



Annual Meeting

Today

This is the annual general membership meeting for the Rotary Club of Shepherdstown and its Rotary Foundation counterpart. We vote on the 2011-2012 board of directors and will host the December Club Assembly for all five service committees.

Please be generous with your contributions when we pass the hat in anticipation of our annual Bavarian Inn waitstaff monetary holiday gift. These folks provide us with world-class service and ensure that the Bavarian Inn is always prepared every Tuesday morning for our Rotary Club meetings. Thank you!

Last Week

Our speaker was the president of the West Virginia Eastern Panhandle Beekeepers' Association, Gerry Fitzgerald. He explained that, like humans, the female bees do all of the work while the male drone bees lie around, eat honey, and chase after the queen.

Gerry detailed how bees are important to agriculture for plant pollination: bees pollinate plants while they are out collecting pollen. The type of pollen collected determines the color and flavor of honey the bees produce. Eating local honey can help reduce pollen allergies because the honey contains local pollen particles—it works kind of like an inoculation.

Gerry also discussed how bee colonies are being attacked by mites. The mites infest the bee colony and pierce the skin of the bee host. Once bitten by the mite, bees become susceptible to normally innocuous fungi that live within the hive. Beekeepers watch their hives closely for the mites.

Club News

Tiffany Lawrence from the Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races presented a check of \$1,000 to the club for the "Your Charity, Our Ball" fundraiser.

Julie Siler thanked **Gary Heichel** and all of the club members who decorated the town Christmas tree and McMurrin Hall. Gary also read a letter of thanks from the Christmas in Shepherdstown committee.

Paul Woods announced that the international club is still looking for a family to host a 16-year-old foreign exchange student during fall 2011. Contact Paul for more information.

Catherine Irwin announced that **Peggy McKowen** delivered a healthy baby boy. Congratulations from all of us!

50-50

Monica Lockett drew ticket 091 to make **Brian Erickson** the lucky winner.

Visitors

Our guests were Nancy McKiffen and Tiffany Lawrence.

Special Days

Happy birthday to **Jochen Kiefer**! He celebrates his birthday December 12, on a plane bound for his motherland. God-speed in your new life. We will miss you.

Congratulations to **Paul Pritchard**, **Daan Vreugdenhil**, and **Howard Mills**. They are all celebrating anniversaries this upcoming week. Paul's anniversary is December 9th, Daan's the 11th, and Howard's the 14th.

Upcoming Events

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Shepherdstown 250th
- 21 Stephen Czarkowski
Christmas program
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Charles Town, WV	TU	1215	JMH Board Room
Frederick, MD	W	1215	Dutch's Daughter
Hagerstown, MD	W	1215	Fountainhead CC
Hagerstown, MD	M	1815	Nick's Airport Inn
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Hancock, MD	TU	1230	Park-n-Dine
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Williamsport, MD	W	0715	Red Man's Club
Winchester, VA	TH	1200	Travelodge

For other locations, check with the Club Secretary



The SemiWHAAAAT??????

Today

Meredith Wait has been a resident of Jefferson County since 1972, graduating from Jefferson High School in 1976. She has been a small business owner in Shepherdstown for 24 years, beginning with a graphic design business and then moving on to Dickinson & Wait Craft Gallery. She and her partner, Debbie Dickinson, just celebrated 20 years of owning the gallery.

From 1990 to 1992, she was president of the Shepherdstown Business Association, and has been serving in that position again since in 2007. Mayor Auxer asked her, as a longtime small business owner, to chair the committee that will be planning Shepherdstown's 250th anniversary celebration.

The right word for that anniversary is "semiquincentennial" and Shepherdstown will be 250 years old in 2012. The mayor and Town Council have formed the easier to pronounce and remember "SQ 250" committee to plan the celebration and Meredith will tell us what's in store and how we can participate.

Last Week

The Annual Meeting of the Rotary Club of Shepherdstown was called to order. Obligations of the membership at the annual meeting are to elect a board of directors for the 2011-2012 fiscal year commencing July 1, 2011. The President Julie Siler read the nominations:

Officers: president, **Brian Erickson**; vice president, **Monica Lockett**; secretary, **Rick Caruso**; club treasurer, **Ken Mann**; Foundation treasurer, **Jennifer Peterson**; and immediate past president, **Julie Siler**.

Committee heads: International Service, **Lois Turco** and **Paul Woods**; Vocational Service, **Tom Trumble**; Club Service, **Gary Heichel**; membership secretary, **Lori Kelly**; Community Service, TBA; New Generation, **Holly Frye**.

George Alwin moved to close nominations, second by **Connie** Hammann, carried unanimously. The annual meeting, adjourned and committee meetings ensued until 8:30.

Club News

Hank Walter announced that the Club Service Committee will be hosting Rotary Night at Shepherd Basketball on January 13, 2011. Sign up on the clipboard that will be passed around on Tuesdays or on the Rotary Web site member portal, as described by cyber chief Rick. Adults are \$10, kids are free. The skybox will be used for snacks and social hour starting at 5:30. Special seating section will be beneath the Rotary banner on the west side for both the women's and the men's games against Alderson-Broadthus.

Community Service and charity ball chair announced thanks to helpers Ken, Lori, Jennifer, Julie, **Christian, Karen, Holly, Fred, Catherine, Peter,** and **Curt** for the great success of last Friday's event. The club gave a rousing applause to Monica and her committee for their hard work.

Club Service chair Gary thanked the 16 marching Rotarians and 2 dogs, 3 kids in tow at the Christmas parade.

We passed the hat for the Bavarian staff, which will be repeated today as well. Please contribute generously as the staff works hard to make our breakfast meeting a fulfilling success each Tuesday morning all year long.

50-50

The Bavarian staff was pleased not to have to factor **Erwin** into their takings.

Visitors

Jochen Kiefer was given a warm welcome and bon voyage with his announcement that he and Margaret are ready to move back home to Germany to be with family.

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Christmas Holiday Concert

Back for their fifth appearance in as many years, we are very pleased to celebrate this holiday breakfast with the Cello Christmas Quartet from the Shepherd Preparatory Orchestra under the direction of Stephen Czarkowski, adjunct cello and conducting faculty at Shepherd University. Joining him are Allison Litten, junior at Shepherd University; Lee Greuber, incoming student to Shepherd University; and Elizabeth Traversie, a senior at Martinsburg High School. The quartet will play several familiar selections, which may even inspire some singing.

Stephen Czarkowski is in demand as a conductor, cellist, and educator in the Washington, DC area and nationally. He serves as assistant conductor of the Opera Camerata of Washington, DC, as well as its orchestra personnel manager and principal cellist. He was appointed conductor of the Apollo Chamber Orchestra, which presented its first performance in November with John Aler, tenor.

Mr. Czarkowski is currently on the cello and conducting faculty of Landon School, Bullis School, Montgomery College, and Shepherd University in West Virginia. At Shepherd he is principal cellist (Jim and Linda Walker Chair) of the Two Rivers Chamber Orchestra and shares conducting duties with the Preparatory Orchestra. His students have won numerous local and statewide competitions, and hold principal chairs in area orchestras.

Last Week

Meredith Wait was introduced as chairperson of the Semi-Quincentennial Committee. This will be a yearlong celebration of the 250th anniversary of the charter-

ing of Shepherdstown (Mecklinburg) as West Virginia's oldest town. The celebration launch takes place with a bigger festive Christmas parade on December 3, 2011. There will be several events during the course of 2012. A culmination event is scheduled for the third week in November, possibly highlighted by a progressive dinner.

Meredith has formed a committee of worthy volunteers but needs more to enlist. Contact her at merandded@frontier.net.net, or any of the Committee Chairs: Community Outreach, Randy Tremba; Marketing, Tara Sanders; Signature Events, Peter Smith; Budget and Finance, Catherine Irwin.

There is a call for local artists to design a logo for the anniversary with a deadline for enrollment of January 31, 2011. The logo should be ready by March.

It was suggested that a food eating contest be set up pitting the mayors of Shepherdstown and Romney against one another. (Maybe apples would be more dignified and appropriate than hotdogs or pies for our hard-working public servants.)

Interestingly, the charter filers wanted to name our town Charlotte, but Charlottesville was already on the books, so Mecklenburg was chosen and recorded on the same day as Romney. The registration takes place in alphabetical order so Mecklenburg was recorded first.

Meredith is seeking feedback from the citizens as to how big this celebration should be, and how to engage the community so that all events are well received and attended.

Dave Miljour spoke for Rotary's commitment to make the July 4th parade and picnic a headline feature of the 2012 celebration.

Club News

Tom Trumble gave early notice for the Rotary Wine Tasting Dinner on March 19 at the Bavarian Inn. A Shepherd University Scholarship Fund will be receiving the net proceeds again this year, much appreciated by President Suzanne.

This was the second week for the "pass the hat" for the Bavarian staff. We hope to raise \$1,000, and Rick stated that we have \$659 so far.

Visitors

Catherine Irwin introduced James McNeel, the newly appointed director of marketing for CATF. Longtime Cress Creek resident Gary Engebretsen was with us as well.

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Erwin won the 50-50 for the second week in a row. Hmmmmm.

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