lake City
June 19th Club Banquet
June 22, RYLA Banquet

Speaker Responsibility List:

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| May 15 – Classification Talks Sarah Stone, Don Michel |
| May 22 – Denton's Water Supply Jim Coulter, Director of Watcher Utilities |
| May 29 – Classification Talks Tyler Wood, Warren Miller |
| June 5 - Art Gionet on Quebec |
| June 12 – Ross Chadwick, Denton Fire Chief. |
| June 19 – Rotary Banquet |
| June 26 – Scott Walker |

Meeting Notes 05/08/2007

President- Elect Tim Ferris brought the meeting to order in the absence of our president. He invited the following to lead us. Mary Saunders, the Pledge of Allegiance; Don Michel, the Rotary Invocation; and Eric Burns, the 4-Way Test.

Sgt.-at-arms, Bob Leith introduced visiting Rotarians Bob Nelson, Matt Michel, son of Don, and Vince Baugher. Other visitors included members of the Selwyn Choir, led my Nancy Pollard and several of their parents. Art Gionet won the chance at the drawing but was foiled again.

Announcements and Business

Tim announced that the District Assembly is scheduled for May 19th in Granbury. He encourages everyone that can, please attend. He also announced that there will be a board meeting this Thursday at the Fire House..

Bob Pettit announced that we have 40 installs scheduled to do and we have about 630 subscriptions to date.

Brian Glenn gave an update on the GSE team. They have moved on to other parts of the district. He thanked everyone that helped in making this program a success.

The Argyle Walk-A- Thon is this Friday at Argyle high school. Everyone is welcome to come and participate. It will be a lot of fun.

Program

The program for today was provided by the Selwyn Choir led by Nancy Pollard. They performed songs from their program that they will perform tonight at the Selwyn School dining hall. It is at 6:30 and it is free to the public.

The program is titled " Weather the Weather " Everyone enjoyed the entertainment. Thank you to Nancy and the Selwyn Choir!