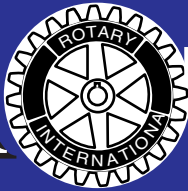


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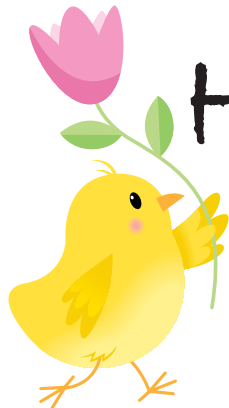


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Happy Easter

April 24



— PROGRAMS —

MARCH 1, 2011

Visiting Rotarians: Col. John Weeks, Sandusky club

Visiting Non-Rotarians: Jeff Reed

Student Guests: none

Speaker and Topic: Jeff Reed: Goodwill Industries

Program highlights: Mr. Reed stressed the primary mission of Goodwill Industries: to provide training for the disabled and disadvantaged to help them achieve their highest possible level of personal, social, and economic independence. The official name of our local work center is Goodwill Industries of Erie, Huron, Ottawa, and Sandusky Counties, with administrative offices in downtown Sandusky. The four divisions of G.I. are retail, commercial services, data entry, and training. Ninety-five cents of every dollar donated goes directly to assistance programs. Over 500 people were assisted last year.



Jeff Reed, from Goodwill Industries

Other: Bob T thanked those who took advantage of the EREY program for a 2 for 1 credit. The event raised \$1 million for the RI fund.

MARCH 8, 2011

Visiting Rotarians: Col. John Weeks, Sandusky club

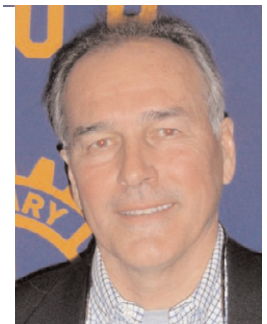
Visiting Non-Rotarians: Greg Hill

Student Guests: HHS: Andrea Hammond, Cassidy Innes, Stephanie Meyers,

Speaker and Topic: Greg Hill: Managing Director of Sawmill Creek Lodge

Program highlights: Nonlinear facts: [] The Lodge was built in 1972. [] It became a part of the tourism interest in Erie County. [] Of the 37,000 jobs in Erie County, 11,700 of them are in the tourism industry. [] The 2% bed tax helps promote tourism in and outside of Erie-Ottawa counties. Hotels designated 1% of this tax to build and improve Rte. 250, the main artery bringing

tourists into the area. [] Most of the bed tax advertising money is not used locally but is used to promote this area in other areas of the State and country. [] 80% of Sawmill business is the "meeting" business. Sawmill is the largest "meeting resort" in Erie County. [] It is less interested in family style accommodations which are handled by Great Wolf Lodge and Kalahari. [] Sawmill has recently been given the Best Destination award as well as a Sales and Marketing Award. [] The secret of the resort's success is listening to people face to face and offering value, not discounted prices. [] Hill mentioned in the Q&A following that he had been in talks with BGSU-Firelands Dean Bill Balzer about building a student center and sports facility on the Firelands campus. At this point, it is exploratory.



Greg Hill, of Sawmill Creek Lodge

Other: (1) Rev. Roger HP for the Methodist Church Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner. (2) Bob gave some historical facts on the history of the Rotary Foundation. In 1917, RI president Arch C. Klumph started an endowment "for the purpose of doing good in the world." In 1928, when the fund reached > \$5,000, it was named the Rotary Foundation, a subdivision of RI. In 1930, its first grant of \$500 went to the International Society for Crippled Children, which later became Easter Seals. After Rotary's founder Paul P. Harris died in 1947, the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the foundation.

MARCH 15, 2011

Visiting Rotarians: none

Visiting Non-Rotarians: Chris Gilcrest

Student Guests: Cheyenne Kehr, Jessica Stewart, Victoria Green, Karleigh Ripley

Speaker and Topic: Chris Gilcrest: Great Lakes Historical Society

Program highlights: The Vermilion based Great Lakes Historical Society is moving to Toledo. There is a new building to move into and a larger population density and tourist flow to generate a larger audience. The society is able to rent the facilities from the city for one dollar a year. The Society was looking for a 40,000 sq foot facility; the Toledo property is only 16,000 but there is room for expansion. There is a small 75 slip marina attached to the property and Toledo is giving them a 100 foot restored freighter, the Col. James M. Schoonamaker. The project is being kept alive by several federal grants and a \$3 million fundraising project will soon begin. The Vermilion property, originally donated to them by the Wakefield family, will be sold, but only to a buyer who guarantees public access to the waterfront.

Other: Announcement: President Mark asked for a volunteer to chair the River Fest. Jane announced that there will be wine tasting event for the Commons of Providence, March 21st at the Crush Wine Bar in Sandusky.

MARCH 22, 2011

Visiting Rotarians: Col. John Weeks, Sandusky club

Visiting Non-Rotarians: Daniel Slife (Prospective member), Jessica Steuk and Cally Steuk, wife and daughter of Bill Steuk; Peter Zaehringer

Student Guests: HHS: Rory Kaip, Matt King, Ben Washburn.

Speaker and Topic: Peter Zaehringer: Erie County Development **Program**

highlights: Mr. Zaehringer focused on Accountability, Credibility, and Transparency. The primary goal for 2011 is "economic gardening," nurturing local businesses to help them grow. The concept of creating forums, putting together local business people and elected officials is a way to create efficient problem solving. The speaker mentioned tourism, manufacturing, biomedical services, and alternative energy. A new Erie County economic task force will initiate a business visitation program and aid in an "incubator program," to help businesses with their marketing plans. Erie County Development has linked to BGSU-Firelands office the dean to aid in the process. For further information, Zaehringer may be contacted at director@eriecountryedc.org, 419-627-7791.



Peter Zaehringer, of Erie County Board of Economic Development

Other: (1) First reading for prospective member Daniel Slife. (2) Announcements and HP: (a) Today is Rev. Roger's 36th wedding anniversary. (b) Bob Speers brought back for the club a Rotary banner from Tempe, AZ. (3) President Mark asked again for someone to take charge of the Riverfest event and said if no one steps up, the Huron Rotary will withdraw from the event. Also, another plea for a volunteer 2nd VP.

MARCH 28, 2011

Visiting Rotarians: Col. John Weeks, Sandusky club, Mike Prout, Sandusky club

Visiting Non-Rotarians: John Halter, Daniel Slife, Kelly Wright (new foreign exchange student); Cory Howerton

Student Guests: Logan Konst, Amber Harkey

Speaker and Topic: Cory Howerton:



Cory Howerton, GM, Cleveland Gladiators

the Cleveland Gladiators

Program highlights: Howerton became general manager of the arena football team, the Cleveland Gladiators, in 2008 when Bernie Kosar and another investor brought the team from Las Vegas, NV, to Cleveland. Currently, there are 22 men on the roster. The on-field teams consist of eight players. The game is fast action and high scoring because it is played in a concentrated space, a hockey rink, on astro turf. There are currently 18 teams in the league, which is in the process of rebuilding. Howerton explained that the players don't make a lot of money but all their expenses, food, housing, medical insurance, and transportation are subsidized by the team. Right now, their income comes solely from ticket sales. Ticket info, schedule, and player lists can be found on their website www.ClevelandGladiators.com

Other: (1) Daniel Slife, prospective member, had his second reading. (2) HP: Tom H. announced that his Light House Church has paid off its mortgage. Roger Markin congratulated his son-in-law Bill Scott for being recognized as an outstanding Huron teacher and member of the community .

UP-COMING FUNDRAISER EVENTS AND DATES:

Huron Riverfest : July 8-10, 2011

K-96 Country Jamboree: July 30, 2011

Rotaryfest: Aug 12-14, 2011

FINANCIAL REPORT YTD as of March 12, 2011

Total Income.....	\$33,972.69
Expenses.....	\$30,213.44
Net Income.....	\$ 3,792.49

Joe DeRose	April 08
Pierre Van Raepenbusch	April 15
Mark Hamilton	April 20
Bob Speers,	April 24



CLUB ANNIVERSARY DATES



Dean Kraus	April 01
Erney Perhamus	April 02
Mike Wilde	April 15
Tom Holzaepfel	April 17
Tony Samaniego	April 17
Bill Steuk	April 17
Jeather Pfeiffer	April 25
Bob Tracht	April 29

PROGRAM SPEAKERS FOR APRIL

4/5- Jeff Helmer - US Park Service Perry's Monument
 4/12- Health Department Speaker- Immunization Winner
 4/19- John Lippus- Sandusky Main St Assoc
 4/26- Tory Gabriel - Ohio State Sea Grant

WHO ARE YOUR COMMITTEE CHAIRS?

Club Administration: Cathy Platte
 Exchange Students: Tony Samaniego
 Membership: Christine Crawford
 Public Relations: Joel Rudinger
 Rotary Foundation: Bob Tracht
 Rotary Immunization: Gant Walls
 Scholarships: Mark Hamilton
 Service projects: Doug Studer