



District Governor's Visit

Sharon Benner has been a member of the West Snyder-Beaver Springs Rotary Club since June 1993, with 20 years perfect attendance. She has served her club as student exchange counselor, secretary, and treasurer and was a three-term club president. Her husband, Howard L. Benner Jr., served the district as governor in 2001-2002.

Sharon helped charter the Mid-West Interact Club and served as adviser for seven years. She and Howard hosted three visiting GSE Team members and eleven Rotary exchange students, traveling abroad to visit five of them.

At the district level, Sharon served as an assistant governor, outbound chair for the Youth Exchange Program, and district membership chair; she's chaired the Conference Memorial Service and has served on the Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee. She has made two Project Ecuador trips and has attended 32 district conferences, three international conventions and four Zones Institutes. She is a graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute. A Paul Harris Fellow with four sapphires, she is also a Rotary Benefactor and a member of the Bequest Society.

Sharon's trips to Ecuador affected her deeply and helped focus her vision as governor. She saw how a Rotary district's assistance to a village, mainly providing clean running water, made drastic improvements in the quality of life there in just two years: in general cleanliness, the village gardens, and the school. The experience perfectly illustrates the 2013-2014 theme: "Engage Rotary, Change Lives." Under her governorship, she wants to allow any Foundation gifts to be earmarked for the water project in Ecuador.

Among her other priority projects will be "Help the Children Hear," which collects and refurbishes old hearing aids that are then donated to impaired children; and supporting the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, the Youth Exchange, and Rotary Leadership Institute.

Administratively, she wants to start an E-Club for potential members who cannot make regular meetings and one for makeups; she wants to add two more clubs to the district; and she aims to have membership in the district surpass 3,000 by June 2014. We look forward to hearing more this morning!

In Case You Missed It

Sheriff Peter Dougherty joined us last week. Sheriff Dougherty is the top law enforcement official in Jefferson County. He has a full-time staff of 24 deputies and 27 reserve officers. The Sheriff's Office is responsible for myriad tasks within the county, including: tax collection, bailiff duty for the courts, enforcing court orders, mental health and prison transportations, concealed weapon permits, animal cruelty office and municipal aid. Since Sheriff Dougherty has been appointed the office has run over 1,200 animal

calls, issued over 800 concealed weapons permits, and responded to over 11,000 calls for service. He made a point of reminding us that using handheld phones and texting while driving are illegal in our state.

Rotary Rumors

We welcomed Camille Thompson, our new exchange student from Denmark.

Sign-up sheet for Charity Ball tables will start circulating today.

Rick Caruso kicks off Shepherd's football season with his famous tailgate party, September 7, 10 a.m. Game time is noon.

The president's round table luncheon discussion on membership development has been set for September 18. Details to follow.

Applause! Applause!

Anniversaries eclipse birthdays again this week: **Peter** and **Andrea** Corum on the 4th; **Bob** and **Dolores** Lowe on the 6th. Best wishes!

And the Winner Was....

Camille got a little extra practice with the exchange rate.

Friending

Joining Camille on the guest list was Donald Krezak from the Rotary Club of Beltsville, Md.

Upcoming Events

- September 5** Martinsburg Sunrise Club Annual Crab Feast
- September 7** Rams vs. Shippensburg Tailgate at Caruso's Cabana
- September 10** Day of Caring
- September 18** President's round table luncheon discussing membership development
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Day of Caring

It's Club Assembly before we disperse to our Day of Caring labors. We will proceed directly to the Day of Caring site where we will provide yard clean up and mulching for two adjacent Shepherdstown properties.

Rotarians are encouraged to wear long sleeve shirts and jeans in case of poison ivy, and bring gloves and any gardening tools such as pruners, clippers, shovels, trowels, etc. Also, please don't forget to bring drinking water and bug spray!

In Case You Missed It

District Governor Sharon Benner, who has a long and dedicated tradition of service to Rotary at local through international levels, spoke to a joint meeting of our club and Martinsburg's. She especially wanted to share with us the projects and priorities she has established for her term in office, highlighting three that fulfill this year's Rotary theme: Engage Rotary, Change Lives. The first is Clean Water for Ecuador. Sharon has traveled to Ecuador and personally witnessed the fundamental changes that can be made in people's lives with the introduction of clean running water. The second is Help the Children Hear, whose goal is to collect and refurbish old hearing aids that can then be donated for impaired children; the program will initially serve those in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The third is to add two more clubs to the district, including an E-club, which will accommodate members who cannot make regular meetings and be used as a make-up site. She encouraged us Rotarians to reach out to potential members and share our stories of what Rotary means to us and why we became members.

Rotary Rumors

We received a letter of gratitude from the Shepherd University Foundation for a contribution to the Rural Financial Planning Fund. Thanks to **Rob** Hoxton for his assistance with this.

Applause! Applause!

Birthday good wishes to **DJ** Croxton on September 14 and anniversary congratulations to **Maria** and Ronnie Brown on September 16.

And the Winner Was....

Camille is *improving* her practice with the exchange rate, making it two in a row.

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International

ROTARY APPROVES \$500,000 EMERGENCY GRANT FOR SOMALIA

Rotary has approved a \$500,000 Rapid Response grant to the World Health Organization (WHO) to address a recent polio outbreak in Somalia. The outbreak occurred in the Banadir region of Somalia, where a large number of children had not been vaccinated against polio due to inaccessibility.

As of 14 August, 110 cases of wild poliovirus have been reported in the Horn of Africa—100 cases in Somalia and 10 in Kenya. This is the first outbreak in Somalia since 2007 and in Kenya since 2011.

The Rotary grant will cover operational costs, including human resources, training, and transportation of health workers, aimed at immunizing children under 10 in all accessible areas of Somalia in August.

To date, five vaccination campaigns have been held in Somalia, three in Kenya, two each in Ethiopia and Yemen, and one in Djibouti. Additional campaigns are planned through the end of the year.

Drawing on lessons learned from previous polio outbreaks, the first vaccination campaign was carried out within a week after the first case was confirmed.

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Turning Assets into Opportunities

Our speaker this morning is our own **Lois Turco**, who will share insights into the thinking behind two significant anniversaries this month and the organizations behind them, their missions and results.

Freedom's Run celebrates the fifth anniversary of a great "pride in place" event: Freedom's Run—A Race for Health and Heritage.

Canal Towns Partnership celebrates its third anniversary on September 23. The initiative was launched at Ferry Hill Plantation with partners from two states, eight communities and four counties present on that date in 2011.

As we will learn, Lois has had plenty of non-profit leadership experience since she moved to Shepherdstown. In addition to cofounding and continually working for Freedom's Run since 2009; she's been a Shepherdstown Rotarian since 2002; she chairs Two Rivers Heritage Partnership, a registered 501(c)(3); and she's been a board member of the Shepherdstown Visitors Center since 2011. She was a board member of Jefferson County's Arts and Humanities Alliance (AHA!) from 2009 to 2013, and she'll chair the Canal Towns Partnership from 2013 to 2015.

In Case You Missed It

Double-header last week:

Jefferson County Day of Caring

A group of Rotarians putting "Service Above Self" came dressed for yard work and cleanup. By now two Shepherdstown family yards have been cleaned and polished by the good work of our club.

September Club Assembly

- International Services discussed the details for the 2014 World Affairs Seminar.
- Community Services took the December Charity Ball fund raiser two steps closer to completion.
- Club Services discussed membership development and retention. We're all invited to continue this discussion at a working lunch (BYO brown bag) on September 18—tomorrow—at the Smallwood and Small Insurance Agency on Edwin Miller Blvd in Martinsburg at 11:45.
- New Generations discussed the upcoming covered-dish evening meeting and "ELEWANA." They won't tell you what that is unless you are on the New Generations committee. Keep reading your *Router* for late-breaking details.
- Vocational Services is busy preparing for the dictionary distribution to Jefferson County elementary school children. Our club has given a dictionary to every 4th grader for many years and the project has been a wel-

come success by the students, school system, Rotary, and the teachers.

Applause! Applause!

Age before beauty: Rotarian **Jim Price** celebrates a birthday on September 18, **Karen Kinnett** on the 20th. Both are expecting BIG cakes, y'all: Jim because he needs lots of room for all the candles; Karen simply because she likes cake on her birthday.

Doug and Barbara Alexander are aging beautifully together: They celebrate their wedding anniversary on the 18th.

And the Winner Was....

Camille Thompson, our Jefferson High exchange student won the 50/50 for the THIRD time in a row. Yikes! Don't even try playing poker with this young lady.

Friending

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Rotary Exchange

Today's speaker is our new Rotary Exchange student, Camille Thomsen, who is staying with us for the 2013-14 school year. Camille is 16 and hails from a small town in Denmark. She is attending Jefferson High and will be living with three different families in our community over the next 10 months.

Camille will share pictures and stories of her family and her community in Denmark and perhaps a little bit about what her experience has been like so far in the United States.

In Case You Missed It

Last week our own **Lois** Turco talked on the topic "Partnerships Bring Results" and discussed her participation in the creation of sustainable business models while she has been a member of Shepherdstown Rotary these past 10 years. Always a big-picture thinker, she has been deeply involved in defining, designing, and implementing two multipartnership organizations for the Shepherdstown area.

The first group is the Canal Towns organization that promotes tourism, recreation, and economic development. Major sponsors for this organization are the C&O Canal Trust, the C&O Canal National Historic Park, and the Beth Porter Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program. Member towns include: Brunswick, Cumberland, Hancock, Oldtown, Point of Rocks, Sharpsburg, and Williamsport in Maryland; and Harpers Ferry, Bolivar, and Shepherdstown in West Virginia.

The second group Lois has worked hard to form and keep healthy is the one that sponsors Freedom's Run, a regional event for health and heritage, celebrating its fifth anniversary on October 12. More than 1,500 people—ages 8 to 80—have already registered for this year's run, but there's room for more! Registration and maps are at <http://www.freedomrun.org>.

Rotary Rumours

Last week was also Day of Caring: A group of Rotarians putting "Service Above Self" came dressed for yardwork and cleanup. By now, two Shepherdstown family yards have been cleaned and polished thanks to the good work of our club.

Round Table Discussion on Membership

Eight Shepherdstown Rotarians met on September 18 at the Smallwood and Small Insurance Agency's conference room for a lunchtime discussion regarding membership training and retention. Not only was the food good, many great ideas were proposed that collectively could revamp our new member training and retention. Expect to hear more at upcoming Rotary meetings.

Adopt-a-Highway

Connie Hammann reminded us that our fall high-

way litter pickup is October 19, meeting at 8 a.m. at the Hoxton Financial Agency. A point of pride: Shepherdstown Rotary still holds the state record for the longest running group of litter pickin' volunteers. You can ask Connie, but the scribe thinks this will be the 27th year. Come to think of it you, don't need to ask; he will tell us every week on the next four Tuesdays. Let's all turn out on the 19th to keep our record.

Signage

After two years of hard work planning and raising funds, the "Welcome to Shepherdstown" sign at the bridge from Maryland is finished. Come to the official dedication ceremony at 10 a.m. on September 27. A big thank-you to **John** Loffler and all the Rotarians who helped bring this from an idea to a reality.

Applause! Applause!

Would you believe it? No Rotarian birthdays or anniversaries this week.

And the Winner Was....

Gary Heichel. Age over beauty. Camille Thomsen got the hat trick with wins the last three weeks in a row but could not hold on for number four. Congratulations Gary: Remember you need to run the 50/50 today.

Friending

Last week we welcomed Karen Waugh, first host mother to our exchange student Camille.

Upcoming Events

- September 26** Welcome Sign Clean Up, 9:30 am
- September 27** Welcome Sign Dedication 10:00 am
- October 15** Brent Walls
(Upper) Potomac RiverKeeper™
- October 19** Adopt-a-Highway
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