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ROTARY CLUB of SOMERSET, PA 15501

“The Roof Garden of Pennsylvania,” the abode of “The Frosty Sons of Thunder.” Organized 1924.

ROTARY CLUB MEETING OF NOV. 16, 2018

Our club has been honored by Rotary International for “highest” achievement.

Ken Halverson reported from the district Foundation dinner that Somerset Rotary is one of 1,575 clubs throughout the world (out of 35,000 clubs) to attain three top distinctions in 2017-2018: – Per capita giving of at least \$100 – 100 percent member participation – Sustaining this record “every member every year”

Mike Kuhn conducted the meeting. Mark Persun led us in prayer and song. Chris counted 32 members. Michele Beener’s guest was Jim Frank, an aide to Rep. Bill Shuster. We applauded Vince Hetrick for his Veterans Day program. Our student of the month, Kyle Stern, read the Rotary Minute.

Rita and others talked about ways to achieve our goal of making Paul Harris fellows of all our members by November 2019. Even though a fellowship (or upgrade in status) costs \$1,000, the cost to an individual is just one-third of that. It can be achieved by putting aside \$1 a day or adding \$83.30 a quarter to dues.

Rita, who is membership chair, has set a goal to grow to 100 members (from 90). She is asking us to suggest prospective members.

Ann introduced George Dethlefsen, CEO of Corsa Coal Corp., which mines and ships metallurgical coal throughout the world, employs 400, and is at about the half-way point of its development plan. The corporation soon will open two more plants, one near the Acosta plant and one in northern Maryland.

Corsa’s sales this year will be about \$275 million, to the steel industry.

There is a shortage of metallurgical coal, but prices are incredibly volatile. Right now Corsa is making a lot of money.

Half of what is mined is refuse, which must be discarded carefully to minimize harm to the environment. Most of the coal is shipped out of Baltimore or Norfolk. It costs twice as much to ship coal by train from Somerset to a port than to ship it from there by boat to Turkey.

Dethlefsen said his biggest domestic competitor is Rosebud Mining, but companies in Australia and elsewhere are bigger competitors.



George Dethlefsen, CEO of Corsa Coal Corp. and Ann Persun, Rotary vice president.

Corsa expects to sell 1.2 million tons in 2019, but could sell 4 million tons a year. The corporation anticipates a bright future.

Millie’s joke was about a woman who wore her wedding ring on the wrong finger on the wrong hand because she married the wrong man.

There is no meeting next Friday. Happy Thanksgiving.

–George Fattman

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- Nov. 23 – No meeting – Thanksgiving Holiday
- Nov. 30 – Larry Barron, Esq., Somerset Trust Company, Preventing Elder Abuse
- Dec. 7 – Annual salute to Agriculture, organized by Doc Barnett – Invite a farmer or other agriculture professional. The speaker will be Glenn Stoltzfus from Pennwood Farms.
- Dec. 14 – Bob Brooks, Rotary District 7330 Secretary/Treasurer, everything you wanted to know about how the District operates
- Dec. 21 Annual Visitor from the North Pole
- Dec. 28 No meeting – Christmas Holiday

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Rotary’s 4-Way Test

- 1) *Is it the truth?*
- 2) *Is it fair to all concerned?*
- 3) *Will it build goodwill and better friendships?*
- 4) *Will it be beneficial to all concerned?*

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