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Rich Meyer and his Norway Adventure!

No e-mail from **Rich** this week but I do know that his GSE Team stay in Norway if over as of Today. He is headed to Copenhagen for a tourist stop and then up to Helsinki Finland so visit with last year's Exchange Student, **Lauri Pelander** and to take in a Penguins game there. He then sees the Pens play again in Stockholm Sweden before he returns to the USA and Pittsburgh on October 7th. **Sue Kelly** announced that our Rotary Club will be participating in a "Welcome Home GSE Team" party at Wright's Seafood Inn on Monday, October 20th. It will be for cocktails and to listen to the music of **Hewlett** and **Anderson**. Dinner would be on your own. **Sue** will provide more details and probably a sign up sheet in the near future. But mark your calendars now so you can show **Rich** how much we appreciate the good job he did as Team Leader.

Our program today was brought to us by **Gordon Giffin** and Giffin Interior and Fixture, a custom manufacturing wood working company. He introduced **Doug Still** from Stiles Machinery. **Doug** showed us a video of a manufacturing plant worked by 8 men and 6 machines, run by computer software that directed the machines to produce the correct wood parts to produce a kitchen cabinet as quickly as possible. The 8 men were there to move product from machine to machine and to help assemble the final cabinet. The key is that whether they produce 1 or 100 or 1000, the machines are programmed, changes can be made almost instantly, and the men have the same jobs to do but are not spending too much time changing machines because of changes in the orders. These 8 guys and the 6 machines do the construction of a basic cabinet what 30 years ago would have taken 30 guys 1-3 days to do. In today's manufacturing world, if you can produce it faster and keep costs lower, the work will come to you. He said the great American furniture manufactures did not commit to this new integration of software and hardware and became closed out of business factories as the Chinese and Indians, with their cheap labor captured the market. Flexibility and speed with a handle on costs is what the integration of software and hardware in manufacturing provides, whether is it the woodworking cabinet business or any other manufacturing enterprise. With oil prices being so high, the cost of shipping has made a second look at these old furniture factories, with

the investment of new technology, a definite possibility! Who ever thought that high energy prices might help business in American compete with the likes of China and India? Thanks **Doug** and **Gordon** for a very educational presentation!

Announcements:

Fund Raisers and Benefit Activities:

The Carnegie Boys and Girls Club will be holding a night of entertainment with the Mansfield 5 on Sunday, October 12th to benefit the Boys and Girls Club and their many valuable activities.

The Upper St. Clair-Bethel Park Breakfast Rotary Club will be holding their annual BBQ event on Saturday, October 18th. If you want more information contact **Sue Kelly**.

The Highlands Area Rotary Club will be hosting their 10th Annual Steeler Tailgate Party on Sunday, October 19th at 12 Noon at Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament Church in Natrona Heights. The cost is \$15/ticket with a prize of 4 Pitt Men's basketball tickets. Precedes with benefit the charities of the Highlands Area Rotary Club.

Project Bundle-Up, the program that provides winter clothing to needy kids will have their local event on Saturday, October 18th. It will take place at the Wal-Mart in Heidelberg. **Sue Kelly** is in charge and is looking for a number of volunteers to contribute about 2 hours of "Personal Shopping" time with these



September: New Generations Month



President David Brosky

RI, 2008-2009 Theme

youngsters to help them prepare for the winter ahead. Look for a sign up sheet that **Sue** will pass around.

Don't Forget the District 7300 annual Foundation Dinner to support the Rotary International Foundation. It will be held on Wednesday, November 19th at the Sheraton Station Square. Cash bar from 6 to 7 PM and dinner at 7:30. Entertainment by Pure Gold and there will be a Silent Auction. See **Sue Kelly** if interested!

Visiting Rotarians:

- Bob Brindley (Forest Hills)
- Scott Churchill (USC BP Breakfast)

Guests:

Prospective New Members Ed LaBruna with the Club

You Were Missed:

Jack Abriola, Mark Brilmyer, Dave Brosky, Eileen Dombrowski, Chris Green, Diane Heburn, Fred Jackson, Adrienne Jellison, Rich Meyer, Marci Petkovich, Bob Schuler, Mark Tamilia, Joe Trompeter, Adrian Van Balen, Scott Venetti, Ollie Weiss, Dan Westphal, & Larry Wind

PLEASE BRING IN THOSE MAKE UPS!!!

Make-Ups:

Rich Meyer at all the Clubs he is attending in Norway

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 -

- October 2 – White, Tindall
- October 9 – White Tindall
- October 16 – White Tindall

The 50-50 Raffle:

WEEK 10: Rick Iorio won and pulled an ACE getting to pull again when he pulled a THREE

winning \$5.00. The Kitty got \$16.00. The Pot is \$159.00 with 39 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 18 – Project Bundle-Up, Heidelberg Wal-Mart
- October 20 – Welcome Home Party for Rich Meyer & GSE Team, Wright's Seafood Inn
- 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 -

- 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

There will be NO Sprocket next week, October 2nd and for you who care, there will be no Lunch Fund Bills on the First Thursday of the month (the 2nd) because I will be out of the country. I received a report from Rich Meyer that a band of Vikings had captured the GSE Team and have taken them to Scotland as part of a raiding party (I have a hard time picturing Rich raping and pillaging the natives of Scotland or of any Scottish merchants trading anything for him with the Vikings!!! I figure if Rich is there he will be probably be in the Loc Ness area looking for “Nessie” so that is where I will begin my search. Wish me luck!!! And President Dave, don't worry, I needed to spend some of the Treasury money for airline tickets and for ransom money to get Rich back – I know you'll think it is money well spent!!!