



YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENTS PRESENTATIONS
SPEAKERS: MOEKO OSHIMA AND ANGELIKA FRIIS
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MOEKO OSHIMA, JAPAN: Our inbound exchange student, Moeko Oshima presented on her home country of Japan. There is about a 14 hour time difference between the U.S. and Japan. The country has 4 seasons with many typhoons in the summer. Japan's currency is called yen and about 100 yen equals \$1. In Japanese culture, people don't wear shoes in the house, are formal with their elders, take baths instead of showers, and do not tip at their restaurants. Famous places in Japan are Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto, and Sendai, which was destroyed by a tsunami in 2011. In Japan, young people can drive at 18 years old and drink/smoke at 20 years old. Common Japanese foods are sushi, ramen, and miso soup. Moeko loves sushi. Students in Japan go to school M – F 8 – 4:30 PM and 2 Saturdays a month. They study for exams that they must pass in order to advance to the next grade and go to college – regardless of their cumulative GPA. People in Japan have been using bullet trains since 2015, providing high-speed transportation. Moeko's family includes her father, Junko, mother Keiko, and sister. Her family owns a rental bridal shop. Brides in Japan wear a white dress, colored dress, and kimono at their wedding. Moeko's sister was also an exchange student to Toronto, Canada and her father was an exchange student to California. Moeko's favorite sport is badminton and she also enjoys shopping, cooking, traveling, and listening to music. Moeko's favorite foods are fruit, chocolate, and sushi, and her favorite music is J-pop and pop.

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 2

PROGRAM: ILEAD Program

SPEAKER: Rebekah Carroll, Deb H., Kaz Popovich

HOST: Meredith Williams

GREETER: Tony Fraboni



ANGELIKA FRIIS, SWEDEN: Angelika is from the kingdom of Sweden. With about 9.9 million people, it's about the size of Michigan. The country is approximately 450,000 sq. km. the 5th largest country in Europe. Sweden is a parliamentary democracy and a constitutional monarchy. Sweden has a king who is very popular among the people, but he is in more of a diplomatic role and has no political power. Stockholm is one of the most famous cities in Sweden. Most of the population is Christian, but there is religious freedom. Angelika said most people in Sweden understand and speak English and that it is a compulsory subject in their schools. There is relative similarity between the two languages. She shared about some of the traditions in Sweden such as the celebration of Lucia, the Queen of Light. The holiday is celebrated on Dec. 13th and girls dressed as Saint Lucy in white dresses carry candles and sing. They eat saffron bread, mulled wine, and gingerbread. They also celebrate May Day and eat salted potatoes and pickled herring. Angelika listed a few famous American songs that were written by Swedish songwriters – Cotton Eye Joe, Pokerface, and a couple Brittany Spears songs. She showed photos of some of the famous landmarks in Sweden and of her family. She said she misses Fika – coffee breaks or light meals with great conversation – an important custom in Angelika's country.

JANUARY 19TH CLUB NEWS

GUESTS: Our Speakers Moeko Oshima and Angelika Friis; SOTM Kyle Frasier and his parents, Daniel and Vicki; presenter, Russ Gardner; Max Neal, guest of Ken Wilson

WHO WON THE RAFFLE? Stan Beaver

MONTHLY AUCTION: Doug Hagin donated two handmade stemless ceramic wine glasses won by Bill Phoenix; Jim Guild donated some chocolate goodies and a "Havana" sign won by John King. Jim Howell donated a bottle of scotch won by Tom Weidemann. **February:** Brian Kenney, John King, and Rebekah LaMoreaux

EVENTS:

MOOSE BREAKFAST is Feb. 19th at Montour Moose. We will need volunteers to help.

ANTIQUE SHOW will be March 19th. Don Stocum is seeking someone to take over the show for next year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ELMIRA ROTARY CLUB is hosting its 100th anniversary dinner on March 7 at Elmira College and WM Rotarians are invited to attend. Tickets are \$50 each. Our club will celebrate its 100th year in just 5 years!

BOARD MEETING was held on Tuesday. Please see Rich Greenberger heading the fundraising committee if you have ideas for club fund rasiers.

JOHN KING passed along thanks to the club from Ken Bell for the recent card. He is getting better and should return in a few weeks.

THANK YOU card from Angelika Friis for the Christmas Gift.

ARC SPAGHETTI DINNER is Feb. 20th at Montour Moose. Tickets for sale at The Arc.

ROTARY READERS Dates still open. Please see Stewart to sign up.

THOSE WE MISSED: JC Argetsinger, Carl Blowers, Judy McKinney Cherry, Dominick Franzese, Tom Gifford, Jim Guild, Matt Hayden, Dean Hillyard, Brian Kenney, Rebekah LaMoreaux, Mike Learn, Gary Mead, Dennis Morris, Kevin Murphy, Jim Preston, Nancy Ruda, Jeff Schultz, Jim Somerville, Kristine Somerville, Jennifer Sweet, Meredith Williams, Ken Bell. Jim Chedzoy, Tom Clifford, Ginny Eaton, Dave Ryan, Dave Sidle

THANK YOU FOR THE MAKEUPS

Board Meeting: Bill Phoenix, Michel Ray, Chris Burns, Judy Phillips, Rich Greenberger, Terri Orbin



CONGRATULATIONS OM SOTM KYLE FRASIER

Odessa-Montour High School senior Kyle Frasier was honored as our O-M Student of the Month for January. Frasier was introduced by Russ Gardner, who said Frasier, a High Honor student, a member of the school swim team and a member of "outside organizations like the Future Farmers of America" -- has a "positive outlook" that makes him "the kind of student that teachers love to have in the classroom, the kind of student we want in our schools, the kind of person other students want on their team." Frasier, who works on the Hoffman farm, hopes to have his own farm one day. He is undecided about college, but said that if he goes, it will be to Morrisville State for its agricultural program. Frasier thanked his parents and said he was honored to be recognized by the Club.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

ROTARY ANNOUNCED \$35 MILLION TO SUPPORT POLIO-FREE WORLD

Rotary today announced \$35 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio, bringing the humanitarian service organization's contribution to \$140 million since January 2016.

Nearly half of the funds Rotary announced today (\$16.15 million) will support the emergency response campaigns in Nigeria and the Lake Chad Basin (Chad, northern Cameroon, southern Niger and Central African Republic). Four cases of polio were detected in Nigeria in 2016, which had previously not seen a case since July 2014. With these cases, funding is needed to support rapid response plans in Nigeria and surrounding countries to stop the outbreak.

While significant strides have been made against the paralyzing disease, with just 35 cases reported in 2016, polio remains a threat in hard-to-reach and underserved areas, and conflict zones. To sustain this progress, and protect all children from polio, experts say \$1.5 billion is needed.

In addition to supporting the response in the Lake Chad Basin region, funding has been allocated to support polio eradication efforts in Afghanistan (\$7.15 million), Pakistan (\$4.2 million), Somalia (\$4.64 million), and South Sudan (\$2.19 million). A final grant in the amount of \$666,845 will support technical assistance in UNICEF's West and Central Africa Regional Office.

Rotary has contributed more than \$1.6 billion, including matching funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and countless volunteer hours since launching its polio immunization program, PolioPlus, in 1985. In 1988, Rotary became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and was later joined by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Since the initiative launched, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to 35 confirmed in 2016, and no cases in 2017.