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The Rotary Club of Columbia-Patuxent

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Vantage House, 5400 Vantage Point Rd.
July 15, 2016

“Imagine the Possibilities”

Visiting Rotarians:

Fred Antenberg, Columbia Town Center Rotary Club

Guests:

Joan Athen Guest:

Max Minevich, MSFS, CSA

Owner/President

BrightStar Care

Home Care / Medical Staffing

Joan Athen Guest:

Jason Valencia

Loan Officer Assistant

Norcom Mortgage

Kelly Lego Guest:

David Muncy – Plaxen & Adler, P.A.

Make-ups: Board Meeting attendees

Membership Moment:

Mark Westcott of Southern Trust Mortgage was inducted this morning, as our newest member. He was sponsored by Darrell Nevin. Welcome to the Club!



Announcements:

We will have a hot breakfast every week. To keep the dues at \$330/quarter, the funds previously reserved for the Annual Dinner will not be a component of the dues.

Reminder: July 30 is the Rotary Crab Feast, hosted by Cheryl Lind. Please reply to the evite if you will be present.

Mark Stoner announced that we have collected approximately \$2000 for the Ball Pit FUNdraiser at the Howard County Fair, August 6 & 7. The goal is \$20,000. Half of the proceeds will go to the Summer Enrichment Program which is a 7-week program designed to enrich the lives of 4 and 5 year olds who live below the poverty line, during the summer months when they are not in school.

Today's Program:

Prasad Karunakaran - thehackground.org
8171 Maple Lawn Blvd. Lower Level
Maple Lawn, MD 20759

443-837-5882

thebackground.org is a volunteer group established in 2014, designed to teach engineering, through robotics to kids. It is based on the S.T.E.M. program at the Howard County schools. It started with elementary kids building robots with legos in his basement. Soon, they expanded to more space in Maple Lawn. They have seen an increase in participation to include middle school and high school age kids, as well as more girls. One kid build a 4x4 car with a drive train out of legos. Another built a 3-D printer, creating a bust of himself. The kids also learn life lessons about business, leadership, marketing, social media. He is integrating Liberal Arts to his program. He wants to expand to include an aeronautics club, and an underwater seaport club. For some kids, it could provide valuable connections to work with NASA.

Happy Dollars (which goes directly to our Emergency Community Fund):

Many program dollars, and family dollars.

Highlighted Happy Dollar...Fairy Godmother Doris gave \$10 for our new member.

Fines:

Mike Smith for looking a bit too sharp with his bowtie.

50/50 Raffle:

Dave Lerer, Ace of Diamonds. The raffle keeps growing.

Upcoming Programs:

Upcoming Events:

July 30: Crab Feast, Cheryl Lind's house

August 6-7: Ball Pit at the Howard County Fair