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GO STEELERS!!!



"We Found the Six Pack"

Next Thursday, February 12, 2009

REMEMBER WE ARE BACK AT NEVILLEWOOD

We had a joint meeting today with the Bridgeville-South Fayette Rotary Club at their Tambelli's Meeting place in Bridgeville. Eighteen of our members showed up and we had a very nice meal and a great program. Their Rotary Exchange Student **Jose Arteaga** gave a presentation on his country and his year so far. **Jose**, from Puerto La Cruz in eastern Venezuela, is being hosted by **Andrew and Michael Huwe** in McDonald



and attends South Fayette High School. **Jose**, not meaning to make us feel bad, said that the average high temperature in his homeland is 94!!! His country has a population of 26 million of which 6 million live in the capital city of Caracas. His city has a population of 350,000 and is located in the eastern coast line and is a big tourist stop. He showed a picture of their new currency, the Bolivar, and said that he thought that it was the only paper currency in the world printed vertically which looked very interesting. Known for oil and Caribbean beaches, **Jose** made sure we knew about the other natural beauty his country contained including Angle Falls (Salto Angel) the world's tallest waterfall at 979 meters (about 2,900 feet) and mountains with snow on the border of Venezuela and Bolivia. The Los Roques Archipelago is the largest National Park in the Caribbean made up of tidal islands, reefs, and other natural attractions. **Jose** told us that his journey to the USA took about 10 months from his initial interest, a number of tests and interviews he had to take part in, the application process which started in Sept, 2007. He was accepted into the program (one of 17 out of 42 applicants) and initially was to go to Canada. In January, 2008 he asked if he could instead come to the USA

and in March his application went to ESSEX which filtered it down to District 7300 here in Pittsburgh. He graduated in May from high school and was so busy with that that he hardly noticed that he hadn't heard from ESSEX by June. Getting nervous because of the time necessary to get a visa and the need for the paperwork with location, school, and host family info to arrive before the visa can be applied for, he finally got the stuff and got his emergency visa only 2 weeks before he came to Pittsburgh in August. And the Huwe's only knew they would be hosting 2 weeks before that. But all is fine now and he is really thankful for the opportunity to participate in Rotary Youth Exchange and is having a great year here!

BIG EVENT TICKET SALES:
28 SOLD
197 TO GO
9 WEEKS LEFT!

Big Event News: The 26th Annual Carnegie-Collier Rotary Big Event will be held at The Club at Nevillewood on Saturday, April 4, 2009 (Only 9 weeks away). Ticket prices will remain at \$125 per person with the option of adding a Booster Ticket for \$50.00 (for family or friend to attend with you, enjoy the food and fellowship – but no prize number assigned). Again we will offer the \$100.00 No Show ticket which gets you a number for a chance to win a prize even though you can't make the event. One change in addition to the location will be the elimination of the Open Bar. We will provide 2 drink tickets for all regular tickets and booster tickets. After the 2 drinks you will be able to purchase additional drink tickets. Coffee, Ice Tea, and Soft Drinks will be free. We want to sell at least 225 tickets and the Committee says that ticket forms will be available next week. The Board approved the assessment through the Lunch Fund the cost of 3 No Show Big Event Tickets (\$300.00) to every member of the Club. We expect all members to support our Club and our Club's Charities and the Big Event is how we raise the money to



February: World Understanding Month

President David Brosky

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support those Charities. Therefore we expect all Rotarians to support the Big Event by buying/selling tickets and by asking people and companies you know to donate Major Prizes (\$150.00 value or more) for the Reverse Raffle or minor prizes (food certificates, items of value, etc.) for our Chinese Auction. We assess all members 3 tickets (41 members X 3 = 123 tickets). Many members buy/sell many more to reach our goal of 225 sold be we start with a minimum of 3. These are billed on your Lunch Fund and if you wish to buy them through the Lunch Fund you will get credit for 3 \$100.00 No Show tickets. THESE BIG EVENT CHARGES WILL SHOW UP ON YOUR LUNCH FUND BILL NEXT WEEK. MOST of you will buy/sell your tickets by yourself outside of the Lunch Fund. When you turn in your tickets and checks, we keep a running total of them and each time you buy/sell a ticket; one comes off your LF assessment. If you do purchase your tickets through the Lunch Fund at \$100 per ticket, just remember that these are No Show tickets. If you plan on attending, you will need to provide an additional payment of \$25 per ticket to upgrade a No Show ticket to a Regular ticket. Gordon handed out the ticket forms and mailing labels for those who were at the meeting. If you were not there you can expect them through the mail. Rich Meyer has composed a request letter to individuals and companies explaining the Big Event and requesting Major Prize donations from local business. This letter is attached to the e-mailed Sprocket. If you get your Sprocket that way, download the letter and use it to try to get more Major Prizes.

Announcements:

DG Jim Kunkleemann was at the Bridgeville Meeting today and told us about the Bill Gates Challenge Grant of \$100 Million to help eradicate polio and other diseases. Each Rotary Club in the world has been asked to donate \$1,000 each year for 3 years raising our \$100 million which the Gates Foundation will match. As of now, RI has raised over \$70 million of the total. This has inspired Bill Gates to increase the matching grant by an additional \$255 million. This Rotary match will start after the first 3 year match is over and will be a new \$100 million needed from Rotarians over a 4 year period. Looks like great news for the future of children of the world. DG Jim also reminded us that the District Conference will be held up in Erie on May 14-17 and that additional information will be coming out soon.

Visiting Rotarians:

None

Guests:

None

You Were Missed:

Jack Abriola, Mark Brilmyer, Ray Dodd, Eileen Dombrowski, Gordon Giffin, Curt Henry, Rich Hess, Cindi Hewitt, Ed LaBruna, Gail Neustadt, Marci Petkovich, Kay Phanse, Jeff Tindall, Joe Trompeter, Adrian Van Balen, Ollie Weiss, Dan Westphal, Leigh White, & Larry Wind

PLEASE BRING IN THOSE MAKE UPS!!!

Make-Ups:

None

Birthdays in February:

Eileen Dombrowski – 2/20/81 (28 years)

Rotary Anniversary in January:

Mark Tamilia – 2/2/99 (10 years)

Cindi Hewitt – 2/14/08 (1 year)

Mary Lou Kientz – 2/14/08 (1 year)

Marci Petkovich – 2/25/89 (20 years)

Wedding Anniversary in January:

Bob & Rose Marie Schuler – 2/6/60 (49 years)

Future Greeters -

February 12 – Hess, Neustadt

February 19 – Hewitt, Iorio

February 26 – Jackson, Jellison

March 5 – John, Karcz

March 12 – Katz, Kelly

The 50-50 Raffle:

WEEK 24: Mark Tamilia won and pulled a SEVEN winning \$7.00. The Kitty got \$18.00. The Pot is \$366.00 with 24 cards left plus the Joker!

GREETERS (& 50/50 Ticket Sellers)

NEXT MEETING:

Rick Hess

Gail Neustadt

Calendar of Events -

March 14 – Bridgeville-South Fayette Rotary Club's 22nd Annual Hickory Wintery Golf Outing

April 4, 2009 – Big Event

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 -

February 12 – Back at The Club at Nevillewood, Club Assembly, Board of Directors Meeting

February 19 – Gail Neustadt – Wellspouse

Association

February 26 – Gary Augustine – The American

Civil War

March 5 – Jeff Tindall

March 12 – Club Assembly