



Meeting: Thursday, July 31, 2014

Program:

July 31
Getting to Know You

August 7
To Be Announced

Reporter:

July 31: Todd Gipstein
August 7: Mark Patnode

Invocation:

July 31: Kate Schargus
August 7: Liz Binger

Greeter:

July 31: Meredith Diette
August 7: To Be Determined

Song Leader:

July 31: Rod White
August 7: Rod White

Birthdays:

August 1: Sarah Rogovin

Anniversaries:

August 2: Jerry Fischer & Chris
August 3: Nicholas Fischer & Karen
August 4: Christopher Neilan & Mary

Korean Spirit and Cultural Promotion Project

Reporter: Reporter Ann Connolly

July 17, 2014—An overview of the Korean Spirit and Cultural Promotion Project (KSCPP) was presented by Kyung Pak and Younhee Shin. Wearing traditional Korean clothing, they described the efforts of the KSCPP to preserve the language and culture. The Korean alphabet of 28 letters expresses 11,000 sounds. This alphabet, the Hangeul, was created in 1443 by King Sejong the Great. A unique feature of the Hangeul Alphabet is the correspondence it shows between graphic shape and graphic function, and has been described as the world's best alphabet.

A video presentation detailed a number of important contributions resulting from the reign of King Sejong, considered to be the most enlightened king in five centuries. His care and attention included every member of his kingdom. He established both maternity and paternity leave for workers, and also, monitored the prisons to ensure proper temperature was maintained and that they were clean and well maintained. King Sejong was also an advocate for universal literacy, an enlightened concept in the 15th century.



King Sejong the Great

Today South Korea is recognized as a "high income" and an "advanced economy" by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. The culture has embraced technology using cell phones to grocery shop at Kiosk's in subway stations. One hundred percent of the country is on-line and Korea has the fastest internet speed. Another technological advance is a refrigerator that is programmed to sense that eggs are needed and asks if it should order them. Korea with a population of 50 million is considered to be one of the seven developed countries, along with Japan, and the U.S. A series of books was available for those who wished more information on this interesting country and presentation.

Soup Kitchen

Thursday, August 14th

4:00-6:15 pm

Thought of the Day:

"There is no such thing in anyone's life as an unimportant day."

- Alexander Woollcott

Club Meeting

Announcements:

- On August 7th, lunch will be with Camp Rotary at Ocean beach, so there is no meeting at Tony D's.
- On August 14th, District Governor Mukund Nori is making an official visit to the New London Rotary Club for lunch at Tony D's. All members are encouraged to attend this lunch meeting.

New London Rotary Centennial Playground Clean-Up

By Julia Kushigian-Secor



On a warm Saturday morning, July 26th, many Rotarians and their children turned out to bring centennial playground back to its beautiful and safe condition. Pictured are Deb MacDonnell, Alex Marku, Mark Spinnato and his son, Mark. Directed by its fearless leader Alex Marku, who thankfully brought coffee and donuts, others who participated were Brian Cole, first on the scene setting out to work masterfully in a variety of tasks, ably aided by Mary Lenzini, pruner extraordinaire, John Secor, our strongest and most determined weed eradicator, Maddie MacDonnell, expert pruner/ distinguisher of weed from shrubbery, Francisca Secor, gifted ground cover trimmer and weed eliminator, Kyle MacDonnell, expert use of long arms for pulling weeds and cutting errant branches, Rick Giptstein, expert gardener/protector of workers/slayer of stinging insects, Alex Marku, indomitable playground equipment chief, Bill Schmidt, expert combiner of work and entertaining stories, and yours truly, Julia Kushigian-Secor, photographer/reporter/expert, defensive "cut it all back" gardener.