



THIENSVILLE - MEQUON

ROTARIAN

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1983 - 12:15 P.M. at Stemmler's - Fish entree

Welcome to 1983. Ted Spella was welcomed back for a visit to the club. He is now living in Arizona where he claims to have the best of two worlds (summer all year, but winter only an hour away). President Don mentioned his satisfaction at seeing so many members and guests present. We are starting the new year with good attendance.

PROGRAM: Program chairman Gregory Custer, introduced Howard Deller, of the American Geographical Society. The American Geographical Society collection is now housed at UWM, having been moved here from New York. This is a 30-40 million dollar collection which is about 150 years old. It consists of three parts: (1) The photograph section, (2) books and journals, and (3) the map collection. Mr. Deller presented a slide show concentrated primarily on the map collection which is worth millions of dollars. Some of the maps date back to the 14th and 15th centuries. It was an interesting and scholarly presentation which bubbled with enthusiasm for his scholarly discipline. Several Rotarians remained after the meeting to view another series of slides on Ireland. It was an excellent program.

VISITING ROTARIANS: Don Levy, Chuck Blank, Harry Sanders, Bill Wernecke, Carl Edquist, Doug Lane, Warren Knorr, and Loren Fritz, all of Cedarburg-Grafton.

GUESTS OF MEMBERS: Ted Spella, guest of Wally Sommer; and Warren Knorr, guest of Pete Hiltgen.

MISSING ROTARIANS: G. Egelhoff, Geer, Hillman, Payerl, Riemer, Rosenberger, Ross, H. Schmit, Schober, Starobin, Wells.

MAKE-UPS: Boers, Riemer, Smith, Phelps, Suttmiller.

TRIVIA: From time to time some of us wonder what our legislature in Madison is discussing. Many things never hit the newspapers, thus we are left in the dark. One of my recent administrator bulletins reported on Assembly Joint Resolution 105 related to proclaiming October 13, 1982, as Lutefisk Day. Our fish menu of January 4 brought this to mind.

The resolution states:

"Persons of Norwegian descent have contributed significantly to this state, providing important political leaders and adding diversity to this state's culture.

"There are still many persons of Norwegian descent in Wisconsin, and many of them perpetuate their Norwegian culture and customs.

"Among the most enjoyable aspects of Norwegian culture are Norwegian foods, and perhaps the most famous of those foods is lutefisk.

"Because eating lutefisk is a pleasure that should not be delayed longer than is necessary; now therefore be it

"Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, that the members of the legislature of the state of Wisconsin proclaim October 13, 1982, Lutefisk Day; and, be it further

"Resolved, that the legislature encourages all citizens of this state to eat lutefisk on that day."

I think this proposal failed to pass, but Harry Thompto would surely vote "aye". Maybe the next one will be for bratwurst day on August 14 (or is it 7th).

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1983 - Stemmler's White Coach Inn

Copies of the 1982-83 T-M Rotary Club budget were distributed to committee chairmen, etc. Additional copies are available to other members if they ask for one. In summary:

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>June 30 Balance</u>
1981-82	\$20,330.00	\$20,041.00	\$289.00
1982-83	16,582.00	15,972.00	610.00

President Don announced the need for someone to participate in a youth exchange program with Belgium. If any one is interested, Don has the application forms.

PROGRAM: Andy Larsen, of Riveredge Nature Center, presented the program with a film and some narration. The film discussed the ecosystem, the interdependence in nature, and the unbalancing effects caused by man's activities. It showed the importance of the primary energy source, the sun, and the food chain and natural recycling process that follows. The film covered the harm of various contaminants to the ecosystem, such as pesticides and various non-biodegradable materials. But it was pointed out that man has been through his orgy of destruction, and he is now beginning to take constructive action. One of the functions of Riveredge Nature Center is to provide awareness and education about these problems. A good program.

NEXT WEEK: Rick Majeris, assistant coach, Marquette University

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER: Vernon C. Gruenwald, of 103 Ellenbecker Rd., Thiensville, has been proposed for membership by J. W. Wiese. His classification will be Recreation-Retired. His proposal has been received and acted upon favorably by the club secretary, classification committee, membership committee, etc. Per our club by-laws, this bulletin represents printed communication of such proposal and subsequent actions. If no objections are filed within ten days, the applicant (upon payment of his admission fee) is considered elected to membership.

VISITING ROTARIANS: Bill Kurth, of Fond du Lac.

GUESTS: Ted Spella, guest of Harry Schmit, and Andy Larsen, guest of the club.

MISSING ROTARIANS: Casey, Colburn, Densow, G. Egelhoff, Fenske, Moriarty, Rosenberger, Schober, Walenton.

MAKE-UPS: Riemer. (We need a few more.)

NOTICE & REMINDER: March 18-19 there will be an important workshop for all Rotary officers and board members. For more information, contact Karle Naggs, Secretary.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW: Future conventions of R.I.

June 5- 8, 1983 - Toronto, Ontario, Canada

June 3- 7, 1984 - Birmingham, England

May 26- 30, 1985 - Kansas City, MO USA

June 1- 5, 1986 - Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

Plan ahead, fellows!

Hiroji Mukasa, Rotary's world leader, attended the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena. He is currently on a month-long visit to Latin America.

ADDENDUM: For the record, our club secretary has notified the club that the following Senior Active members have met the requirements of Article VIII, Section 5, (d) of our constitution regarding attendance (excused): Elbe, Heyer, Liebscher, Riemer, Ross, H. Schmit, Spella, Steffen, Wells.

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(We may have a quickie quiz any day now.)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1983 - Stemmler's White Coach Inn

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Ned Kellner has been in the hospital but is expected to get out at any time. We wish him a rapid recovery.
2. Harry Steffen is still trying to get the right overcoat. Someone, Rotarian or other, has Harry's coat and left Harry a different one. Rotary Anns, please look around the house for a strange coat. Harry wants his coat before cold weather sets in.
3. The District 627 Annual Rotary Conference will be held at The Abbey this year on May 6, 7 and 8. President Don made brief comments about the program. Our T-M Rotary Club will have a display on the Thiensville Park shelter-building project. According to Don, our club should have 5 or 6 in attendance at the convention if we wish to be properly represented.
4. Don also mentioned that some "Inner Wheel" clubs had been formed. These are Rotarian wives who have regular meetings, projects, etc. (I guess this takes care of the "Tuesday Tillies" that I mentioned in the December 7 bulletin.)

PROGRAM: Our speaker was Rick Majerus, assistant basketball coach at Marquette University. Insisting that he was nervous and very concerned about the Tennessee Tech game that evening, he made various and sundry comments about the Marquette team, nation-wide high school talent, trips to Kohler, equitable distribution of player talent, resumes of various games won and lost, personalities of various coaches, remarks about local Rotarians, the season schedule, recruiting in general, and Marquette recruiting. He kept the club glued at attention with droll stories, witty remarks, earthy vocabulary, humility, and great mastery of understatement. There was time for questions from the floor also. Rick was well received by the club and we thank him for being with us and sharing his ideas, insights, and thoughts.

NEW MEMBER: Vernon Gruenwald, of Thiensville, was introduced to the club. His proposal for membership was printed in the January 11 bulletin. Welcome to the club, Vern.

VISITING ROTARIANS: John Redgrave of Beloit; Lincoln Smith of Port Washington; Dave Davis of Menomonee Falls.

OTHER GUESTS: Vernon Gruenwald, guest of the club; Neil Bodendorfer, guest of Dick Sheridan; Jack Wagner, guest of Loyal Wells; Paul Olsen, Mike White, Dick Diedrich, Angie Kivindra, and Fred Wiesbrott, all guest of Tom Schmit; and Rick Majerus, guest of the club.

MISSING T-M ROTARIANS: Burkhardt, Colburn, Densow, T. Egelhoff, Fischer, Huiras, Kellner, Kurth, Liebscher, McNabb, Payerl, Ross, Schober, Walenton.

KNOW YOUR ROTARY INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS:

President 1982-83-	Hiroji Mukasa, Japan
President Elect (83-84)-	William E. Skelton, Virginia, USA
General Secretary-	Herbert A. Pigman, Evanston, IL

KNOW YOUR DISTRICT 127 OFFICERS - 1982-83:

District Governor -	Joseph M. Ziabicki, Racine
District Gov. Nominee (83-84) -	Donald R. Manecke, Brookfield
District Treasurer -	Donald F. Sauer, Port Washington

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1983 - Stemmler's White Coach Inn

The president made two brief announcements before turning the meeting over to the program chairman.

1. Last month the Thiensville-Mequon Rotary Club ranked 25th in attendance (out of 50). This was well below Cedarburg-Grafton and Port Washington.

2. Again, attention was called to the District 627 Annual Convention to be held in Fontana on May 6, 7 and 8. President Sigmund would like to see our club well represented.

PROGRAM: Greg Custer introduced Don Ripple, of the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance, who explained to us what is going on in Madison now in regard to the budget. It seems we have gone from a \$900,000,000 surplus to perhaps a \$1,500,000,000 deficit depending on who you listen to, in just 4 years. Where did the surplus come from? It started with Gov. Reynolds, who instituted a 37~ sales tax while leaving our steeply graduated income tax intact. Then in 1965 the sales tax was upped to 4~, leaving steep income taxes still in place. Then in 1971, under Gov. Lucey, the income tax was raised from a top of 10% up to 11.4%, and the money machine began to grind it out. By 1979 we had our \$900,000,000 surplus. Then the Dreyfus administration reduced the income tax, indexed it, and reduced the surplus all simultaneously. Then recession hit, revenue growth declined, and the sales tax went up to 5%. Still we have the huge deficit. Our present state budget is 14 billion and requests are now in for the next one totaling 16 billion. Cuts will have to be made and revenues will have to be enhanced. Trial balloons are being sent up daily on how to do it with the least pain. Whatever happens to the state budget has profound effects at the local level. The governor is now talking of no increase in the sales tax, but an income surtax instead. Also there is a possibility of opening (or widening) the income tax brackets and moving the top to 11.5%. On February 8 we will know the game plan.

There was about ten minutes of lively questions and answers. As a club we must be careful not to condemn and jump all over the messenger just because we do not like the message he brings. A less experienced speaker might have flinched. It was an interesting and informative program, leaving plenty to chew on.

COMING PROGRAMS:

February 1 - Ed Rappold - M-T History

February 8 - BUSINESS MEETING (third notice)

VISITING ROTARIANS: Mark Ziebell, Dave O'Connor, and Fred Bean, all of Milwaukee; Bill Wernecke and Bill Yost, of Cedarburg-Grafton.

OTHER GUESTS: Dave Burkhardt, guest of Ed Burkhardt; and Don Ripple, guest of the club.

MISSING: Casey, Colburn, Geer, Hillman, Hiltgen, Huiras, Kellner, Moriarty, Naggs, Riemer, Ross, T. Schmit, Schober, Smith, Sommer, Wells.

PLATITUDINOUS PREACHMENT: "If you have tried to do something and failed, you are vastly better off than if you had tried to do nothing and succeeded."

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