



Welshpool Survivors

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Welshpool Exchange delegates from back left Joyce Flexman, Keith Flexman, Dave Douglas (organizer), Katie Attwell, Brenna Slawich (front-left), Alison Stickl, Carrie Lefler, Carolyn Borseley, Jody Demeulenaere, and missing was Adam Jarvis.

Dates To Remember

- ◆ April 24 China Insights - Julianne West
- ◆ April 25 Cigar Night
- ◆ May 1 Committee Meetings
- ◆ May 4 - 6 - Buffalo District Conference
- ◆ June 24 Old Fashioned Picnic

Our relationship with twin Welshpool Rotary Club is a little stronger these days.

Seven Waterford area students, plus Joyce and Keith Flexman, returned from Welshpool having shared experiences with several new friends. They told us about some of those experiences, and some of the very warm and caring people in Welshpool.

Keith Flexman reminded us that Dave Douglas has been organizing this exchange since the beginning, five years ago. And Lynne Blake looked after the traveling arrangements again this year also.

Joyce Flexman explained that she and Keith were really travelling companions to the

group of seven very responsible young people. She was obviously proud of the way they represented our club and country. Having Joyce and Keith along gave the young people a focus – they needed to look after their elders.

Joyce noted how much she enjoyed the time with hosts Mike & Margaret Pepper and John & Jennifer Platt.

Brenna Slawich told about her experience staying on a farm, and how the Foot & Mouth disease is being dealt with. When a case of

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Cigar Night Update



Are you in? Check below
Kim says that Wayne really wants the Four Seasons!!! He'd better have lots of ink in his pen!

Four Seasons Hotel, Toronto
Deluxe room for 2 (you & sweetheart?)
Any Sat./Sun. Apr.25-31 or Oct.1-Mar.21
Value \$420
Latest bid **\$280 – Deena**
Bid increment: \$20

Raptors Tickets – 4 box seats
Any game beginning Fall 2001
Donated by Carlos Ventin
Latest Bid **\$360 – Wayne**
Bid increment: \$20

Greens at Renton – 2 passes
Latest Bid **\$100 – Ed**
Bid increment: \$10

The Cigar Night Team is requesting that each Rotarian buy one ticket for April 25th. Proceeds towards the Norfolk General Hospital ER campaign.

If you are unable to attend, why not reward one of your best clients?

Please call Jeff Mereweather immediately with your order! b426-8801; h:426-7017



Group Study Exchange BBQ and Meeting

Our May 22nd meeting will be held in the evening to honor the visiting GSE team from The Netherlands. Guests are welcome. Location is the Norfolk Golf and Country Club. Neighbouring clubs especially invited.

Itinerary

6:00 PM	Arrive, mingle, enjoy cash bar	7:45 PM	Sergeant-At-Arms
6:25 PM	Opening - Steve Jackson	8:55 PM	Introduction of GSE team by John Verbakel
6:30 PM	BBQ style dinner Meats - Burgers, Sausages, Hot Dogs, Chicken Breasts Condiments Salad Bar - Mixed Greens, 7-Bean Salad, Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Coleslaw Desert - English Trifle Coffee & Tea	8:00 PM	Presentation by GSE team
		8:25 PM	Closing - President Steve Jackson
		8:30 PM	Mingle, enjoy cash bar, departure

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the disease is discovered, all the animals within 2 miles are slaughtered, burned and buried. Their traveling was restricted in the countryside. Brenna left her shoes at the airport, rather than take a chance of bringing Foot & Mouth to Canada.

Carolyn Borsey had never flown or handled foreign currency before the exchange trip. She was hosted in Welshpool by the family of the young man who stayed in her house last October. Carolyn told us about their trip to Liverpool and Chester, in a coach bus. The Beatles' Museum was a highlight, even though before going some of the students hadn't understood the fuss about The Beatles – they do now. They enjoyed Chester also, a medieval city about 45 minutes from Liverpool.

Alison Stickl stayed with a family at Castle Crane, near Welshpool. After the noon Rotary lunch meeting, they all went golfing on the estate of one of the Rotarians. For some, it was their first time golfing. Later that day they went ice-skating, and learned it's done differently in Wales. Alison's favourite part of the trip was meeting with the Welsh students.

Jody Demeulenaere told us how school is different in Wales. They have 6 classes each day, instead of 4. Class sizes are much smaller, though with fewer than 10 students in most classes. The students wear a black/white/grey uniform. The young people of Welshpool are very friendly. Our students enjoyed the activities with their hosts, including bowling, movies, golfing, skating – and parties.

Carrie Lefler spoke about their two-day trip to London. They toured the city on top a double-decker bus; spent lots of time shopping, including a visit to Harrods; and enjoyed the theatre production Fame. They stayed overnight in residence at the University of London – Jody didn't say much about their time in residence, but we all know what goes on in residence.

Katie Attwell was especially comfortable with her host family. The Griggs family went out of their way to make Katie feel welcome, playing tricks on several occasions. Katie told us about the "black sheep" imported from the West Indies (no doubt sun-charred), and the April Fools 4-hour-long card game where the "dumb Canadian card" was created. You're a great sport, Katie – especially with red teeth.

Adam Jarvis was the other exchange delegate, but Adam wasn't able to attend our meeting to share his experiences.

Thanks to all the exchange students from both Norfolk and Welshpool for living the spirit of Rotary. Of course, without the support of the host families it wouldn't be possible, and likewise the commitment from organizers and travelling companions.

Any Rotarian who wants to accompany next year's exchange delegates had better get dibs in early.

Rotary Fellowship Golf

Sue needs help. And how do Rotarians respond when someone needs help?

The RCNS Rotary Fellowship Golf Tournament will be on Friday, September 14th, 2001. If you can help to organize this event, please contact Susan Thompson (582-4635 h; 582-1339 w).

Sponsors are also needed. You may choose to donate a prize.

Watch for more details about the tournament – but please respond now to Susan to help out.



Editorial

Kudos to John Wallace

He's done it again!

Single-handedly, almost, John has gathered enough money to enable the purchase of the equipment needed to perform laser eye surgery for a community in India of 3 million people.

This feat has been possible through local donations of \$10,000 assembled by John through the Rotary Club of Norfolk Sunrise, and with matching grants from Operation Eyesight Universal and Rotary International.

The latest project is now closed ... but watch for another in a few months time.

Upcoming Meetings

- April 24 Insights Into China - Julianne West
- May 1 Committee Meetings
- May 8 The Message on Massage
- Christine McCoy
- May 15 The New Hospital Emergency Department
- John Wallace & Presenters
- May 22 GSE TEAM FROM THE NETHERLANDS

Host GSE Delegates

Please consider opening your home to host a Group Study Exchange delegate from The Netherlands. The GSE delegates are in Norfolk May 20th to 23rd, 2001.

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Deadline for submissions: Wednesday 1:00 p.m.

"Best of Friends" International Bike Trek

Saturday, June 2nd

Ride along the
Niagara Parkway
from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Goat
Island, USA, and back.



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