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Girl Scouts of Central Maryland August 2, 2013

President **Mary Cain** was back from vacation, and thanked President-Elect **Tom Allen** for running the last meeting. True to form, the day began with an interrupted rendition of My Country Tis of Thee, when **Dave Bittner** had to go to the piano and find the right key for us (it seemed we each had our own!)

Make Ups: **Caroline Sherman** attended the Ellicott City Lunch Club to talk about the Community Service Above Self award; **Laurie Reuben** was at the Town Center Club lunch, and **Cheryl Lind** visited the Ellicott City Sunrise Club breakfast.



President **Mary Cain** called for a reprise of Happy Birthday to **Dave Bittner** (last week) and it was just as off-key as usual.

Guests: **Dawn Audia** brought her son Sam on his way to work.

Visiting Rotarians: No visiting Rotarians this morning.

Announcements: **Laurie Reuben** said we have 39 responses so far out of 50 member to the Strategic Mission survey, and encouraged 100% participation. **Ken Solow**, our money manager and numbers man in the club admonished us that only 40% have participated, and that it takes only three minutes, and the other 60% should respond. The response to Ken's math took at least three minutes, as all piled on.

Beth Thomas noted the Club's annual pool party and crab feast would be held at **Doug Dribben's** house on August 24 from 3-7, and

passed out a sign-up sheet.

Charlie McCabe (back as Treasurer for Life after a three-week absence) noted that one month has passed since club dues were due, and encouraged all to pay who had not. Acting Assistant Under-Treasurer for life (or until he stops working for Charlie) **Roy Felipe** noted the club was bankrupted in Charlie's absence, but apropos of nothing, Roy had a nice new Mercedes.

Alan Jefferson reminded all of the 46th annual William Jefferson golf outing on Monday, September 9,

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2013, and promised to email a flier to all. Note to clear spam filters!

Vocational Moment: **Caroline Sherman** used the time to do a quick classification talk for newer members and reminded us that although she works for a top accountant firm, she is a business development specialist and not an accountant. She works as a data miner for the firm's headquarters in the BWI corridor (she started with NSA?)

Foundation Moment: **San Croson** discussed an article in the Rotarian magazine about the new Foundation Trustees' goals: eradicate polio, instill ownership and pride in the Foundation, launch a new grant program, and engage in innovative projects and creative partnerships. Our foundation contributions will help achieve these goals.

Program: **Patty Dash** of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland spoke to us about her organization. She herself is a 30-year veteran, both as a girl scout and a volunteer and administrator, and noted the Girl Scouts are thriving, being 101 years old (Marty Fagan remembered the start!) with over 59 million alumnae and 3 million active girl scouts and adults. Howard County claims 7,500, and Baltimore and the surrounding counties have 27,000 scouts, with 53 paid staff and 10,000 volunteers. The Girl Scouts own four camps in the area, with two in Anne Arundel County, one in Cecil County, and one right here in Howard – Camp Ilchester, with a nature center named for a former Girl Scout, Caitlyn Dunbar. The Girl Scouts focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) programs in the schools, and it cost them about \$50 per girl to do so. The Council has its own STEM center with a learning kitchen that opened in 2010 and is nationally accredited. The center also focuses on robotics and a tech bridge, and has “programs in a box” that can go to the schools. These include windmills, extracting DNA from strawberries [who does not want to have that fun], and survival in the desert with no food or water. The Girl Scouts partner with the Y of Central Maryland and the schools. Remember, women are our future!

Happy Dollars: **Dave Bittner** was happy to have talked to former member **Katie Essing** whose Rotary club in Missouri has annual dues of \$150, but is “boring” compared to us; **Dawn Audia** for the program, her son Sam visiting, and being off for the next two weeks on a European cruise; **Cliff Feldwick**, **Marty Fagan**, **Helena Seidel** and **Caroline Sherman** were happy; **Beth Thomas**, **Tom Allen**, **Joan Athen**, **ER Doc Walt**, **Doug Dribben**, and **Blaine Milner** had a program dollar; **Mary Cain** for being back from vacation and for **Tom Allen**, and for the program as a former Scout and 10 years in Girl Scouting as a program leader; **Doris Johnson** had \$10 for

delivering cookies as a Scout and \$5 for “the naughty back table” (“I love you people”); **Charlie McCabe** for returning after being absent for three meetings; **San Croson** for the program and her granddaughter, who is a Brownie, and San was a first runner-up in sales in Roanoke herself as a Scout; **Laurie Reuben**, former Brownie and Girl Scout, for the program; **Sandy Harriman** for her grandkids spending the weekend with her and visiting the HoCo Fair; **Ken Solow** for the 39 responses and Samoa Girl Scout cookies, and for his experiences with the District Leadership team; **Roy Felipe** for not being in the Carroll Creek club, whose project was getting shoulder deep in the Creek to prune the aquatic plants there, and for the new Four-Way Test: “Is it contagious? Is there a cure? Will it be fatal to all concerned? Will it build resistance and better medications?”; **Alan Jefferson** had **Jim Lee's** scooter dollars (he gave two for leaving right after eating), and was happy for the Girl Scouts, as both Mary and Amanda were Scouts, and for Amanda's grade of 96 in Organic Chemistry; Dave Lerer for both daughters being Girl Scouts.

Fines: Sergeant **Dave Bittner** mentioned to **Patty Dash** a potential fine for no free cookies, but she said the delivery is on the way, and noted **Alan Jefferson** was still under a restraining order prohibiting him from buying cookies.

50/50 Raffle: Patty Dash drew **Caroline Sherman's** number, and she drew the King of Spades.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS		UPCOMING EVENTS	
August 9	The Samaritan Woman	August 18	Columbia Tri
August 16	Bridge Columbia Project		
August 23	Tri-Columbia		

DATE	GREETER/GRACER/FOUNDATIONEEER	VOCATIONATOR	MEMBERSHIP
August 9	Rob Coombs	Beth Thomas	Brad Myers

August Rotarian Birthdays:

Clifford Feldwick
 Dave Lerer
 Mary Cain
 David Bittner

August Rotarian Anniversaries:

Blaine Milner
 Mary Cain
 Walter Mazzella
 Pamela Young
 Sam Krupsaw
 Anne London

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: AUGUST 9, 2013