



### Club Assembly

First Tuesday this morning is Club Assembly!

### In Case You Missed It

Our guest speaker was David Guiney, principal and senior planner of Interpretive Direction LLC, a planning company based in Harpers Ferry. His company offers visitor-experience planning and interpretive media development services for heritage sites such as parks, scenic byways, historic properties, monuments, and museums. David presented a visual program on how to create designation experiences for visitors, including a great PowerPoint on projects he and his company have worked on, such as the grave of Francis Scott Key, the Catoctin Aqueduct on the C&O Canal, the Virginia Lodge No.1 in Harpers Ferry, and the famed Mason-Dixon Line.

Through the question and answer time, we learned that the average cost of an interpretative sign—from planning, research, graphics design, printing and construction—is about \$4,000. In general, the United States, particularly the Park Service, does a notably excellent job in commemorating its historic sites and national parks.

### Rotary Rumors

**Karen** Kinnett mentioned the need for volunteers for the upcoming Christmas Charity Ball. She passed out a sign-up sheet seeking members to fill various needs: decorating on Thursday, December 5; greeters, ticket takers, and cleaner uppers after the celebration on December 6. Please remember to drop off your auction items to the fire hall on Thursday between 1 and 4 p.m.

**Daan Vreugdenhill** returned from his overseas trip. He visited the Rotary Club in Kyoto, Japan and brought back a beautiful Rotary flag. He received a warm applause.

We were reminded that our very own Shepherdstown Rams football team was undefeated and were encouraged to root for them on Saturday, November 30, after a stop at **Rick's** tailgate with fellow Rotarians at our usual spot. (Final score Rams 7, Winston-Salem State. Talk about a tailgate! Regional championships here next week.

The Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 7, at 11 a.m. featuring live nativity participants, marching bands, Morris Dancers and much, much more! Rotarians and families are welcome and encouraged to join the Rotary marching contingent. Please wear red tops and black pants. Arrive by 10:30 a.m. for staging on Church Street.

### Applause! Applause!

The sound of one hand clapping. No special days this week.

### And the Winner Was....

Drum roll please... **Rick** won the 50/50 even though it

took him a little to actually find his ticket. In our advancing years, some of us have had to adopt a system to keep track of that ticket, how about you? It's only a dollar a week, join in the action.

### Friending

What? No visitors last week! Perhaps they were all camping out waiting for the Black Friday extravaganzas.

### Upcoming Events

- December 5** Deck the Hall with boughs of holly!
- December 6** Charity Ball
- December 7** Shepherdstown Christmas Parade 10 a.m.

### The Four-Way Test

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#### NEARBY MAKE-UP CLUBS

Berkeley Springs, WV	TH	1215	Tari's Café
Clarke (Berryville), VA	W	1200	Grace Episcopal
Charles Town, WV	TU	1215	Paul's Restaurant
Frederick, MD	W	1215	Dutch's Daughter
Hagerstown, MD	W	1215	Fountainhead CC
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Hancock, MD	TU	1230	Park-n-Dine
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Martinsburg, WV	TH	1215	Holiday Inn
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Williamsport, MD	W	0715	Red Man's Club
Winchester, VA	TH	1200	Travelodge

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## Annual Meeting

General membership meeting to review the club finances and elect new officers and board members for the next Rotary year starting July 2013.

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Club Assembly Day included discussion in "Club Service" of the excellent attendance at the tree lighting (well in excess of the newspaper's reporting of 100) and the logistics for the upcoming holiday parade. New Generations discussed implementing an InterAct Club for ages 12 to 18. International Service worked on plans for the World Affairs Seminar in March at NCTC. Vocational Service weighed priorities for club investment in different activities and discussed making the Shepherd University emergency fund available to veterans. And Community Service was discussing—what else—the Charity Ball.

## Rotary Rumors

It was confirmed that members could participate in both the parade and tailgating on Saturday, December 8, if they managed their time and beverages appropriately. **Holly** Frye was to direct parade traffic. Holly also announced that she needed a Santa—don't we all?

Last-minute volunteers were solicited for the Charity Ball and cleanup volunteers were assured that this year there would be no individual snowflakes attached to the ceiling. Advance drink tickets were sold. [Knowing the crowd, the editor was tempted to spell that Advanced drink tickets...]

Charity Ball table hosts were reminded to provide a list of their guests with contact information to assure that everyone receives a thank-you note from Rotary. Cress Creek, the Bavarian Inn, and two additional restaurants were to provide food at the ball.

The General Membership Meeting was announced for December 10. **Karen** Kinnett will present the financial statements and officers will be elected for the 2014-2015 Rotary year starting in July.

December 17 will feature Stephen Czarkowski's cello trio performing holiday music.

Meetings on December 24 and December 31 will be optional.

## Applause! Applause!

No birthdays this week, but three anniversaries. Congratulations to **Holly** and James Frye, **Howard** and Gussie Mills, and **Daan** and Eveline Vreugdenhil.

## And the Winner Was....

**Carl** Moore, captured last week's 50/50—a little Christmas "jingle" money.

## Friending

We welcomed Tom Jones, president of Shepherd University's Rotoract and Eric Brunnell, guest of **Tom** Maiden.

## Upcoming Events

- December 17** Christmas Party with Cello Trio directed by Stephen Czarkowski
- December 24** Optional Meeting
- December 31** Optional Meeting

### Everyone: Enjoy the Snow Day

Years and years ago, when I was a boy, when there were wolves in Wales, and birds the color of red-flannel petticoats whisked past the harp-shaped hills, when we sang and wallowed all night and day in caves that smelt like Sunday afternoons in damp front farmhouse parlors, and we chased, with the jawbones of deacons, the English and the bears, before the motor car, before the wheel, before the duchess-faced horse, when we rode the daft and happy hills bareback, it snowed and it snowed. But here a small boy says: "It snowed last year, too. I made a snowman and my brother knocked it down and I knocked my brother down and then we had tea."

"But that was not the same snow," I say. "Our snow was not only shaken from white wash buckets down the sky, it came shawling out of the ground and swam and drifted out of the arms and hands and bodies of the trees; snow grew overnight on the roofs of the houses like a pure and grandfather moss, minutely white-ivied the walls and settled on the postman, opening the gate, like a dumb, numb thunderstorm of white, torn Christmas cards."

—Dylan Thomas  
*A Child's Christmas in Wales*

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