

Pascoe's Passages for Perry Rotary Club's November 29, 2007 Meeting

President Donna called meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. Jeff Fitch offered the prayer. Our thanks to the kitchen queens for a delicious and hearty lunch!

Guests: our exchange student from Spain, Guillermo Ramos.

Announcements: The Foundation Board will meet after the meeting.

Jeff Race – Those who haven't turned in Ad \$ need to do so a.s.a.p.

Eric Parker –By-Law changes to be presented in Dec. & voted later.

Fines: Betty Emerling will be dealt with next week.

PP Jeff Fitch's anniversary's here. PP Jeff said Mrs. Lucky's worth at least \$50.

Howard Wood was very proud of his granddaughter, an excellent golfer recognized for that in the D & C. Howard also purchased a new Town and Country Van. Total fine: \$ 20.00. John McClurg will pay some part of it (TBD). [Howard also reminded us that Santa is coming to town this Friday about 9:30pm.

It is going to be a great evening "downtown!"

Cindy Hendrickson's Caribbean cruise for Chip's staff brought \$10 fine.

Kim Brown was at Disney World with her family. Her nice presents for President Donna resulted in a \$ 7.00 fine.

President Donna's retirement earned a standing ovation that will be dealt with next week by Past President Roy Humberstone.

Program: Hans Kunze introduced Jay Smith, head of the Brine Exchange Project that emerged as a result of the Retsof Mine collapse on March 12, 1994. This remediation project is designed to prevent the salt brine (26% salt) from infiltrating into the ground water. As a result of the Desalinization Project, salt is removed and the water is clean. The resulting salt is 99.7% pure, not enough for table use, but is used in water treatment and other industrial applications. Mr. Smith reviewed the process that led to the construction of the desalinization plant. One of the main obstacles was the location, which impacted an area with many Native American artifacts. Much archaeological work needs to be done before the plant could be built and put into operation.

The water recovered will soon be used to supply Leicester and York. The dual wells used to release the brine to the surface at from 630 to 830 feet deep. The collapse drew so much water into the mine that 13 years later the surface water table is still recovering in an area that could reach to Lake Ontario. The program concluded with a 10-minute virtual tour of the facility showing how the desalinization is done. The plant operates 24 hours a day and to date has desalinized over 22,000,000 gallons of water. The sale of the recovered salt pays for about 50% of the operation of the plant with the other 50% being paid for by the Insurance Company involved. It will take about 300 years to complete the process.

Birthdays: 12/6-PP Lew & Anita B.; 12/9 Coach K; 12/14-Cindy H.; 12/23-Betsy

Newsies: 12/6-Cindy H;12/13-Jeff R.; 12/20-Jane M.; 12/27 Betsy D.