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The Sunriser

Aug 15, 2011

Meetings 6:45 a.m. Wednesdays at Trinity United Methodist Church 3737 S. Peoria

This week's program & RoD

Program: Aaron Wendt & Kay Hays speaking about their Estonia trip.

RoD: Kurt Glassco

Upcoming Programs & RoDs

- **Aug 24** – Off campus meeting honoring marriage. See separate article and attached flier.
RoD: Steve Care.
- **Aug 31** – CEO of OSU Medical Centrex.
RoD: Reiger Wood
- **Sep 7** – Jim Stovall, world-renowned author and speaker. It's been 10+ years since I've heard him speak, and I still remember being impressed. Don't miss this program! RoD: (tba)

Other Coming Events

Ice Cream Social – Tentatively Sep 18, and this year it will be at Larry's place. Watch for more details.

Aug 10 Club Business & Announcements

- **Prez Randy** thanked Janet and Ellie for production of the Pig Gig/Boot Scoot BBQ and dance event the previous Saturday. About 35 folks attended and were ably instructed by dance experts VJ and his partner, Sharon.
- **Sgt Art** apologized when he came in late and a bit disheveled, as the previous night's storms knocked out his power and alarm. But he didn't miss a beat. Art is always "on".
- **Family of Rotary** – No report – a nice change!
- **Randy** told us that the Aug 24th meeting will be a special one, to be held at The Summit Club, and honoring long term marriages. See separate article and attachment for details.
- **Club Board Mtg** – Tues Aug 16, 5:15, at Tulsa Abstract, 612 S Denver. You are invited!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays: Joao Arruda (8/21)

Anniversaries: Joan & Don Freeman (8/17)

Our Newest Member, Joe Gaudet

Though not RoD, Joe was given the opportunity to introduce himself to us. He said he originally hails from "The People's Republic of Massachusetts". His career has always been in the hotel biz, and in the early 70s, he left Boston to join Hyatt in Phoenix. About ten years later, to Wichita with Hilton. He met his wife in Wichita, and they moved to Tulsa in 2000. There are two children: a 22 year old, and a sophomore at OU. He and Val live in Bixby, with their four dogs. Joe has been a Rotarian in both Wichita and our local Tulsa "downtown" club.

Last Week's Rotarian of the Day

Joy Ondracek said only that she was an accountant, and moved right into the program introduction.

Last Week's Program

Our own Kelly Grogg gave us a great presentation about organic gardening. Trouble was, he gave us so much good information so fast that I had a hard time keeping up with my notes. Hopefully I've got some high points correct, but Kelly if anything's wrong here, lemme and I'll correct it next issue.

Kelly opened by noting a test he did. He got some plants from W-M and some identical ones from his organic store. He gave them identical treatment, and the ones from W-M died, while those from Kelly's Green Barn thrived. Then he showed a video of a little girl who did a similar test with a sweet potato. Three weeks of identical treatment. W-M potato – nothing happened. Zip. The organic potato had a 1' vine. Getting a picture here?

Kelly gave us a short history lesson on the origins of ammonium nitrate. Used during WWI in the production of ammunition, when that need ended it was discovered that it was a good fertilizer. What we didn't know then was that it is also a severe

polluter, as are other chemicals that have come along. Agent orange, DDT, and Dursban, to name a few.

By the 1940s, the effects of pollution were just beginning to be noticed, and FDR once said, “A nation that destroys its soil, destroys itself.”

In recent years, we have been finding natural organic methods to control pests that are better for wildlife and for our food.

Contrary to common belief, organic does not have to be more expensive, and Kelly walked us through an example of lawn care that demonstrated an actual organic savings of over 30% for the year. He said that phosphorous products are not needed in OK, and that we should thus never use 10-10-10 or 13-13-13. For weed control, instead of using RoundUp, use ammoniated soap of fatty acids. Pest control? Use an insecticidal soap or ladybugs. Fungicides – instead of OrthoMax, use a copper product.

There were many good questions and answers at the conclusion of Kelly’s talk. Sounds like a lot of us re interested in taking better care of this blue-green ball we call home.

The Deck

Before the drawing for the “pot”, there was one for a door prize: a bag full of ladybugs, which Joy won. Bill Rodgers had the deck ticket 2nd week in a row, and once again the wrong card. Keep pluggin’, Bill.

Badaboomp Department

A man is celebrating his 90th birthday at the nursing home, and his friends decide to surprise him. They wheel in a big birthday cake, and out pops a beautiful young woman who says, “I can give you some super sex!”

The old man says, “Well, I guess I’ll take the soup.”

The Rat Race

Secretary Rad reports that District is requiring clubs to adapt to a new attendance system, and that changeover is proving to be more difficult than anticipated. Rat Race Reports may be spotty for a while, but please be assured that Rad is keeping track of all the data. That said, you should also remember that it *your* responsibility to legibly sign in and accurately log make-ups at the Sergeant’s table. This

makes the Secretary’s job much easier than having to receive individual calls and emails to correct reports already completed.

The following is the **Rat Race** list as of Wednesday, **August 10, 2011**. Make-ups not reported as of this date will be recorded next meeting.

100% - Arruda, Barney, Bibby, Biron, *Blackburn, Clark, Coffman, Freeman, Gaudet, Lawson, Leithner, Lively, Mikes, Ondracek, Carol Orr, Herb Orr, Orvis, Rasher, Reid, Barney Tonquest, Ellie Tonquest, and Walker.

75%-99% - Alrifai, Bowen, Brauer, Care, Dyson, Freese, Glassco, McGhay, Bill Rodgers, Welty, Wendt and **Tommy Williams.

50%-74% - Cantu, Carpenter, Cyrus, Ford, Francis, Kelly Grogg, Hardy, **Hays, Horton, Joel Mattson, Sara Mattson, Miller, Morse, **Newkirk, Smallwood, **Sprague **, Thyvelikakath, Vander Lind, and Wood.

Less than 50% - Farrimond, **Stan Grogg, Morgan, Muck, O’Neal, **Reagan, **Scroggs, Shields, **Smiley, **Wasson, and Spike Williams.

*Return from LOA, **Rule of 85

Honorary Member - Bob Melott.

Aug 24 – A Very Special Meeting

Most important part first: **On Aug 24th we will not be meeting at the church.** That meeting will be “off-campus” if you will, at The Summit Club downtown. The attached flier gives the address, parking details, etc.

Though in some ways this is a standard meeting (Wed, 7-8A, be there by ~6:45), its purpose is something I don’t believe has been done at a weekly meeting. We will be honoring long-term marriages, and I am told that there will be some surprises.

Sunrisers are \$15 this time, but hey, spouses are free, so bring every spouse you have!

One last note – though all about marriage, singles are welcome. You will not feel out of place.

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