



Club Assembly

Thinking caps on; inside voices, please.

In Case You Missed It

Camille Thomsen, our Rotary exchange student from Denmark, talked last week about her homeland.

Denmark, is a relatively small and relatively flat country: approximately 16,000 square miles of land mass, the highest elevation 560 feet above sea level, and 5.5 million citizens. The **lowest** point in West Virginia is Harpers Ferry at 500 feet above sea level, while the state has just over 25,000 square miles of land mass and 2.3 million residents.

Denmark's most famous tourist attraction and most visited site is the statue of the naked lady by the sea inspired by Hans Christen Anderson's fairytale "The Little Mermaid." Although legend states that touching the statue brings good luck, happiness, and prosperity, some tourists have gone too far, removing fingers and arms from the lady. Several of the statue's body parts have been replaced over the years.

Denmark's government operates as a monarchy. Its flag design has not changed since 1290: the oldest flag in the world in continuous use. All health care in Denmark is free to its citizens as is education through college. Some private colleges exist, but there are enough publicly supported institutions that all students who qualify academically may attend free.

Denmark's public school system requires students to study three languages starting in the 6th year of schooling. Camille therefore speaks English and German in addition to her native Danish. Camille is clearly one of the best and brightest of the next generation from Denmark and we are lucky to host her. Currently a junior at Jefferson High School, she is living with Karen Waugh for the first third of her year in Shepherdstown.

Rotary Rumours

Adopt-a-Highway

The fall Adopt-a-Highway is now set for the **fourth** Saturday of October; please note the date change and mark your calendar: October 26, 8 a.m., Hoxton Agency parking lot. As **Doug** Alexander is always saying, Be there or be square.....

The sign is open for business

After two years of hard work, the Welcome to Shepherdstown sign at the bridge is finished. The dedication was held on September 27 at 10 a.m. Look to your right the next time you drive into town using Maryland Rt. 34. A big thank-you to **John** Loffler and all the Rotarians who helped bring this idea to reality.

Fresh Feast on the Farm

A Charles Town Rotary Club fund raiser, Fresh Feast on the Farm promoted by visiting Rotarian **Bill** Strider, will be held at Clay Hill Farm in Ranson on October

5. Tickets are \$80 a person. Appetizers and wine at 6 p.m., dinner at 7. Reservation required, space is limited. Contact Jane Tabb: vinemont@frontiernet.net or (304) 725-4325.

Dictionary Giveaway

The annual Rotary dictionary giveaway to elementary school students will be held October 28 and 29 in Jefferson County schools. Contact **Peter** Smith for information and to volunteer.

Vocational Service Award

Turn in your nominations to Doug Alexander or Peter Smith.

Applause! Applause!

On October 3 **John** Loeffler clicks up one year, **Miriam** Conroy on October 7. **Rick** Caruso and Denise celebrate their wedding anniversary on the 3rd.

And the Winner Was....

"We all live downstream," and **Bill** Howard waded in to net last week's drawing. Remember Rotarians you gotta play to win.

Friending

Paul Frank from Harpers Ferry visited again. Rotarians Darla McCrary from Winchester, Va., and Bill Strider from Charles Town, W. Va., were getting a make-up credit. Exchange student mom **Karen** Waugh escorted our speaker, Camille Thomsen

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Classification Talk

New member **Terry** Anderson will enlighten us about his occupation.

Terry currently works as the veterans healthcare recruiter for the Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Martinsburg VA Medical Centers. Prior to that, he completed 26 years of military service in the United States Navy, sailed over three fourths of the world, performed humanitarian care, saved lives, delivered babies, and served as a trained physician's assistant.

Terry completed three tours in Iraq as the senior enlisted leader embedded with the U.S. Marine Corps Anti-Terrorism Battalion and Regimental Combat Team-2. He led and managed the overall care of more than 600 Navy corpsmen and has been highly decorated, leading in war and in peace. He also served aboard Navy ships USS *Badger* FF1071 and USS *Wasp* LHD-1. He performed tours in naval hospitals, clinics, and in shock trauma platoons

Terry served two tours as a Navy medical programs recruiter and a tour as a Navy instructor, teaching students the art of medical programs recruiting. In 2009, Terry was honored as the Navy Medical Program Recruiter of the Year.

He is grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve through Rotary and place service above self.

In Case You Missed It

Dr. **Christopher** Ames was ceremoniously welcomed as a new member.

Margaret Kasekende presented us with a banner from her home club, the Sunrise Club of Kampala, Uganda. She spoke on the mission of Children of Uganda to support and empower hundreds of orphaned and vulnerable children in Uganda to lead successful and productive lives.

We then had break-out sessions for club assembly.

Rotary Rumours

Lois informed the group that the October 12 Freedom's Run may have to change course, thanks to the government shutdown. Alternative planning is underway; stay tuned. Also, Rotaract will be raising funds to sponsor a shelter box and plans to have a box set up during the event.

Applause! Applause!

Skunked again!

And the Winner Was....

The 50-50 went to **Terry** Anderson. A fitting thanks for his efforts in aiding the clean-up for the new welcome sign and an advance on today's speaker's fee.

Friending

We were joined by Rotaract members Prose Cassells and Thomas Jones. Pamela Barron accompanied

Margaret representing the Children of Uganda organization. Paul Franks and Camille Thomsen, our exchange student, also joined us again.

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Potomac Riverkeeper

Today we are pleased to welcome Brent Walls, the Upper Potomac River Manager since 2009 for the Potomac Riverkeeper®, an organization that works alongside citizens, local governments, businesses, and state agencies throughout the watershed to reduce the nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment that run off into the Potomac River and eventually make their way to the Chesapeake Bay. This morning we will learn more about history of the organization, the impact of Riverkeepers' work, and plans for enforcing the Clean Water Act and helping restore the health of the Potomac River and water quality downstream.

Brent comes to Potomac Riverkeeper with several years experience as the Watershed Coordinator at the Chester River Association. Brent worked closely with the Chester Riverkeeper, and acted as interim Riverkeeper on two occasions. Mr. Walls has extensive experience with conducting water quality monitoring programs, coordinating volunteers, investigating pollution, and initiating enforcement actions. From the very beginning, Brent has spoken about the "positive change that can be brought about when local communities become involved in an issue."

Brent has a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental sciences and served in the United States Navy. He works from his home in Inwood but the river is his office.

In Case You Missed It

New member **Terry** Anderson spoke to us last week about his occupation as a decorated Veterans Administration healthcare recruiter for the Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Martinsburg VA Centers. The club also learned more about Terry's extensive and distinguished military background, in which he completed 26 years of service in the United States Navy and sailed over three-fourths of the globe.

Rotary Rumours

Jennifer Peterson and **Monica** Lockett passed out dictionaries last week at TA Lowery Elementary School for the Community Service committee.

President **Paul** Woods thanked the Christian and the Bavarian in for arranging the club's new replacement handheld microphone. Operations will be a little easier since this one doesn't require a screwdriver to turn it on and off.

Lois Turco updated us about Freedoms Run and the need to figure out a new route thanks to the government shut down. Kudos to her committee—"adapt and overcome" seems to have been the rallying cry.

Applause! Applause!

Shut out this week.

And the Winner Was....

Elizabeth Granzow took home the bounty in the 50/50 harvest.

Friending

We were once again joined by Paul Franks and Camille Thomsen, our exchange student from Denmark.

Upcoming Events

- October 16** President's Round Table
Hoxton Agency 12:00 - 1:30 pm
Discussion: Club Service led by Chair, Elizabeth Granzow
- October 22** Than Hitt, Research Fish Biologist
Aquatic Ecology Branch, (USGS)
Leetown Science Center
- October 26** Adopt-a-Highway
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Fish Ecology

Dr. Nathaniel (Than) P. Hitt is a research fish biologist in the Aquatic Ecology Branch of the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) Leetown Science

Center in Kearneysville, W.Va. He holds a bachelor's degree in biology from the College of Wooster, a master's in organismal biology and ecology from the University of Montana, and a doctorate in fisheries and wildlife sciences from Virginia Tech.

Dr. Hitt's research investigates freshwater fish ecology and community ecotoxicology from a landscape perspective, focusing on stream ecosystems in the Appalachian highlands.

His research includes stream network modeling of fish habitat and population/community responses to environmental change, fish colonization and extinction dynamics, ecological indicators for human epidemiology, and effects of stream flow and temperature on fish communities and native brook trout population dynamics.

In Case You Missed It

Brent Walls, upper river manager for the Potomac RIVERKEEPER, spoke to us last week about his role with the organization working alongside citizens, local governments, businesses, and state agencies throughout the watershed to reduce the nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment that run off into the Potomac River and eventually into the Chesapeake Bay. We learned about the impact of Riverkeepers's work, and plans for enforcing the Clean Water Act and helping restore the health of the Potomac River and water quality downstream.

Have you ever been out on the water and seen pollution and wanted to report it to someone? Or did you find a great swimming hole or fishing spot and wanted to let your friends know? Well now there's an app for that! The RIVERKEEPER has made it easier to find and report pollution -- and to report the fun things you see and do on the river. Working with Chesapeake Commons, they developed a mobile app, which is a Bay-wide initiative, to gather critical data on the waterways you love! If you have interest in becoming a water monitor, contact Brent a keeper@potomacriverkeeper.org.

Rotary Rumours

Lois Turco gave us a summary of Freedom's Run, which turned out quite successfully. She thanked all Rotary members who volunteered their time and/or participated in the event.

Paul Frank was inducted into the Rotary Club of Shepherdstown during last week's meeting. He was accompanied by his guest, past president of the Rotary Club of Winchester.

Applause! Applause!

David Gross's pumpkining time approaches: He ripens

further on October 26.

And the Winner Was....

Terry Anderson hit it big in last week's 50/50. It was far less than his usual speaker's fee, but no one heard any complaints.

Friending

Faithful friending now... Paul Frank and Camille Thomsen, our exchange student from Denmark, joined us.

Upcoming Events

- October 26** Adopt-a-Highway, followed by Shepherdstown Middle School bleacher cleanup, with the Rotaract Club of Shepherd University
- November 20** Roundtable discussion on programs and speaker development
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Canal Conversation

Today we are joined by Kevin Brandt, superintendent of the C&O Canal National Historical Park. He has served in that position since 2004 and is a

34-year veteran of the National Park Service.

With a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from Ohio State University, Kevin began his NPS career in 1979 as a landscape architect in the agency's national planning and design center in Denver, Colo. He also served as the associate regional Director for Planning and Professional Services in the Southwest Regional Office in Santa Fe, N.M. In both positions he coordinated work in national parks throughout the country.

Kevin has been recognized for his work with an Environmental Achievement Award and the Department of Interior's Exemplary Act Award. In 2010 and 2013 he was the recipient of the NPS Director's Appleman Judd Award of Excellence in Cultural Resource Stewardship by Superintendents for his work in creating the Canal Quarters interpretive program and the commemoration of the Civil War's sesquicentennial.

The C&O Canal follows the route of the Potomac River for 184.5 miles from Washington D.C. to Cumberland, Md. The passageway operated for nearly 100 years as a lifeline for communities along the Potomac River as coal, lumber, and agricultural products floated down the waterway, destined for market. Today Kevin will be telling us a bit more about this national treasure that courses right behind our own backyards.

In Case You Missed It

Last week we were joined by Dr. Nathaniel (Than) P. Hitt, research fish biologist for the Aquatic Ecology Branch of the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) Leetown Science Center in Kearneysville. Dr. Hitt spoke to us about the effects of global warming on brook trout populations particularly in the Shenandoah National Park and in acid mine drainage areas of West Virginia. Research shows that ground water temperature, in addition to air temperature, is a strong contributing factor to survivability of the species and that there is hope.

Than also spoke about his interest in solar power and his involvement in a new initiative exploring a community supported solar panel installation on the south facing roof of the Shepherdstown Presbyterian Church.

Rotary Rumours

Thank you to the Rotary members who helped at the Adopt-a-Highway event on Saturday, October 26. Twelve members showed up to clean up Route 230 between Trough Road and Shepherdstown. Afterward, **Holly** Frye, **David** Miljour, and **Salle** Mickey joined members of the Rotaract Club of Shepherd University to help spruce up the bleachers at Shepherdstown Middle School. The group cleaned up around the

bleachers and picked weeds. A later date will be set to paint the bleachers, weather permitting.

Last week President **Paul** Woods presented **John** Loeffler with a well deserved plaque thanking him for his hard work on the new Shepherdstown welcome sign. President Woods pointed out that John is the embodiment of Rotary's motto "service above self".

We were reminded of the Panhandle Home Health Holiday Charity Gala, to be held November 16, 2013, at the Purple Irish at Hartwood Mansion in Martinsburg.

Applause! Applause!

Happy birthday to **Maria** Brown—today!

And the Winner Was....

Last weeks 50/50 went to the luckiest Rotary exchange student we've seen yet: Camille!

Friending

We were joined by Eric Burnell of State Farm from North Carolina, and Camille Thomsen, our "lucky" young Rotary exchange student from Denmark.

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