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Maryland Horse Industry

December 13, 2013

Greeter/Gracer Jim Lee started the meeting on time.

Make-ups: All those attending the Board Meeting.

Visiting Rotarians: Sarada

Ramani from Chennai, India joined us this morning and told us about a project by her club rewarding with two pounds of rice students who attended school.

Guests: **Kalie Fishburn** of Catholic Charities, **Gail Lomax**, and **Don Dearie** were our guests this morning.



Vocational Moment: Shaun

Olynick told us about raising funds for the Boy Scouts and how grant writers can assign a value (\$23.05) for an hour of customer service; using that figure, the Scouts provided \$18.1 million last year, or more than \$4 for every \$1 in donations.

Foundation Moment: Jim Lee

reminded us that 89% of all funds raised go directly to programs.

Club Announcements: Beth

Thomas reminded all of the holiday gift exchange next meeting and of the holiday party next Friday at 6:30 at the Maple Lawn Community Center. The December 27 meeting will be a family meeting with Young Audiences as entertainment. That meeting starts at 8 am. **Tom Allen** announced the slate of offices for 2014-15 for a vote next week.

Doug Dribben announced his collection for wounded warriors

at Walter Reed, and **Roy Felipe** mentioned the Walk for Water URL

is up for renewal (and that "Mr. C" now has a Mrs. C!)

Program: **Ross Pettigord**, Executive Director of the Maryland Horse Industry Board of the Maryland Department of Agriculture spoke to us. His board regulates commercial



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riding stables, about 700 in the state and 80 in Howard County. He was a member of the McDonogh School cavalry, covered horse racing for the Sun for 20 years, and obtained an MBA at Mt St. Mary's, and worked there as a fundraiser. He also started Maryland Life Magazine that ran for eight years. There are 30,000 horses in Maryland on 16,000 farms, with 4,300 hundred on 1,000 in Howard County. There are 35 riding disciplines and 40 breeds, and sports include polo, polocross, fox hunting, and jousting. Local riders do well – an 18-year-old won best horseman in the US lately, and Lisbon has champion mules. Racing in Maryland is seeing a comeback as slots money is making the prizes bigger; Preakness's purse went from half to one million this year. A large operation of 40,000 acres in China was inspired by a trip to Maryland. The Board is focusing on recreation in the future – Horse Pals clubs, farm tours, and the Budweiser Clydesdales to Annapolis next month. Each new horse person in Maryland spends about \$6,000 annually.

Happy Dollars: Program dollars came from **Mark Stoner, Beth Thomas, Mary Cain, Adam Joss, Phil Komornik, DocWalt, Pam Kumar, and Kalie Fishburn;** **Marty Fagan** grew up with horses; **Doris Johnson** had \$15 for the Wounded Warriors; **Darrell Nevin** was happy his time was worth \$23.05; **Jim Lee** was happy; **Roy Felipe** had \$5 for being late, and meeting **Sandy Timmons**, a former member, and for **Mrs. C;** **PeteWalt Kunz** for skiing next week; **Sherri Brogan** for our guests; **Mary Cain** for falling off horses as a child, **Cliff Feldwick** for his father in the UK Cavalry until WWII and getting a tank; **Saranda Ramani** for being here; **Blaine Milner** rode a horse to school, as did **Lon Chesnutt** in Oklahoma; **Charlie McCabe** had \$5 for **Sandy Timmons** and the House of Ruth; **Joan Athen** had \$3 for her father's 93rd birthday, the President's Gala at HCC, and horses; **Tom Allen** had a small farm in Howard County and boarded horses as lawn mowers, but they do not like mixed salads, and did not eat weeds; **Laurie Reuben** had \$5 for the champion mule and the officers' slate. **Mary Cain** announced \$200 of our happy dollars would

go to a club in Crofton seeking to rebuild the home of a domestic violence victim

Fines: In the spirit of our guest from India, **Phil Komornik** was fined two pounds of candy canes, **Sherri Brogan** was fined two pounds of bacon per new member, and **DocWalt Mazzella** two pounds of refined sugar per new patient.

50/50: **Saranda Ramani** drew **Adam Joss's** number, and **Adam** drew the seven of diamonds.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS	
December 20th	Club Social
December 27th	Family Day
January 3rd	Cathy Smith

UPCOMING EVENTS	
Dec. 20th	Holiday Party
Dec. 27th	Family Day

DATE	GREETER/GRACER/ FOUNDATIONEER	VOCATIONATOR	MEMBERSHIP
December 20th	Kellie Lego	Phil Komornik	None
December 27th	Dave Lerer	Leon Wilson	None
January 3rd	Cheryl Lind	Tom Allen	Joan Athen

December Rotarian Birthdays:

Sam Krupsaw
Cheryl Lind
Cathy Yost
Martin Fagan
Lon Chesnutt

December Rotarian Anniversaries:

Sandra Croson
Karen Dixon
Darren Easton
Darrell Nevin
Shaun Olynick
Beth Thomas

The Other Howard County Rotary clubs:

Clarksville, Claret Hall,
Tuesdays 7:45 a.m.

Columbia, Eggspectations,
Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m.

Columbia Town Center,
Sheraton Inn,
Wednesdays @ 12:15 p.m.

Elkridge, Furnace Inn,
Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m.

Ellicott City Sunrise, Tersiguel's,
Thursdays @ 7:15 a.m.

Ellicott City, Tersiguel's
Thursdays @ noon

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 20, 2013