

ROTARY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION of GREATER NEW ENGLAND

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Special Newsletter – The Association General Meeting...Baltimore May 10, 2014 at the District Conference of Rotary District 7620



Whenever a meeting is successful there is much to be shared. We want to do that here. Good meetings lead to good thoughts about the future, and we will be sharing some here as well.. Here's the basic agenda:

Annual General Meeting 2014

- 9:30 – 12:00 **Service Project** (coffee and bagels)
- 12:00 – 12:30 **Speech by Miss America** Teresa M. Scanlan
- 12:30 – 2:00 **Lunch** (pizza provided by RAAGNE)
- 2:00 – 4:30 **Annual General Meeting**



- 2:00 – 2:15 **Welcome**
AGM Chair Nicky Bell,
President Christopher Uschnig

- 2:15 – 2:20 **Introduction of Board Members**

- 2:20 – 2:45 Discussion of **Service Project** 2014–15
Service Chair Chloe Heung

- 2:45 – 3:00 **Election/Affirmation**
of Board Members

- 3:00 – 3:15 **Break**

- 3:15 – 3:20 **Introduction of Keynote Speaker**
PDG Klaus Hachfeld

- 3:20 – 3:50 **Keynote Address**
PRIP Bill Boyd

- 3:50 – 4:20 **Business Agenda**

- 4:20 – 4:30 **Concluding Remarks**
President Christopher Uschnig



- 4:30 – 5:30 **Networking**



- 5:30 till **Happy Hour** (appetizers provided by RAAGNE)





The formal agenda was supplemented by Friday visits to Rotary hospitality suites and a Rotoract Block party. Saturday morning featured helping the Weinberg Housing and Resource Center, an area homeless shelter (managed by Catholic Charities and funded by the City of Baltimore).....the RAAGNE team made over 400 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for residents over a two hour period!



Chris hands over a certificate to PRP Bill Boyd and welcomes him as honorary member of RAAGNE



L-R Ms. Caroline Kowalczyk, Ms. Kendall Abbey from the Rotary Foundation, Ms. Lisa Howard, Glenys & Klaus Hachfeld, RAAGNE President Chris Uschnig, PRIP Bill Boyd, Nicky Bell, Ms. Chloe Heung, PDG Jerry Evans, Ms. Amanda Alderfer, Don Lee, Charles Kronk, Ms. . Natalie Rothenberger, Dave Gau

Interview of Klaus Hachfeld on the Value of the AGM

PDG Klaus Hachfeld, Rotary Supporting Member (pictured third from right in back row above), shared his thoughts in an interview with this special newsletter's editor, PP Ron Goodenow, Rotary Supporting Member (who could not attend)

"As is often the case with events with a youthful and energetic flavor," Klaus said, "there was not only a great deal of learning thanks to our visits to the shelter and, of course, our informal gatherings and formal meeting, but sheer pleasure from seeing so many members of this virtual organization in person."

Highlighting the sense of collaboration, team building, and looking to the future Klaus said, "I simply came away in awe of the seriousness of the AGM discussions."

Its clear that RAAGNE hit the jackpot with tie participation of past RI President Bill Boyd, a New Zealand native with an incredible interest in virtual organizations and thinking to the future of RAAGNE as one. "Bill," according to Klaus, "not only stayed with us through the entire AGM, but kept our eye on the future."

When we pushed Klaus on that future he came away with the view that we not only need to attract more members to the next AGM, but be sure they an join and contribute to projects, such as the Afghanistan one that is now under way. "Think of it," Klaus said, "we have some of the brightest and most accomplished young people in the world, with incredible skill sets that can not only add value, but do so in a highly complementary way. This is much more than digging wells or providing financial resources, but teaming great technical, medical, research, and other skills in a global effort among people who, as at the AGM and in our virtual Hangout or Skype sessions, can get to know each other, and enrich their own lives....not just provide service.

It is hard to believe RAAGNE has made so much progress since we were chartered less than a year ago. This meeting not only brought together members committed to growing the organization and providing service, but with the attendance of past RI president Bill Boyd, we find that our name is going up in lights. It was worth crossing the Atlantic for this and I can't wait until next year. Thanks to all. --- Christopher Uschnig, RAAGNE President



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