



ROTARY CLUB
of DeWITT, NY Inc.



DeWitt Rotary Club Bulletin – Monday March 1, 2010

President John Arnold welcomed all to the Monday lunch meeting.

Invocation:

The Honorable Jack Schultz gave the invocation noting that we witness good and bad in the world yet our Rotary work is beneficial to all concerned.

Visitors and Guests:

Jim Merithew introduced our youth exchange student and professional tennis player Anke Von Hanstein along with Erica Bern and Rabbi Daniel Victor of Congregation Beth Shalom.

Program:

Leo Eisner introduced Erica and Rabbi Daniel who spoke of their recent trip to New Orleans with 22 students and some parents and friends representing two Syracuse synagogues.

Six days were spent on five projects all tailored to restoration of New Orleans from housing rehab to light bulb change out to community center and city park reconstruction.

This trip is the third since 2008 they have organized. The participating students learn much about themselves through their work and cooperation with their peers and people of New Orleans.

Their work has centered on the city's 9th Ward which was one of the poorest and hardest hit by hurricane Katrina. They see progress but the true challenge is helping people to return since public services such as schools remain spotty.

Leo thanked Dan and Erica and expressed Club pride in their constant community work in New Orleans.

Announcements:

- New Directory pictures and Personal Data Sheets must be submitted ASAP for the 2010/11 Directory. **TAKE NOTE!**

- Samaritan Center's March 21 lunch (**Sunday**) needs volunteers. Please call or email Helen Kessler or Dick Robb.

- Mark Strodel Small posters are available for distribution and posting. Ads are due in by April 16. The next Pancake meeting is March 20 at the Town Hall – 9:00 AM.

- Pres John introduced the Polio Pig - a piggy bank being sold (\$5) for the benefit of Rotary Foundation's Polio program. Once the pig is stuffed, it is to be turned in as a further donation for Rotary's final push to eradicate polio world wide.

Upcoming Programs:

March 8 – Chris Demure, US Army – Major

March 15 – Tony Ortega of MOST

March 22 - Bill Sheldon, DeWitt Meals on Wheels

March 29 – **AT DeWitt Fire Station** – program to be announced later

Yours in Rotary, Dick Robb

