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## Attendance Back To Decent Level Again

There were thirteen members and two guests last meeting. Ellen Stephens and Jim Burns need no introduction now, - they are regulars.

The meeting was special for Sharon Vogt. She joined Rotary 12 years ago, invited by Deanie Traphagen into Dansville Rotary club. Twelve happy bucks she offered ahead of any solicitation, and she especially thanked her sponsor Deanie, pinning a corsage on her as a token of her gratitude. Sharon has perfect attendance since she joined.

The Miller House served up some grilled steaks last meeting, and some a jus, baked potato, and green beans to go with them. It became very quiet around the table as the members concentrated on the feast. Then, to top it off, casino superintendent Jim Burns took care of the dessert with delicious Grape Pie, baked by his daughter. Wow!

### Confessions

Many "vacationers" were back, so there should be some substantial confessions for President Bob to adjudicate. Lou Hazlett was first. He has picked up quickly on the usual recipe, i.e. start with calamities to invoke a bit of sympathy. Aircraft engine problems caused cancellation, and ensuing delays. He offered three happy bucks, which Bob would accept, with a proviso: Lou was kind enough to schedule a program event for us on his trip. Bob would decide after that.

Art Traphagen went to North Carolina to visit son Eric. You all know how he goes about confessions. Deanie thought it was too evasive, apparently, and proceeded to "sing" more freely about boating and fishing, and other adventures. They then continued down to Myrtle Beach for a week. Deanie talks way too much, thought Art, so he brought a gift for Bob, attempting some damage control. It was a snow sculpture. Do reindeers really fly? Bob anticipated Cynthia to purr as a kitten. I believe the fine was reduced to \$10, and Bob had an ethical dilemma, contributing a few HB. He was also sorry for missing out on the CFFFFF due to family illness.

Janine had an HB for the last cheer leading night of the season, having to leave early because of it.

Bob Radell was in rare form after having won the Redneck Million Dollar Lottery, a dollar a year for a million years.

### The Great Grape Pie Auction

We had a sampling of Jim Burns' delicious pie for dessert. Jim went even further in his generosity, donating a pie to be auctioned off with proceeds going to the club. Bidding was brisk, and Sharon Vogt victorious with \$11.

Oh, wait a minute there was another one, - causing some 4-way questions. But it gave others a chance, and Ellen Stephens got this one, also for \$11. Thank you Jim, and please forward our congratulations to your daughter for her excellent work.

## Business & Announcements

President Bob announced that Sharon Vogt has agreed to coordinate programs for the club. One of them is going to be Lou Hazlett's trip. Sharon would appreciate tips for programs. The goal is to have a program every other week, allowing some flexibility to put in special events, club assemblies, etc.

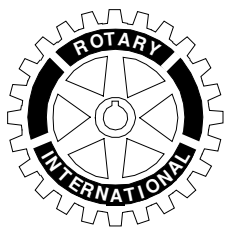
President Bob took a poll around the table to get an idea of how many guests would come for next week's "Bring a Friend." He estimated that we would reach about 22. Please call Bob if you were not at the meeting.

Roy Robinson, our club historian, agreed to give a presentation of our history at the "Bring a Friend" meeting.

Ellen Stephens reported that Vincent House has run out of volunteers. She asked us to contact Kim Snyder, who is the head of volunteers. Perhaps this is a program?

Sergeant at Arms, Tom, held Janine's winning ticket (she left for the last cheerlead, remember). He picked the two of hearts for her, so the pot's still growing!

Normally, I don't fill the newsletter with clippings from the web. Since there is a whole column left, I'll make an exception this time. I went to the Rotary International web-site, [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), to get some fresh news items from around the Rotary world. Maybe it is of interest to a wider audience.



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## Rotary News

The [United Nations Association of New York](#) will honor Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation of RI with its 2007 Humanitarian Award on 25 October, in recognition of Rotary's significant efforts to provide safe water and sanitation and its commitment to sustainable development worldwide.

"In the years since Rotary International has started focusing on water as one of its annual service emphases. We've learned just how much can be accomplished with relatively little, how a single small water project, perhaps a pump or a filter, can change the life of a community," says RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson. "However, our work has also included participation in many other major water projects."

The award is presented annually in observance of [United Nations Day](#) (24 October). This year's award ceremony will focus on the global water crisis. Other honorees include Antony Burgmans, former chair of Unilever, and Cirque du Soleil's One Drop Foundation.

More than 70 Rotarians from the United States and Canada are working with fellow Rotarians, volunteers, and health workers to administer the oral polio vaccine to children as part of a nationwide immunization campaign in Ethiopia 18-20 October.

Ezra Teshome of the Rotary Club of Seattle, who has led seven other immunization campaigns in Ethiopia, is leading the group. Teshome emigrated to the United States from Ethiopia in 1971.

"This is a historic opportunity to end polio in my former homeland – and worldwide," he says. "We must remain committed until every child is protected against the tragic, fatal consequences of this disease."

Significant progress has been made toward ending polio in Ethiopia, which has not reported a single case of the disease this year. The country recorded 22 cases in 2005 and 17 in 2006 after an outbreak in the Horn of Africa.