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Week #38 of Cliff's Riffs!

March 26, 2010

The Rotary Club of Columbia/Patuxent
Fridays, 7:30 a.m. Vantage House, 5400 Vantage Point Rd.

Guests:

Steve Grant – Student at Howard County Community College

Visiting Rotarians:

Missy Matty – Howard County Community College and Evening Club

Make-ups:

Happy Hour last night – Cliff, Sandy, Hal, Sherri, Blaine, others???

Chris DeLuca – Ellicott City Sunrise Club

Rob Foy – Ellicott City Sunrise Club

The meeting broke out with President Cliff trying to retain control despite the front table breaking out into “Ring of Fire” song in honor of Rob Foy’s attire.

Vocational Moment:

Katie provided safety tips while shopping at the mall and leaving your vehicle. Remember the following safety tips:

- Lock: Lock your car before you leave
- Take: Take valuables, such as GPS systems, cell phones, purses, jewelry
- Hide: Hide items in the trunk or under seats. Thieves will take the easiest route and look for items in a car before breaking windows to gain access.

You can also request a Public Safety escort to your car at any time by stopping at Guest Services near Lord and Taylor.

Foundation Moment: N/A **Membership Moment:** N/A

Announcements:

- Soup’er Sunday is this Sunday. Tickets available from Cliff or at the door. Spear Center
- Boat Float will be June 12th. Caroline is selling the raffle tickets in a few weeks - \$20 each expected. Pete’s daughter will be making a boat.
- Water Project meeting directly followed today’s Rotary meeting

Program:

Missy Matthey from Howard County Community College provided an update, as our Rotary club supports an endowment and annual scholarship to help students. She warmly thanked us for our support, as we have helped many students since the 1990’s when the program began. HCC has done extremely well lately, with an 11% increase in student enrollment

this semester. Parking has become a “good” problem, and students and faculty are being shuttled from off-site parking locations. The campus is also growing, with new buildings and a beautiful quad.

A wine-tasting fundraiser is coming up on Friday, April 30th with all profits going to students. Students are in need. 30% of HCC students have asked for financial aid. In today’s economic times, HCC is sometimes the only choice for higher education for some individuals. Many of the HCC student body are working full time or raising a family. 46% of students make less than \$45,000 annually. Our support makes a difference for students and their entire family.

Steven, student of HCC, provided his personal story as a recipient of the Rouse endowment. He made a deal with his parents that if he funded his two years at HCC that they would pay for his 4-year degree. He currently has a part time job; however our funding has allowed him to focus more time on studies.

Steven is able to study abroad on two study program, Ireland and a WWII trip this summer. He is a business major, with focuses on International Business and Business Management. He is looking at College Park, Frostburg or Salisbury to continue his education and is pursuing a degree in accounting.

The Rouse Scholarship is nationally recognized, and required the 40 annual participants to maintain a GPA above 2.5. The Rouse scholars are also required to be leaders in the school and take classes together, such as Philosophy or History. They attend cultural events together, such as Fiddler on the Roof. They also work to serve the community, such as working at the Food Bank, cleaning up streams and mentoring students. Steven mentors a 7th grader. Another aspect of this program is that the students are paired with a mentor in their field, in order to better understand if they really want to pursue the career.

Overall, Steven expressed his great gratitude for our support. He has been very happy at HCC, and has excellent professors, classes and friends.

Happy Dollars:



- Dawn - \$45 Happy Dollars for her birthday
- Blaine – his birthday, celebrated with Happy Hour. Both enjoyed a Rotary Happy Birthday serenade
- Laurie R, Sandy, Sam, Bill, Roy, San, Jamie – speaker and

HCC

- Katie – late dollar and great trip back home to Missouri
- Caroline- has missed us and is glad to be back
- Pete was happy to not have to take notes today
- Sherri- late dollar
- Doug – tough job assignment has taken him to Vegas and soon will send him to Hawaii. The torture.
- AJ - \$1 for adding onto vocational moment that if you locked your lab and your wife in the trunk of the car that after several hours you can find out your true friend by the one that is happy to see you
- Rob Foy is happy to have fulfilled his new member duties

Fines: Sgt. Doc Walt filling in for Sgt. Ken who is on a book tour

- Rob Foy was fined \$1 for hair #348 being out of place on his manicured updo
- Caroline was fined for wearing her husbands kilt

Group Fine:

- All those wearing jeans paid up \$1.

50/50 Raffle:

- Lucky Sandy wins the raffle...but not the pot.

Upcoming Events:

- March 28 **Souper Sunday** fundraiser for Grassroots
March 31 **Clarksville Rotary ROCKS II** at Looney's Pub
April 15 **Leadership Howard County's Big Event** with Ravens coach
John Harbaugh, 5:30-8 p.m. in the Bridgeway Community
Church Theater. \$75 See **Darrell**
April 16 **Rock for Uganda** 6-10 p.m. at Glenelg High \$10. Fundraiser by
The GHS Interact Club – Marilyn Horwath 443-829-0589

	<u>Greeter/Gracer</u>	<u>Foundationeer</u>	<u>Vocationator</u>
April 2	Tom Allen		Doug (for Kari)
April 9	Katie Essing		
April 16	Joan Athen		
April 23	Dawn Audia		
April 30	Dave Bittner		

March Rotarian Anniversaries:

Dave Lerer	2 years
Hal Gurian	12 years
Charlie McCabe	23 years

April Rotarian Birthdays:

Ken Solow	April 14
Charlie McCabe	April 27

Howard County Rotary Clubs.... make a make-up today!

- **Clarksville Rotary Club**, Maple Lawn Community Center, **Tuesdays 7:45 a.m.**
- **Columbia Rotary Club**, Eggspectations, **Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m.**
- **Columbia Town Center Rotary Club**, Sheraton Inn, **Wednesdays @ 12:15 p.m.**
- **Elkridge Rotary Club**, Furnace Inn, **Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.**
- **Ellicott City Sunrise Club**, Tersiguel's, **Thursdays @ 7:15 a.m.**
- **Ellicott City Rotary Club**, Tersiguel's **Thursdays @ noon**

**** Next Meeting: April 2, 2010 ****