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Today's Speaker was one of the best we have ever had!!! Some highlights of the talk on Scotland are listed here as well as some pictures of the country. Scotland is known for its mountains (the Highlands), Clans and Tartans (especially in Kilts), Bag Pipe Music and Military Pipe and Drum Bands, Scotch Whisky, Golf, The Loch Ness Monster, and thanks to Hollywood, Mary Queen of Scots, Rob Roy MacGregor, William Wallace, and Sean Connery!!! Facts: Scotland has a land mass of 30,400 square miles (about the size of Massachusetts, Vermont, and New Hampshire combined) and 2,280 miles of coastline (few places in Scotland are more than 40 miles from the sea); It is the upper 1/3rd of Great Britain (Scotland, England, and Wales) (also part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or the United Kingdom or UK); Population is 5 million (less than 1/10th of the total of the UK) with 30% of the people in the 4 main cities: Glasgow (765,000), Edinburgh (420,000), Aberdeen (214,000), & Dundee (175,000); Language is English (some Gaelic making a comeback in the northwest areas) although the accents will make some things difficult to understand; Industry: Heavy industry (shipbuilding) of the 19th and 20th centuries is gone, replaced by light industry, especially electronics, and technology with Silicon Glen the area between Glasgow and Edinburgh. Also have textiles, brewing & distilling, fishing, oil and tourism; Religion: Church of Scotland is Protestant although 1/3rd of Scots are Catholic.

Interesting Historic Facts:

389: Patrick was born in Dumbarton in western Scotland, taken to Ireland in 405 as prisoner, escapes in 411 and moves to Gaul and Britain, 432 sent by Pope to Ireland to convert them to Christianity (St. Patrick) **521:** Columba born in Donegal County Ireland, becomes a priest, and in 563 travels to Scotland to convert the Picts to Christianity (St. Columba). That means that a Scotsman was responsible for converting the heathens of Ireland to Christianity and an Irishman returns the favor by helping to convert the heathens of Scotland to Christianity!!! **1034:** All the tribes of Scotland united as a country under one King **1290:** Death of King Alexander III and his only heir gives King Edward I of England the chance to take over Scotland **1297:** William Wallace defeats Edward I at Stirling Bridge **1305:** Wallace captured and executed, England attempts another takeover **1314:** Scottish King Robert the Bruce I defeats Edward II at Bannockburn near Stirling **1328:** England recognizes Scotland's sovereignty in Treaty of Northampton **1542-1603:** Conflicts between England's Protestants (Henry VIII and daughter Elizabeth I) and Scotland's Catholics (Elizabeth's cousin Mary Queen of Scots and her allies Spain and France) rage **1603:** Elizabeth dies without an heir; James VI of Scotland, son of Mary Queen of Scots, becomes James I of England and Scotland **1707:** Union of Scotland and England under Queen Ann, Scottish Parliament dissolved **1999:** Scotland elects first Parliament in 300 years

Did You Know:

Christmas was not celebrated as a festival in Scotland for about 250 years from the end of the 17th century up to the 1950's because the Protestant church



believed Christmas to be a Catholic holiday and therefore banned it. Many Scots worked over Christmas and their winter solstice holiday took place at New Years; Kilts are not native to Scotland. They originated in France; The first woman to play golf at St. Andrew's Golf Club was Mary, Queen of Scots in 1552. She was the Club's founder; More redheads are born in Scotland than in any other country: 11% of the population has red hair; Two Major Cities, Glasgow (765,000) and Edinburgh (420,000) are only 48 miles apart (like placing Philly 10 miles east of Greensburg) Totally different cities with Glasgow being the industrial center, (shipbuilding made them famous), blue collar, while Edinburgh became Intellectual, seat of Government, called the "Athens of the North"

Discoveries and Inventions connected to Scotland: Steam Engine (1765), Postage Stamp (1834), Telephone (1876), Television (1924), Penicillin (1928), Radar (1935), Golf (1500's: development of the game and the rules)



**PLEASE NOTE:
OUR HOLIDAY
CLUB MEETING
NORMALLY
SCHEDULED ON
THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 18TH
HAS BEEN
MOVED TO
TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 16TH
AT 12 NOON.
THIS WILL ALSO
BE A JOINT
MEETING WITH
THE GREENTREE
AND
BRIDGEVILLE-
SOUTH FAYETTE
ROTARY CLUBS.**

Announcements:

Sue Kelly was passing around a sign up sheet looking for volunteers to help the Club and the Salvation Army with their Kettle Drive. We are assigned the Wal-Mart at South Fayette (the Pointe location) on Saturday, December 6th from 11 AM to 9 PM. Sue had it broken up into 2-hour shifts. The Interact Club is also helping us (or we are helping





December: Family Month

President David Brosky

RI, 2008-2009 Theme

them) so if you are available please contact **Sue** and sign up.

Sue also passed around a sign up sheet for the Christmas Party to be held at Nevillewood on Friday, December 12th. It will start at 6:30 PM in the Men's Extension. We will have hors d'oeuvres and dessert with a cash bar. The food is free to members and 1 guest each. Please try to let Sue know if you are coming so that we order enough food!

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Guests:

Prospective new member **Gail Neustadt** for her 3rd visit with the Club

You Were Missed:

Jack Abriola, Eileen Dombrowski, Gordon Giffin, Diane Heburn, Curt Henry, Rick Hess, Cindi Hewitt, Diane Karcz, Bob Schuler, Joe Trompeter, Jeff Tindall, Adrian Van Balen, Dan Westphal, & Leigh White

PLEASE BRING IN THOSE MAKE UPS!!!

Make-Ups:

None

Birthdays in December:

**John Mendenhall – 12/20/48 (60 years old)
Ed LaBruna – 12/30/69 (39 years old)
Gordon Giffin – 12/31/53(55 years old)
Dave Brosky – 12/31/60 (48 years old)**

Rotary Anniversary in December:

Scott Venetti – 12/5/00 (8 years)

Wedding Anniversary in December:

Cindi & David Hewitt – 12/21/71 (37 years)

Future Greeters -

**December 11 – Dombrowski, Ellis
December 16 – Giffin, Guthrie
December 25 – No Meeting
January 1, 2009 – No Meeting**

The 50-50 Raffle:

WEEK 20: Larry Wind won but had left. President Dave pulled for Larry and pulled a KING winning \$10.00. The Kitty got \$11.00. The Pot is \$307.00 with 28 cards left plus the Joker!

GREETERS (& 50/50 Ticket Sellers)

NEXT MEETING:

**Eileen Dombrowski
Ralph Ellis**

Calendar of Events -

**December 12 – Holiday Party at Nevillewood
December 16 – TUESDAY – Holiday Meeting with Carlynton Singers and Joint Holiday Meeting with Bridgeville-South Fayette and Greentree Rotary Clubs at Nevillewood
December 25, January 1 – NO MEETINGS**

**January 8, 15, 22, & 29 – Nevillewood Closed – Check For New Locations as we know them
April 29, 2009 - Ethics Symposium
May 14-17, 2009 – District Conference, Erie Area
May 30-31, 2009 – Relay For Life, Carlynton High School
June 21-24, 2009 – RI Convention, Birmingham, England**

Future Programs -

**December 11 – Club Assembly, Board Meeting after Regular Meeting
December 16 – TUESDAY – Holiday Meeting with Mary Lear and Carlynton Singers also with Bridgeville-South Fayette and Greentree members
December 25 – Christmas – NO MEETING
January 1, 2009 – New Year's Day – NO MEETING**

