



Service and Fellowship in
McLean

Rotary Club of McLean, Club #5817

Rotary Club of McLean eWheel

Tuesday, September 20, 2011

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Future Speakers

Sep 27 2011

Rotarian Guru Raj
"Classification Talk "

Oct 4 2011

Barbara Comstock
"Keeping Virginia #1"

Oct 11 2011

Pamela Danner

Oct 18 2011

Surprise Meeting
"Come and check out our New Generations' surprise "

Oct 25 2011

Dr. Lois Wilson
"Michelo Project"

Nov 1 2011

Rotary Cup - Football Program
"McLean vs Langley"

Nov 8 2011

Frank Peterson
"Partners for Surgery"

Nov 15 2011

Jim Wheeler
"Military Tribute"

Nov 22 2011

Bob Hahne and Todd Dempsey
" Foundation Month Update"

Nov 29 2011

Rotary Cup Field Hockey Program
"McLean and Langley Teams"

Dec 7 2011

Holiday Celebration
"Washington Golf and Country Club"

Dec 13 2011

David Morabito
"Rotary "Outward Bound" Experience"

Dec 20 2011

White Elephant Gift Exchange/Election of Officers
"Family Month Update"

Agenda

by Cecilia Ford

Noon - Call meeting to order

- Song led by Ted Gray
- Pledge led by Kenny Yang
- Invocation led by Guru Raj
- 50/50 raffle collections Vance Zavela

12:20 Begin Program

- Welcome Guests and Visiting Rotarians -Sergeant at Arms
- Announcements
- Guess the Rotarian - Bob Rosenbaum
- Happy Talk - Tamara Mitchell

12:40 Program

- Lynn Heinrich - 5 minutes
- Steve Swift - 10 to 15 minutes
- Todd Dempsey - 10 minutes.

1:00 p.m.

- 50/50 raffle bucket and Presenter to draw winning ticket

1:15 p.m. Adjourn meeting

Last Week's Speaker - Kathleen Koch

by Guru Raj

Kathleen Koch, a Washington-based freelance journalist, author and speaker, shared a less publicized narrative about Hurricane Katrina, that of the experience of those on the Mississippi Gulf Coast who bore the brunt of the once-in-a-generation storm. Reading excerpts from her best-selling book, *Rising from Katrina*, Koch shared the experiences of those who decided to hunker down through the storm, in so-called hurricane-proof houses that had withstood the brunt of Hurricane Camille thirty five years earlier. One young couple, seeking to protect their elderly parents, were swept out of their houses by the mighty storm surge that eclipsed the 30 foot bluffs that typically protect Bay St. Louis, which happens to be the highest point on the US Gulf Coast. Surviving such a harrowing experience with quick thinking mixed with a dash of luck, the couple's story of a destroyed home and brush with death was repeated many times over all along the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Central to Koch's narrative, though, is the never-ending sense of hope that marked the regions return, post Katrina. With the region's infrastructure devastated and rebuilding efforts complicated by massive increases in insurance premiums needed to ensure against future damage, town residents welcomed with open arms the help and support of those across the country, and world. Many volunteers were Rotarians, giving what they could, from overnighting needed medications to commandeering caravans of semis to bring much needed relief supplies from surrounding states. The visual imagery of American flags, which started appearing around town from the day after the hurricane struck provided a reminder

Upcoming Events
September is New Generations Month Sep 1 2011 - Sep 30 2011
EVO Bistro Wine Mixer Oct 4 2011 - Oct 4 2011
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Fourteenth Annual Rotary Monte Carlo Night Nov 4 2011 - Nov 4 2011
Stop Hunger Now - Meal Packing Event Nov 5 2011 - Nov 5 2011

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Paul Sawtell – 9/1; Doug McGill – 9/7; Stephen Swift – 9/7; Michael Holleran – 9/13; Deborah Jackson 9/14; Rick Neldon – 9/25; Nick Kalis – 9/28

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of the broad network of support that did, and still to this day does, help in rebuilding. All told, more than one million volunteers have helped rebuild Mississippi's Gulf Coast.

Koch took away a powerful learning from the experience of rebuilding in Bay St. Louis - simple displays of solidarity and support were incredibly helpful to the community as it undertook the rebuilding process. Hoping to extend this learning to others who suffer from similar natural disasters, Koch has formed a group that prepares letters and cards of encouragement for those who are undertaking similar rebuilding efforts around the world. These cards have most recently been sent to those in Japan, recovering from the earthquake and ensuring tsunami that hit the island nation earlier this year.

Koch encouraged Rotarians to continue their relentless push to providing aid to those in need as so many had done for her community in Bay St. Louis in the days, weeks, months, and years following Katrina.

Announcements

by Guru Raj

Announcements were made primarily on Monte Carlo Night.

Rotary Information Corner...

by Robert F. Rosenbaum

- A . (Answer to the week before last question).....**GUESS THE ROTARIAN WHO**..... hosted a blackjack party at his house, where Chris Cooley (Redskin tight end) coolly won \$50....not Kinney Rogers, but the gambler....John Rosenbaum.
- Q. **GUESS THE ROTARIAN WHO**..... coached a basketball game while dressed in a clown suit?

(Answer to appear in next week's bulletin).