



Club Assembly

Today is Club Assembly.

In Case You Missed It

Fellow Rotarian Bill Gaestel of Blue Ribbon Property Management gave us a view into the challenging world of housing rehabilitation and the recurring need for mold removal in a talk which could have been titled "Just Add Water." Water is the real problem and mold is just a symptom.

Bill dispelled rumors about black mold or toxic mold, noting that people's reactions to mold depend on individual sensitivity to mold allergens.

Bill is certified in mold remediation but uses his knowledge strictly on his own properties; however, if any members believe they have a mold problem, he would be pleased to discuss it with them.

Rotary Rumors

The District Conference in Gettysburg was attended by our president, **Monica** Lockett, **Paul** Woods, **Ken** and Jantina Mann, and **David** and Viada Manthos.

Monica reported that Rotary International dues will increase by \$1 per year and the attendance policy has been relaxed to give credit for service project attendance. The District Assembly has also changed its name to "District Training Sessions." The fifth avenue of services, New Generations, has been renamed **Youth Service**.

Dave spoke about the District Foundation committee, his role as our representative, and the need to have one additional person from the club to serve with him. The committee will manage any grants in partnership with communities and international grants in partnership with global clubs. On May 18 there is a second training session for this position. Details of the functioning of the committee are still to be resolved.

Monica noted that she enjoyed presentations from our exchange students, especially Christian's trombone recital. She also mentioned that the Four-Way Test essay contest was a great success.

Ken Mann added that the district has a fabulous 6-foot inflatable rotary wheel that we should steal to use with our parade float. The next District Conference is in Breingsville, Pa., at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, April 24-25, 2014.

Sue Collins encouraged us to attend the Shepherdstown Street Fest on June 29 and said that organizers are looking for volunteers. Volunteer forms are available on the Street Fest website.

Friending

Jennifer introduced German exchange student Anne Geschke, our own Christian Zaballos, and Sue Collins from Shepherdstown Street Fest. Please note that Christian will be leaving us and returning to Peru on July 4.

Applause! Applause!

A feast after a famine. Look at all we have to celebrate: May 8: Dana Orsini, birthday; May 9: Harry Reed Jenkins, birthday; May 10: Austin and Heather Hovermale, anniversary, and Julie and Joe Siler, anniversary; May 11: Peter and Vicki Smith, anniversary; May 12: Dana and Nina Orsini, anniversary. Best wishes all!

And the winner was...

After a suspenseful drawing (last week's tickets were comingled with the current drawing), it was reported that **Tom** was the grateful the winner of the 50/50, although it should be clarified which Tom that might be.

Upcoming Events

June 18 David Didden: The power of integrative health

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Classification Talk

Rotarian **David** Manthos of SkyTruth will speak about his path from student of environmental issues to environmental educator and communicator through service in the nonprofit community.

While studying geography and the relationship of human beings to their natural environment at Bucknell University, David began to focus on the impact of intensive resource extraction through history, from the legacy of logging and coal mining in the Appalachian Mountains to emerging drilling technologies that have launched a boom of domestic oil and gas development.

David graduated with a degree in geography and environmental studies and then served as an AmeriCorps Volunteer In Service To America (VISTA) at Friends of the Cheat, a watershed group in north-central West Virginia working to restore the Cheat River and its tributaries from decades of pollution from abandoned coal mines.

From showing kids how to collect and identify aquatic insects in streams to writing grants to bring another AmeriCorps volunteer to the environmentally degraded Cheat River watershed to “fight poverty,” David found that communicating environmental issues is a complicated and nuanced task, yet at the same time deeply fulfilling.

Originally from western Maryland, David now lives and works in Shepherdstown where he is the outreach and communications director at SkyTruth, an environmental NGO that uses satellite/aerial imagery and data to analyze and visualize environmental issues around the world. David will speak today about his work and the challenges of communicating complex and even controversial issues accurately and compellingly.

In Case You Missed It

Monica Lockett opened Club Assembly by asking each table for its discussion topic during breakfast. The Youth Service (formerly) New Generations table mulled over **Tom** Trumble’s shoulder; the Vocational Service table reflected on how pretty **Monica** Lockett looked that day; and the Club Service table ruminated over **Dick** Klein’s cruise and the “soggy dollar.”

Rick Caruso divulged his notorious painkiller recipe, and several other members suggested delicious variations. If you don’t come to Club Assembly, you’re going to miss the good stuff. Better luck next month, eh?

The remainder of the meeting was spent in group meetings.

Rotary Rumors

Paul Woods announced that we need host families for our next exchange student, arriving in August. The host family does not need to be affiliated with Rotary but must reside in Jefferson County.

In the next club meeting, **Monica** Lockett would like to talk about 4th of July. **Dr. Dave** Miljour mentioned that he may not have time this year to manage the event, and the club is looking for a member to take a lead.

We are looking for a District Foundation Committee representative to join **Dave** Manthos in this important gig.

Monica also reminded us that there are four board meetings left to this Rotary year. If you’re interested in getting involved at the at the board level, club members are welcome to attend a board meeting and learn what is involved.

Friending

Applause! Applause!

Jack and **Kathy** Berkley celebrate their nuptials on May 19. Many blessings!

And the winner was...

Upcoming Events

June 18 *David Didden:*
The power of integrative health

Splice the mainbrace!
 (which is a pirate phrase for “give the crew a drink!”)

Rick’s Infamous Painkiller

- 2 oz. dark rum
 (such as Pusser’s)
- 1 oz. cream of coconut
- 4 oz. pineapple juice
- 1 oz. orange juice

Pour over ice and sprinkle with Nutmeg

Jennifer Peterson recommended another twist to this concoction: make it a frozen painkiller using Bushwacker Rum and whipped topping. The scribe believes all this to be way too much work: drink your lovely fine rum over a few ice cubes and call it done.

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Daan Vreugdenhil has always felt that conservation is a passion, not a profession. As a child, his father would take him on the back of his bicycle into

the meadows, where he taught him about birds and plants. Daan caught frogs, butterflies and lizards as pets. At age 13, he joined a nature studies youth club, and every weekend, he rode his bike with his fellow club members to nature reserves in the Netherlands, where he grew up. Little wonder he came to study ecology and natural resources management.

Daan graduated from Petoskey High School in Michigan, where he was an exchange student, and Queen Wilhelmina High School in the Netherlands. He got his bachelor's degree in biology from Utrecht University; his masters in natural resources management and ecology and his doctorate in conservation ecology from Wageningen Agricultural University—the university that revolutionized the Dutch agricultural sector. Both universities rank high among the world's top 100 universities.

Daan's conservation career spans more than four decades, during which he has worked in a variety of international and national organizations in the public and private sectors and has traveled to more than 80 countries. He speaks seven languages.

In 1995, he started working full time for his socially responsible private corporation, World Institute for Conservation and Environment (WICE). He also incorporated the Adopt A Ranger Foundation and is a major shareholder in the Cuyabeno Lodge in the Amazon of Ecuador.

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Paul Woods introduced **David** Manthos as our speaker for his classification talk. Paul first met David more than a year ago at a conference. At that time, SkyTruth was expanding and needed a communications professional. Identified as a good communicator and writer, David transitioned from education to his current position as communications director.

David is from Western Maryland where he was home-schooled and enjoyed many national parks. He entered a community college at age 16. During his studies of fine arts and science, he became interested in geography. He went on to Bucknell University, where he studied the large quantities of natural gas in Pennsylvania and the state's timber boom and bust. While at Bucknell, David also explored the 444-mile-long Susquehanna River and studied its history and surrounding landscape and a holistic approach to the overall health and wellbeing of the river.

Later, David became extensively involved with activities surrounding the Cheat River and Friends of the Cheat via AmeriCorps VISTA and fighting poverty through environmental restoration—initiatives that sought to lift the local economy by enhancing environ-

mental and outdoor activities: Improving environmental conditions such as the water quality of the Cheat River would create a more appealing destination for adventurers wanting to enjoy the river.

David says two ideas are important to keep in mind when thinking about today's communication: 1) We live in the Information Age, and there is far more information available than we can possibly consume; and 2) Humans are very subjective beings, but our objectivity improves with scale.

For its part, SkyTruth provides remote sensing and digital mapping to help us understand what's happening in the environment. The company has tracked contamination from wells that have been fracked and monitored other industrial activities. As an illustration of SkyTruth's work, David shared with us a time lapse of satellite imagery in Logan County, W.Va., over three decades.

Rotary Rumors

Monica Lockett opened the meeting by asking someone to lead the Rotarian involvement in the 4th of July festivities. **Peter** Smith stepped up and announced that he and **Holly** Frye are willing to take co-leadership. **Rick** Caruso offered to bring his grill and grilling expertise. The July heat was discussed and consideration was put toward starting the parade and events earlier in the day. Daan Vreugdenhil mentioned the value the 4th of July event to our community and our Rotary. **Bill** Howard suggested a vote, on an annual basis, to ensure a clear mandate for continuing such projects. Rick suggested Morgan's Grove Park as a possible venue because of available facilities. Ultimately the club voted to have the activities last from 11 am until 3 pm.

Karen Kinnett discussed the upcoming budget; and reminded us that the next committee meeting is when budgets will be determined.

Friending

We enjoyed the company of Vaida Manthos, David's wife.

Applause! Applause!

Julie Siler gets all the attention today; her birthday is on the 23rd. Many happy returns!

And the winner was...

50/50 was awarded to our esteemed speaker, David Manthos.

Upcoming Events

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David Didden:

The power of integrative health

The Four-Way Test

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The Power of Song

We welcome back Steve Warner of the Rolling Coyotes in support of the mission of 12-year-old Evan Frank of Harpers Ferry, WV to build fresh water

wells in Africa.

Accompanied by Steve on guitar, Evan will be with us to show us his special slide show and a personal message from this youngster who is a role model to us all.

In Case You Missed It

Daan Vreugdenhil gave a classification talk about his career in environmental management. Through his organization, World Institute for Conservation and Environment (WICE), he is currently focused on getting as many species protected as possible. Daan is therefore passionate about protecting habitats—national parks worldwide and especially park systems in impoverished countries.

Daan talked about Ethiopia as an example. It is home to an enormous wealth of species, and new species are still being discovered there. Its endemic species include antelope, mountain goats, wolves, and gray jays. To give an idea of the country's biodiversity: 6,000 species of vascular plants have been recorded, of which 10 percent are endemic; 320 species of mammals, with 36 endemic; 860 species of birds, with 18 endemic; and 240 species of reptiles.

Daan noted the difficulty in analyzing current data in Ethiopia: Information is often not gathered in remote areas, so estimates of the population size and variety of species is severely underestimated.

To flesh out these numbers, Daan uses a "physiognomic-ecological" classification system and develops an ecosystem map. Since certain geographic regions, such as high elevations or aquatic locations, have distinct vegetation and terrain suitable for particular species, satellite images that identify these habitats can help determine where species are likely to be found. Some new areas of Ethiopia he has identified for protection include hot sulfur springs, waterfalls, and frankincense groves.

Rotary Rumors

Peter Smith spoke about the 4th of July celebration. The parade is set for 11 a.m. and the subsequent activities will be at Morgan's Grove Park. If anyone would like to contribute to the cost of the event, please see Peter. Park and facilities rental is \$140; the band's fee is \$300.

Friending

We were happy to have our exchange student Christian Zaballos with us once again. Remember, Christian leaves for Peru July 4.

Applause! Applause!

Dr. **Dave** gets a free adjustment on May 30, and **George** Alwin will be glad he's good at manipulating large numbers on June 1. Happy Birthdays, guys!

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Dick Klein was the lucky duck.

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