

Sherrill Rotary Club Meeting Notes

- 12/14/17, 7 am, Nothin' Fancy Café.
- Present: Bob DeWaine, Martha Group, Elise Hereth Dennis & Donna Schonewetter, and Jennifer Wenger.
- President Martha presided.
- Martha reminded everyone that the annual election of club officers will be held on 12/21/17 at our evening meeting.



- The quarterly donation to the Area Food Banks was discussed. Linda Finnerty (Verona Food Bank) has communicated to Donna that although they will always appreciate a donation of paper products, they would prefer cash at this time of the year. The holiday season is a



particularly busy time of the year for the Food Banks.

After some discussion, it was decided that Treasurer Bob will mail a \$100.00 check to the Verona Food Bank and to the Vernon Food Bank. [After the meeting, Clark suggested that it would be good visibility for the Food Banks and the SRC to give the checks in-person as a photo-op along with a press release. Bob will mail out the checks now so as to get the donation to them as soon as possible, and President Martha will decide how we will handle the photos and press releases.]

- There was a preliminary discussion about sending out year-end donation solicitation letters to VVS-area businesses and individuals who live in the VVS-area who have businesses elsewhere. There were no decisions made at this meeting.



- Bob and Dennis informed the group that the annual fee for the SRC Website was due and will be paid to enable the website for another 12 months. The cost of 12 months of website-hosting service is \$95.40.
- PE Elise happily announced that VVS Senior Jeremiah Brunje has been approved by the District Youth Exchange Committee and will be spending the 2018-19 academic year in Brazil! **The means that it is time for ALL of us to be finding three host families in the VVS communities for the incoming YE student who will be assigned to us and will arrive in late August!**



- There being no further business, President Martha adjourned the meeting at about 7:15 pm.

- The next regular club meeting will be held on Thursday, 12/21/17, at 6 pm, at the Sherrill American Legion.**



Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) is a Rotary International student exchange program for students in secondary school. Since 1929, Rotary International has sent young people around the globe to experience new cultures. Currently, about 9,000 students are sponsored by Rotary clubs every year. Typically, students are sent to another country for a year-long stay, generally living with multiple host families during the year and being expected to perform daily tasks within the household as well as attend school in the host country. Short-term exchange

Sherrill Rotary Club Officers 2017-18

- President:
Martha Group
- President Elect:
Elise Hereth
- Vice President:
Merry Speicher
- Vice President Elect
TBD
- Immediate Past President:
Donna Schonewetter
- Foundation Chair:
Clark Speicher
- Interact Advisor:
Donna Schonewetter
- Membership Chair:
TBD
- Program Chair:
Scott Swayze
- Secretary:
Dennis Schonewetter
- Sergeant-at-Arms:
Kim Frarey
- Treasurer:
Bob DeWaine
- Youth Exchange Officer:
Elise Hereth

District 7150 Volunteers

- Elise Hereth: Youth Exchange Cmte
- Dennis Schonewetter: PDG, Trainer, Parliamentarian, Interact Chair, Conference and TRF Gala Committees
- Donna Schonewetter: Conference and TRF Gala Committees
- Clark Speicher: Area 4 Assistant Governor, Conference Cmte



programs are also quite common. These typically involve direct student exchanges between two families arranged through Rotary to coincide with major school holiday periods. [In District 7150, short-term exchanges occur during the summer months.]

History. The Rotary Club of Copenhagen, Denmark initiated the first Rotary exchange in 1927, and the Rotary Club of Nice, France followed suit soon after in 1929. Although exchanges today usually last ten months, the first exchanges took place during school vacations for only a couple of weeks. The year-long Rotary Youth Exchange program was created in 1958 in Lake Placid at a Rotary Governors assembly. Here, many rules and procedures were established that still exist today. The first year-long exchange conducted by Rotary under this new framework involved a student leaving from Scottsbluff, Nebraska to live in Myrtleford, Australia for 10 months, and two Australians from Myrtleford arriving in Grand Lake, Colorado. In the following years more and more countries became involved in the program. In 1962 the first involving Japan and Germany were arranged after tense relations between them and other Rotary International Clubs following World War II. Since its conception 80 years ago, the Rotary Youth Exchange program has expanded rapidly to exchange 9,000 students annually between 80 countries.

[from *Wikipedia*]

