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Club Assembly

Today is club assembly. We will use this space to prep you for next week's meeting in Martinsburg, with a short

biography of District Governor Jim Eberly. There will be no *Router* next week.

Jim grew up in New Jersey (yes, at the Jersey Shore) and attended Penn State, graduating in 1977. His early work experience included the positions of disc jockey, program manager, sales manager, and general manager at radio stations in State College, Pa., Charlottesville, Va., and Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

For the past 24 years he has been working at Moyers Jewelers, State College, where he serves as operations manager. Jim has also been involved with a computer software users group for 20 years and is a member of the group's board of directors.

Jim joined Rotary in 1986 as a charter member of the Rotary Club of State College/Downtown, serving as club president in 1999–2000. In Rotary's centennial year, 2005, Jim served as co-chair of the State College and State College/Downtown clubs' project, which added a children's space, including child-sized benches and playhouses, to Central Park in State College.

Jim was chairman of the 2002 District Conference and has also served on the 2001 and 2007 Conference committees. He has been a member of the district training committee and has served as an assistant governor. Both Jim and his wife, Sue, are Paul Harris Fellows. Jim is also a sustaining member of the foundation. Jim and Sue have two married daughters and one grandchild.

In Case You Missed It

Mark Wenger, executive director and CEO of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy spoke to us about the trail that is in our own backyard. While only a small portion of the trail is in the state of West Virginia, its administrative headquarters is in Harpers Ferry, WV. The trail wanders through 14 states, along 2,184 miles, from Maine to Georgia. This is the 75th year celebration of the completion of the trail.

Mark also spoke about the positive economic impact the trail has on communities along it. AT programs such as Appalachian Trail Community Designations help towns along the trail receive the greatest benefits as the towns help to promote, care for, and sustain this important resource.

Mark invited us to visit the trail's welcome center at Harpers Ferry headquarters and reminded us that AT day hikes are easily accessible, without leaving our community!

For more information visit www.appalachiantrail.org.

Rotary Rumors

Karen Kinnett invited Rotarians to attend a Wine Tasting Fundraising event for Good Shepherd Caregivers at the Bavarian Inn on Wednesday, October 3.

Tom Miller invited Rotarians and their families to his Customer Appreciation Day on October 5 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. There will be children's activities and food by Signature Event Caterers.

Monica Lockett reminded the group of opportunities with the Rotary Leadership Institute; deadline is October 27. The Rotary training is scheduled for November 10.

Sign-up continues for "Our Ball, Your Charity." Tables are \$200 and can be reserved by contacting **Austin** Hovermale.

John Loeffler mentioned that the Rotary Sign Committee will meet after Rotary each week as needed.

Friending

Bill Howard's guest was Bob Proudman, director of conservation operations at the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, on hand to keep his new boss on the right trail.

Applause! Applause!

Seven is a lucky number for both Chef **Miriam** Conroy and **Lori** Kelly as they celebrate birthdays on the 7th. **John** Loeffler blows out his candles on the 3rd.

Happy Anniversary on the 4th, to the captain of our ship, **Rick** Caruso, and his wife, Denise.

More to Come

October 9 * NEXT WEEK

Shepherdstown Rotary Club will meet jointly with Martinsburg Sunrise Rotary Club at the Holiday Inn in Martinsburg, **NOT at the Bavarian Inn.** Please note: Meeting begins at 7:15 a.m. All members are strongly encouraged to attend this one-time event. Please see Monica to RSVP. The Holiday Inn is in the Martinsburg Mall shopping center area, adjacent to the I-81 King Street exit.

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Man has affinity for his fellow man, regardless of race, creed, or politics, and the greater the variety, the more the zest. All friendliness needs is a sporting chance; it will take care of itself in any company.

— "A Road I Have Travelled" The Rotarian, February 1934

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NEARBY MAKE-UP CLUBS

Berkeley Springs, WV 1215 Tari's Café Clarke (Berryville, VA) 1200 Grace Episcopal Charles Town, WV 1215 Paul's Restaurant Frederick, MD W 1215 Dutch's Daughter Hagerstown, MD W 1215 Fountainhead CC Hagerstown, MD 1815 Nick's Airport Inn Hagerstown, MD (am) 0730 Antrim House Hancock, MD TU 1230 Park-n-Dine Leesburg, VA 1830 Laurel Brigade Inn Martinsburg, WV ΤH 1215 Holiday Inn Martinsburg, WV (am) 0715 Holiday Inn Williamsport, MD 0715 Red Man's Club Winchester, VA 1200 Travelodge

For other locations, check with the club secretary

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Rotary Goes Postal

Fellow Rotarian John Griffith was employed as a federal postal inspector from 1976 to 1998. In 1983 he became

an inspection service field polygraph examiner and traveled throughout the United States and its territories conducting polygraph examinations on criminal Postal investigations from 1983 to 1990. In 1990, he was transferred to Washington, D.C., where he served as the postal inspection service national polygraph manager until he retired in 1998.

John's presentation will give us an overview of polygraph testing as it pertains to criminal and screening exams. He will explain the polygraph procedure—what it does, how it does what it does, how it has been used, and some of the myths about polygraph testing.

In Case You Missed It

October 9 was our joint meeting with the Martinsburg Sunrise Rotary Club at the Holiday Inn with great attendance by both groups. David Irwin, Martinsburg club president, opened the meeting; Rev. Eddie Edmonds said the blessing. Our club president, **Monica** Lockett, led everyone in reciting the Four-Way Test. President Irwin introduced District Governor Jim Eberly with a summary of his many accomplishments.

Jim started his motivational talk to the group with the following question that he asked himself and us, "Why am I a Rotarian?" He proudly stated that he is amazed at and in awe of the tremendous things we do to make our towns and world better. But, he said, "We do a lousy job of promoting ourselves and retaining Rotary members worldwide." When we tell people what we do, we need to keep a list in our minds of the community and world service we perform every year. This should be our "elevator speech" that we share with others with pride and excitement. We provide "service above self," mirroring the "peace through service" theme of 2012 via projects from PolioPlus to Water for Haiti.

As examples, Jim focused on three areas of service: 1) the Polio Plus program; 2) the Rotary Foundation, recognized by the Better Business Bureau and one of the best charities because it saves the money from our causes, holds onto it for three years, and then gives toward targeted projects; and 3) New Generations, an initiative to recruit members under the age of 35 who are socially conscious and ready to work.

Following the program, New Generations Chair **Holly** Frye and four SU Rotaract members presented Jim with a \$1,000 check to the Water for Haiti project, which was a big fund-raiser for our 25 strong, hardworking Rotaract students.

Two Weeks of Rotary Rumors

October 2, Club Assembly:

Austin Hovermale reminded us about the December 7 Rotary Charity Ball and asked members to sign up for a table supporting the charity of their

choice. Each table is \$200; deposits go to **Jennifer** Peterson with a check made out to the Rotary Club of Shepherdstown Charitable Fund, Inc. See Austin with questions.

Doug Alexander announced that, through our vocational services in Shepherdstown, the Rotary Club of Shepherdstown will give a dictionary to every third grader and a thesaurus to every fifth grader at Shepherdstown Elementary School. Last year, the Hagerstown *Morning Herald* promoted this worthy cause with the headline ROTARIANS GIVE WORDY DONATIONS.

Michele King sent a sign-up sheet around for the first annual Shepherd University football tailgate Rotary social, Saturday, November 10, starting at 10 a.m., with the kick-off at 12 noon. This "could" be the last home game of the season, but we hope SU will be in the playoffs with additional home games. The tailgate location is above the football stadium in the Ram Nation parking lot, and you can purchase tickets to the football game that same day. Join our first social with **Rick** Caruso's best tailgate festivities by bringing a potluck dish. Guests, including kids, are welcome.

October 9:

The District Conference will be held April 26–28, 2013, in Gettysburg, Pa., at the Wyndam Hotel, which is a great location for spouses and families, with free time built into the schedule, including a planned tour on Saturday afternoon.

A Rotary Leadership Institute program will be held November 10, in Hagerstown, Md. This is a great way to find out more about Rotary and to develop future leaders.

Vice President **Paul** Woods introduced our Rotary exchange student, Christian Zeballos from Peru, who presented District Governor Jim Eberly with a banner from District 4300 and the Rotary Club of Alborado in Peru.

Secretary Rick Caruso gave a brief history of the prestigious Paul Harris Fellow award and announced our most recent recipient: **Gary** Heichel, who has been a Rotary member for 18 years, with the Shepherdstown Club for five. Gary serves as the VP of the Potomac Audubon Society and the Shepherdstown 250 committee. Congratulations Gary!

Friending

On October 2, 2012, Mike Plant with Habitat for Humanity attended our meeting and was the guest of **Elizabeth** Granzow.

And the winners were...

The October 2, 2012, winner of the "50/50" drawing was **Maria** Brown who generously donated her BIG winnings back to Rotary.

The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do

Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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Power to the People

Charlene Gilliam is the external affairs manager for FirstEnergy, of Martinsburg, W.Va. FirstEnergy owns

Potomac Edison which provides electricity to us here in Shepherdstown.

Charlene is a West Virginia native, from Welch to Morgantown to Bridgeport to Berkeley County. She taught math, statistics, and computer science at Morgantown High School for 15 years. With bachelor's and master's degrees from West Virginia University (Go Mountaineers!), she was recruited by Potomac Edison in 1990 and has served the company in many states and positions. Now she lives in Falling Waters with her husband, Randy.

Charlene will be telling us about FirstEnergy's storm restoration process.

In Case You Missed It

We enjoyed our very own **John** Griffith's classification talk on his service as federal postal inspector from 1976 to 1998. As a field polygraph examiner for criminal postal investigations from 1983 to 1990, he traveled extensively throughout the United States. In 1990, he was transferred to Washington, D.C., where he served as the postal inspection service national polygraph manager until he retired in 1998. John, a Russian linguist, also trained Russian polygraph examiners.

John walked us through the testing procedure, beginning with the extensive training examiners receive. The polygraph itself has been used since the late 1800s in analog and, by 1992, computerized form. It examines the autonomic nervous system in three areas—cardio (systolic blood pressure), breathing pattern, and perspiration—and tests for deception as well as nondeception. John related that he has also received pre-test confessions, an unanticipated test result, and said that the polygraph exam is especially helpful in keeping sex offenders in line.

Thanks to TV shows and movies dramatizing the polygraph exam, John also felt obliged to bust some myths and lay out some facts:

- The polygraph examination occurs between the subject and the examiner, unless a translator is required or the examiner and the subject are of different genders.
- West Virginia is the only state that does not allow the recording or videotaping of polygraph tests, an invaluable corroboration procedure. Most states require videotaping.
- Each subject is advised of his rights and must voluntarily agree to take the polygraph exam.
- The examiner partners with the investigators to develop questions to ask the subject.
- The examiner reviews the questions in advance with the subject so there are no surprises. Background questions (on topics from employment to hobbies) are asked first to help the subject relax.
- The exam can take more than 1.5 hours.

The most important thing we learned is that we need John to come back and finish educating us so we can answer the question, How did Brody lie on his polygraph examination in the Sunday-night show "Homeland"?

Rotary Rumors

Lois Turco and Holly Frye had wonderful praise for the highly successful fourth annual Freedom's Run with more than 2,500 runners. Lois recognized Holly for her support gathering 400 volunteers and Shepherd University for help with the race despite major logistical challenges. Holly told us about a young boy's first 5K race and how his mother yelled "Stop!" just before the start, but he thought she yelled "Go!" He ended up running the wrong race...the half marathon! There was not a dry eye when he ran through the finish line and declared that it felt longer than a 5K. Oh, to be young again!

Connie Hammann announced Adopt a Highway is scheduled for Saturday morning, November 3.

Doug Alexander reminded us that we will be providing every 3rd grader a dictionary and every 5th grader a thesaurus at Shepherdstown Elementary School.

Austin Hovermale gave us more news about the upcoming Charity Ball, Friday, December 7, 2012, and asked members to sign up for a table to represent our annual giving theme: "Our ball, your Charity." Six or seven tables are left if you want to sign up for one to raise money for your charity.

Before the Rotary Ball, each decorated table will be judged on creativity, holiday festiveness, and representation of the charity organization. Last year's winner, Friends of Music, earned an additional \$600 with a donated auction item from the Loeffler family, The Inn at Gristmill Square in Warm Springs, Va. This year, **Christian** Asam has donated a night and dinner at the Mimslyn Inn in Luray, Va., and the final bid value of this gift (\$500) will be given to the winning charity.

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And the winner was...

Winner of the 50/50 drawing was **Tom** Trumble who actually drew his own winning ticket and declared, "I may not have to write an opera after all!"

Applause! Applause!

Happy birthday to **David** Gross on October 26 and to **Maria** Brown on October 29!

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