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New London Rotary Club

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Meeting Week of September 1, 2005

2006 **Rotary** International Convention

Malmö, Sweden Copenhagen, Denmark 11-14 June 2006



2005/2006 Rotary Theme

Club News

PROGRAM:

Sept 1 Namibia Project- Christian Evangelism **Fellowship Joyce Van Ness**

Sept 8: Club Picnic

Reporter: Sept 1: Paul Geraghty

Sept 1: Isabelle Singer, Gerry Tom **Greeters:**

Invocation: Sept 1: Diana Ketner

Song Leader: Pam Akins

Birthdays: Sept 2 Barbara Dixon Sept 4 Jerry Fischer

Anniversaries: Sept 11 Sarah Rogovin & Mark Twist

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS: The next serving day will be the first Thursday in September in order to accommodate our Club Picnic. Serving day will be September 1, 2005 from 4 to 6:15 pm.

Club picnic September 8 (Thursday) Ocean Beach-5:30pm

WIN A ROTARY HAT

Pam Akins was standing in front of what building when she decided to bring a friend home with her. Who was he and where was she standing? 1st one wins barry@robertsav.com

Need a Hint: Location One -----Center. Need more help? Too bad, none coming. Past winners and members of the publishers family or the "Rotarian" in this picture are not eligible, although you can still play!.



District News

APECODDER RESORT & Spi

District Conference May 4th - 7th 2006 Friday Morning:

Golf Outing Evening-Talent Show Saturday

Morning: Share Your Accomplishments Afternoon: Free Time - Shoot hoops with the District Governor, Explore Cape Cod Evening: A Night of Fellowship - Celebrate our family of Rotary and applaud Rotary Awardees Sunday

The Rotary Foundation & The Family of Rotary -Interfaith service, GSE programs Details at: http://www.rotary7980.org



(last week's) Guess Who is sliding on the left:





Yes, Bill Edwards was doing the slide at the GSE picnic at the Barretts Farm. Last week's Rotary hat winner was ED CRAMER. Congratulations to Ed!

Program August 18, 2005 By Lee Cole-Chu

DG Alan Hurst and PDG Pam began the meeting by presenting two Paul Harris Fellowships, one to Millie Devine, her third, and one to Mary Lenzini. Congratulations -- and thanks for their support of Rotary -- to Millie and Mary!

"Glads and sorries" were notable for raves about Lawrence and Memorial Hospital from Steve Percy, who is recovering well from back surgery there by Dr. Doherty, and from our own Dr. Bill Schmidt.

In Doretta Colburn¹s introduction of DG Alan, we learned that, though only a Rotarian since 1998, he has attended Rotary meetings in 10 states and 9 nations, has a perfect attendance record and, in addition to his VP Finance work and huge commitment to Rotary, serves as Chairman of the East Hampton Board of Education!

Of himself, DG Alan said, "I'm about fun and I'm about opportunities." To increase Rotary¹s opportunities both for fellowship and service, he urged us adopt R.I. President Carl Wilhelm Stenhammer's goal of one net member increase this year. If this is the average Rotary Club1s growth, there will be 33,000 new Rotarians at the end of the year. Alan said that new Rotarians will, as he did, join if they are, simply, invited and always wel-

In addition to the fellowship, Alan said Rotarians stay because doing so expands their horizons and gives them countless opportunities to experience the satisfaction of service. "Rotary takes ordinary people and gives them extraordinary opportunities for contribution."



District Governor Alan Hurst and his wife State Rep. Gail Hamm

Alan¹s goals as District Governor are to motivate Rotarians to act, to increase Rotarians' opportunities for service, and to lead by example. Speaking of examples, he cited "dictionary projects", i.e., clubs giving third graders their own dictionaries. He says it is hard to tell who ends up more thrilled, the young recipients or the Rotarian donors. Another example is adult literacy projects, the impact of which is doubled when reading parents teach their children to read. Water, health and hunger projects provide practically limitless forms and opportunities for service, ranging from well digging (2.3 billion people have inadequate sanitation) and clinic tending in foreign lands to organ and blood donations, from donations to local food banks to donations to Rotary foundations, International, district or club. The district alone has \$21,000 budgeted for local projects.

Alan urged us to become sustaining members (\$100 per year giving), at least, and beyond that to joining the Paul Harris Society (\$1000 per year), if possible. And to celebrate Rotary¹s centennial year, Alan urges us - and each club - to plant a commemorative tree in a public area as a symbol of the durability of Rotary and the values shared by past, present and future generations of Rotarians.

Alan announced that Group Study Exchange teams from our district will be going this year to Lithuania and Venezuela. Team leaders and alternate team leaders will be selected from among the applicant Rotarians. Team members need to be NOT Rotarians, to be between 25 and 40 years of age, and to have devoted a minimum of two years to their respective vocations.

In conclusion, Alan urged, 3Do what you can! No act of service is too small for those who benefit from it.2