

TRUMANSBURG ROTARY MEETING MINUTES FOR September 14, 2023

- ✦ President Durand introduced our guests for the evening: Sally Van-Ploss (former Exchange Student, 2007, Brazil) and Russell (Prospective Exchange Student) and Sarah (his mother)
- ✦ President Durand wanted this to be an Exchange Student night for anyone interested in becoming an Exchange Student. He divided this into three groups. Our first speaker was Shelly Bullock speaking as our club's YE coordinator.
- ✦ Shelly told about her speech on YE she gave to her Interact Club just today. First, you need to recruit students as soon as possible. They then go through a series of interviews from club to District level. Once chosen, they have an orientation and then go straight into action to prepare for their living in another country for a year.
- ✦ Next was Sally Van-Ploss. Sally told us that she was placed in approximately the middle of Brazil in a farming community. Once there, you learn to build lasting friendships from around the world. You are invited to do "cool" things. You learn to do different ways of doing things. One example is that in school the teachers rotate to each classroom and the students stay in one classroom all day. You also get to see more of the country than most people who live there. People are curious and ask many questions about "YOU" not just your country. You are now becoming a global citizen. Her favorite experience there was learning a new language. She realized that younger people are more patient with you while learning a language. Lastly Sally said that you get a lot of support, learn many leadership skills and you will be independent.
- ✦ Zoren summed it up by reminding us that our region will be changing next Rotary year as we are merging with 2 other Districts although Youth Exchange had to merge in July of this year. So far 36 students have applied. The deadline for applications is October 6th. The out-of-pocket cost to become an Exchange Student ranges anywhere from \$4,000-\$6,000. This may sound like a lot, but the expenses are done in increments, so nothing is done all at one time. We do exchange with 18 different countries and there is always room for volunteers who would like to help with the program.
- ✦ President Durand announced that Darlyne will be speaking next week on some ideas for having a Maple Fest in March as part of our fund-raising projects.
- ✦ We will be looking for ways to get more SAS students and loved Mary Guy-Sell's poster.
- ✦ There will also be a discussion on moving some of our money to a CD.
- ✦ And lastly, no one won the Jack of Hearts, so the pot grows.
- ✦ The meeting ended at 8:15.



\$1 from Cindy for the delicious dinner.

\$1 from Pat for the wonderful YE program.

\$4 from Kathleen for having 4 Bald Eagles in her yard.

\$1 from Durand for having such a good club.

\$1 from Frank for going to Maine next week and watching Peggy perform at the Cidery.

\$1 from Peggy for dinner.

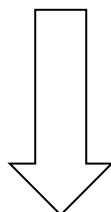
\$1 from Darlyne for seeing a bobcat in the road.

\$1 from Joan for hearing a story of friends paying another friend's complete hospital bill. What a wonderful act of kindness.

\$1 from Mike for the Red Sox beating the Yankees.

\$1 from Joseph for getting a new alternator in his Volvo.

Dinner Schedule is below



Peggy and Pat Sept 21

Cindy and Nancy Sept 28

Mike and Joan Oct 5

Durand and Frank Oct 12

Cindy and Nancy Oct 19

Kathleen And Tom Oct 26

Mary and Joseph Nov 2

Zoren and Shelly Nov 9

Peggy and Pat Nov 16

Thanksgiving no meeting Nov 23

Local Eatery Nov 30

Ben and Stephenie Dec 7

Mike and Joan Dec 14

Durand and Frank Dec 21

No meeting Dec 28

Cindy and Nancy Jan 4, 2024

Our Exchange Student



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Brazil

Rotary's 4-Way Test



Is it the **TRUTH?**

Is it **FAIR**
to all
concerned?

Will it build
GOOD WILL
and **BETTER**
FRIENDSHIPS?

Will it be
BENEFICIAL to
all concerned?



Rotary

AVENUES OF SERVICE

Channel our commitment to service at home and abroad through five Avenues of Service.

CLUB SERVICE

focuses on making clubs strong.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

calls on every Rotarian to work with integrity and contribute their expertise to the problems and needs of society.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

encourages every Rotarian to find ways to improve the quality of life for people in their communities and to serve the public interest.

YOUTH SERVICE

recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs.

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

exemplifies our global reach in promoting peace and understanding.



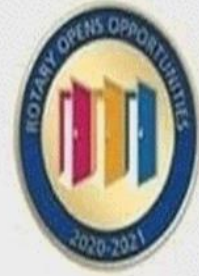
Water and Sanitation



Economic and Community Development



Maternal and Child Health



SEVEN AREAS OF FOCUS



Supporting the Environment



Basic Education and Literacy



Disease Prevention and Treatment



Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution