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District Governor Makes Official Visit

District Governor Jim Kunkelmann and his wife, Sybil, attended our meeting today as his "Official" visit to the Club. Jim, a 28 year member of the Monroeville Rotary Club and a retired Nationwide Insurance agent (our George Adams was actually an early mentor of Jim's) met with the officers and board members before the regular meeting and then was the main program at the meeting. He talked mostly about two main topics, the first being the RI Foundation and the goal of each member donating \$100 per year very year to fund the Foundation to do the many projects that he also described. The other main area of concern is Membership. Not only getting new members to join but keeping members active after they have joined. Although the international membership of Rotary is on the upswing, membership in the USA is down and of great concern to RI. Some of the things that clubs do to keep members interested include programs, fellowship activities, local service projects, including blood drives, food pantry food drives, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, and other areas that get members interacting with each other and charitable organizations. Jim also talked about the upcoming events that the District is participating in



including the District Membership Seminar on October 7th and the District RI Foundation dinner on November 19th. Jim said the dates of the District Conference are now set and will be held May 14-17, 2009 at the Bay Front Convention Center up on Lake Erie. More information on all of these will be coming out as time goes on. Our Club took this opportunity to present DG Jim with a donation in his name for \$100 to the Rotary Foundation and also to present him with our 1st installment of \$1,000.00 to the Rotary Foundation as part of the Bill and Melinda Gates Challenge Grant. This challenge involves all Rotary Clubs in the world who pledge to contribute \$3,000.00 over the next 3 years to raise \$100,000,000.00 which the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will match to provide funds to eliminate polio from the world. Thanks DG Jim for the update and the encouraging words about our club!

Rich Meyer and his Norway Adventure!

From his e-mail dated 9/11/2008: "Greetings from Molde, Norway! Our GSE team attended the 60th anniversary of the Kristiansund Rotary Club on 9/5/2008 and we did a presentation to the Rotary Clubs of Kristiansund, Fosna, and Frae on September 8. The Rotary District Governor of District 2280, Oddbjorn Oein, visited the Kristiansund Club on 9/5 and gave his State of The Rotary Union Address. On Tuesday, September 9, we traveled by bus to the town of Sunndal. The mountains and fjords there are spectacular. We visited an aluminum plant as well as a hydro-electric plant.

Both plants are owned by the Norwegian government. The company is called Statkraft. We then traveled to

Molde via car on a private road that goes over the mountains. The road is very steep and it didn't have any guardrails. You have to pay a toll to use this road, which is also owned by Statkraft. Fortunately for us, most of the Rotarians that we have met over here have very important jobs and/or positions that allow us to see things that an average person wouldn't get to see. All of Rotarians that I have met over here are extremely nice and have treated our team like royalty. We arrived in Molde on Tuesday evening, 9/9 and we will be leaving Molde on 9/14. While we were here, we visited our third hydro-electric plant, visited an oil and gas plant owned by Shell Oil and did a presentation to the Rotary Clubs of Molde and Molde East on 9/11. I have been giving host families and helpful Rotarians the following gifts as tokens of our appreciation: To club presidents: Either Carnegie-





September: New Generations Month



President David Brosky

R.I. 2008-2009 Theme

Collier or Greentree Rotary Club banners. To host families: a book about Pittsburgh's bridges, a Wendell August Forge etched scene of Pittsburgh's Point and a double CD of "The Best of Pittsburgh" featuring famous music by Pittsburgh artists including the Vogues, Perry Como, Henry Mancini, Lou Christie, George Benson, and Bobby Vinton. The big gifts include black and gold coffee mugs with Pittsburgh's skyline from the Allegheny River side of the city, posters of Pittsburgh at night and Pirate and Steeler ball caps. The CD's are a big hit over here. The Norwegians that I have met so far are into jazz and American politics. We leave by car and ferry tomorrow towards Alesund. Say hi to all." **Rich**

Announcements:

While DG Jim was present we took advantage and had him induct our two newest members, Leigh White and Jeff Tindall. In addition to these two newest members, our prospective new members, **K. M. Phanse, M.D.** and **Edgardo LaBruna**, completed their applications and had their pictures taken for the Directory. The Board of Directors will vote on their applications soon and we will



have two additional new members. In the meantime, look at the pictures here and be sure to welcome them the next time you see them at our



meetings.

Visiting Rotarians:

DG Jim Kunkelmann (Monroeville)

Guests:

Prospective New Members **Ed LaBruna** and **Kay Phanse** with **Cindi Hewitt** and the Club
Sybil Kunkelmann with the Club

You Were Missed:

Jack Abriola, Ray Dodd, Eileen Dombrowski, Chris Green, Jeremy Guthrie, Curt Henry, Patty John, Diane Karcz, Ray Losego, Rich Meyer, Marci Petkovich, Bob Schuler, Mark Tamilia, Adrian Van Balen, Scott Venetti, & Ollie Weiss

PLEASE BRING IN THOSE MAKE UPS!!!

Make-Ups:

Rich Meyer at all the Clubs he is attending in Norway
Fred Jackson – 9/15 at Dormont-Mt. Lebanon-Castle Shannon Rotary
Sue Kelly – 9/17 at Quaker Valley Rotary

Birthdays in September:

Mark Tamilia – 9/3/51 (57 years old)
Dan Westphal – 9/14/62 (46 years old)
Ray Losego – 9/20/56 (52 years old)

Rotary Anniversary in September:

Patty John - 9/14/04 (4 years)
Ray Dodd – 9/25/86 (22 years)
Rich Meyer – 9/25/89 (19 years)
Sue Kelly – 9/28/00 (8 years)

Wedding Anniversary in September:

Ralph & Marge Ellis – 9/17/49 (59 years)
Jeremy & Sarah Guthrie – 9/22/07 (1 year)
Scott & Ann Venetti – 9/29/84 (24 years)

Future Greeters -

September 25 – White, Tindall
October 2 – White, Tindall
October 9 – White Tindall
October 16 – White Tindall

The 50-50 Raffle:

WEEK 9: Sybil Kunkelmann won and pulled a TWO winning \$5.00. The Kitty got \$16.00. The Pot is \$143.00 with 41 cards left plus the Joker!

**GREETERS (& 50/50 Ticket Sellers)
NEXT MEETING:**

**Leigh White
Jeff Tindall**

Calendar of Events -

August 24 – October 7 – Rich Meyer with GSE Team in Norway plus
October 7 – District Membership Seminar
October 23 – Joint meeting with Bridgeville Rotary at Nevillewood
October 28 – District Interact Conference
November 11 – World Affairs Council on what the new administration might bring
November 19 – District Rotary Foundation Dinner
December 12 – Holiday Party at Nevillewood
April 29, 2009 - Ethics Symposium
May 14-17, 2009 – District Conference, Erie Area
June 21-24, 2009 – RI Convention, Birmingham, England

Future Programs -

September 25 – Doug Still from Stiles Machinery
October 2 – Gavin Deming from the Western PA Conservancy
October 9 – Club Assembly
October 16 – Don Brainerd – Comical Magician, “the Great Braindini”
October 23 – Rick Miller – Abraham Lincoln Impersonator