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## The future of Rotary is in your hands

### Program: Lara Gidrão de Almeida Prado, exchange student from Brazil.

**Guests:** Exchange students, César Janssens from Belgium; Lara Gidrão de Almeida Prado from Brazil; Rotarian William Baker (Saskatoon North).

#### Announcements:

- César talked about his previous week-end at the Empey's cabin at Blackstrap, boating and having a wonderful time, despite the presence of a bad driver (guess who's he is?).
- Garth Courtney reminded us to sell tickets for Lobster Fest. Harold reminded the members to sign up for deserts.
- Wayne Claypool mentioned that the district 5550 is chartering a Paul Harris Society, meaning that members will commit \$1000.00 per year for two years to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation. If members wish to become a Charter Member, Wayne has applications.
- John Luross reminded us there will be a flag rising today at city Hall.
- John read a thank you letter from Kathryn Whitby for her GSE trip with a cheque of \$500 for Polio +.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Garth Courtney / Wayne Claypool.

Were fined, John Luross for not wanting David Russell to lead O Canada, Phil for being the only man at the table with two girls, David Popkin for not being on the Harold's desert list, Les for making Murray said stuff he did not say in the media, Ron, John and David having all the guests at their table.  
H/S S: Glen for his trip in Halifax, Harold for having Cesar during the week-end, david for his trip in New Finland, Les for reciving news from a Rotary club in Sydney, Leanne for a good fund raising and Wayne to thank Lee for the organization of the GSE visit in Saskatoon.

#### Upcoming Events

May 31<sup>st</sup>: Rotary Induction  
June 5<sup>th</sup>: LobsterFest  
June 7th: District conference update  
June 20-23, 2010: Rotary International Convention in Montreal  
June 28<sup>th</sup>: Change over meeting (more info to come)

Lara was introduced by Ron Loopkey.

Lara has been in Canada for 9 months, and during her presentation, she introduced her family by showing us pictures of her parents and siblings, her house, her dog and her horse. She has been sent to Canada through the Rotary club of Barratos (state of São Paulo) in the district 4480. Barratos (113.000 ha.) has 1 Rotary club and 1 Rotaract.

Lara talked about the industry in the state of São Paulo, mostly related to orange, sugar cane and cattle production, and about rodeos that are also a big part of the state's life. Lara mentioned that Brazilian provinces do not have the same independence as compared to Canadian provinces. She also showed a lot of pictures from Brazilian beaches, forests, animals, hot springs and fruits, and talked about the Samba school's competition and the carnival.

Lara was thanked by Harold Empey.



#### 21) This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about how a Group Study Exchange can make history.

For the first time in southern African history, a group study exchange has taken place between two formerly conflicting countries. In November 2006 a GSE team from Zambia visited South Africa, signifying improved relations between the two countries. This exchange was made possible from a contribution of district designated funds from District 9210 to District 9300. With the end of Apartheid in South Africa, these young professionals are now able to talk to one another and share ideas and common interests that will help their countries look to the future in peace. Some of the greatest stories being told today started with a contribution to The Rotary Foundation. Let's make sure our club is part of the Rotary story.



Cesar at the Empey Cabin

**Motion:** Garth Courtney, seconded by John Benesh, proposed to give to St Michael School \$2000 for their literacy program, and to apply for a Rotary District Simplified Grant to contribute to half of the grant.  
**Motion accepted.**

"As a harbinger of business ethics, Rotary sends its message around the world that true service means personal responsibility for 'peace on earth and good-will toward men.'"

— Bethlehem — and Twenty Centuries, THE ROTARIAN, December 1922