Tim Hayes reports back from the Group Study Exchange mission to northeast England…

Trends & Transitions, Opportunity Now & Doing, But Different

Tim Hayes, the director of SUNY College at Oneonta’s Center for Economic & Community Development, came last Tuesday to share his experiences as a member of District 7170’s Group Study Exchange team to District 1030 in northeast England. Tim’s training and work in Oneonta County as a community developer made him uniquely qualified as a member of the outbound GSE team. Tim illustrated his talk with a power point slide presentation.

“My presentation touches on three themes — ‘trends and transitions,’ ‘opportunity now,’ and ‘doing, but different.’”

Newcastle, a town once known worldwide for it’s coal mines, is today, nearly bereft of coal. “Like hauling coal to Newcastle,” the famous phrase that once signified a fool’s undertaking (no need for more coal in Newcastle) has been rendered virtually meaningless over time. Today, there’s no need for coal in Newcastle and not much of it left to mine. “There’s only one active mine left,” Tim noted. But change brings opportunity and opportunity can bring a different and bright future.

The steel and shipbuilding industries that once fueled the local economy are nearly extinct. However, in place of the old economic engines, new technology-driven enterprises have taken root. A massive seaside sculpture titled “The Angel of the North” pays tribute to the past but symbolically envisions new and innovative industries in the future. One of those new directions is a recently opened nature preserve in the Tees Valley on reclaimed wetlands overlooking a downsized chemical plant that once was powered entirely by its own nuclear facility. “The preserve is now a popular eco-tourist site,” Tim said.

Another tourist attraction is a museum celebrating life at the time of the founding of the Anglican church in the 1500s. “The museum overlooks the old dockyards where thousands of Nissan automobiles await export,” Tim said.

While coal has disappeared from the area, a new energy source has emerged in the form of windmills that dot the rural landscapes. “Trans-Atlantic ocean winds blow across northeast England steadily,” Tim said.

Urban sprawl appears to be under control. Rural, agricultural areas are well-defined and city dwellers live mostly in duplexes, many living as near as possible to their work. Commuting to work over long distances is discouraged by the high price of gasoline at the equivalent of $6.55 per gallon, Tim explained.

An interesting feature of the area Tim visited was the gracefully arched Gateshead Millennium Bridge, constructed across the Tyne River despite opposition from Newcastle iconoclasts. The bridge was eventually built, but in such a way that a miniscule space is left where the bridge structure separates entirely from the spans coming from Newcastle. However, the symbolic separation makes no difference to the structural integrity of the spans. Newcastle, once in opposition to the bridge, now highlights it as a feature in tourist literature.

Education leaders in the area are also meeting the challenges of change and opportunity. Major investments, with the support of local and regional authorities, are being made in education. The area has embarked on an ambitious plan to replace or extensively renovate and technologically update every public school structure. One of Tim’s slides depicted a new grammar school that reclaimed a former “brown field” industrial site at Saltburn. At Teeside University where engineering degrees that supported the steel and shipbuilding industries once prevailed, the curriculum has turned to digital art and information technology.

Tom Heitz, Editor
Today’s Program

December 1
Cooperstown Rotary Foundation
Ellen Tillapaugh-Kuch

Forthcoming Programs

December 8
Christmas Outreach Gathering
Otesaga Hotel

December 15
CCS Kindergarten Angels

December 22
My 50 Years in Rotary — Ted Peters

December 29
T.B.A.

January 5
Dennis Savoie — Me & The Bicycle

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Rotary Photo Album

The Gobble, Gobble Aria
(As Sung by Bob Schlather)
From the opera
“Over the Fence & Into the Woods”
by Guido Tetrazzini

A turkey sat on a backyard fence and he pondered hard and long.
Thanksgiving Day is coming — Gobble, gobble, gobble etc.
But something seems so wrong.
My life’s been good — Gobble, gobble, gobble etc.
Full of grubs and free range grain.
Gobble, gobble, gobble etc.
But then why do I feel pain.
That turkey sat on the back yard fence and he sang this sad, sad tune.
Thanksgiving Day is coming — Gobble, gobble, gobble etc.
And I think I could be eaten soon.
Gobble, gobble, gobble etc.
I know, I’ll run away.
Gobble, gobble, gobble etc.
Have a nice Thanksgiving Day!

December Birthday Roster

Ryan Miosek — December 9
 Doug Walrath — December 11
 George Cade — December 18
 Tom Heitz — December 20
 Amanda May — December 29
 Bob Birch — December 30

December Birthday Roster

Fall 2009
Rotary Allocation Roster

Reg. Food Bank of NENY — $1,000
Cooperstown Food Bank — $1,000
Springbrook — $1,000
Jail Ministry of Otsego Cty. — $500
Opportunities for Otsego — $500
Boy Scout Troop 1254 — $500
Venture Crew 101 — $300
Cooperstown Girl Scouts — $250
Safe Kids Coalition — $200
Cooperstown Grad. Program — $100
Cooperstown PTO-TREP — $100
Cooperstown Vol. Fire Dept. — $100
Youth I’NC — $100
Grace Kull’s Well — $100
CCS FOMA — $100
CCS Varsity Softball Team — $100
Otsego Reg. Cycling — $50

Cooperstown Rotary Club
2010 — 2011
Officer Candidate Slate

Jake Maijala — President
Charles Ellsworth — President-Elect
Open for Nominations — Vice-President
William Glockler — Past President
Margaret Savoie — Secretary
Angie Erway — Treasurer
Charles Ellsworth — Sergeant-at-Arms

Directors (2009 — 2011)
Frank Capozza Ralph Snell Teri Barown

Three of the following six candidates to be elected to two year terms
(2011-2013)
Margie Landers Dennis Jakubowicz Mary Earl Chad Welch
Donna Shipman Charles Newman

Election on Tuesday, December 15th
Squirts from The Oil Can
Announcements & Miscellany
Summary of the November 24th Business Meeting

Our esteemed member and friend Hugh MacDougall was “under the weather” recuperating at home but thoughtfully sent his prepared Thanksgiving invocation to be presented by club president Bill Glockler. We quote: “Two days from now we celebrate Thanksgiving. For many of us, Thanksgiving calls to mind Norman Rockwell’s famous painting, in which Grandmother, in her apron, brings to the table a perfectly roasted Thanksgiving turkey, as Grandfather looks on proudly and the family waits expectantly. It is, I believe, a fitting Thanksgiving symbol for Rotary, for reasons we may have forgotten. Rockwell’s turkey painting was not created just as a happy portrayal of American life. It was specifically painted to illustrate the concept of Freedom from Want, proclaimed in 1941 by President Roosevelt as one of the Four Freedoms for which our nation stood. Painted in 1942, it first appeared in the Saturday Evening Post in the spring of 1943, and like Rockwell’s paintings about the other three freedoms, it was accompanied by a specially commissioned essay. But though the other essays were written by famous American writers, that for this painting was written by Carlos Bulosan, a poor migrant farm laborer from the Philippines who had become a writer and social reformer. Bulosan wrote: ‘It is only when we have plenty to eat...that we begin to understand what freedom means. To us, freedom is not an intangible thing. When we have enough to eat, then we are healthy enough to enjoy what we eat. Then we have the time and the ability to read and think and discuss things; then we are not merely living but also becoming a creative part of life. It is only then that we become a growing part of democracy.’ Norman Rockwell’s Thanksgiving painting shows just one American family, seated around one table. But we Rotarians are members of another great family, that extends beyond our own club to all the other Rotary clubs in America and around the globe, to the thousands of exchange students we welcome here and those we send forth to learn about the rest of the world, to the millions whose lives are brightened by Rotary projects everywhere. And around that great global table we join together, as Rotarians, to promote the happiness that Norman Rockwell has so graphically portrayed. Happy Thanksgiving.”

Sergeant-at-Arms Charles Ellsworth introduced guest Chris Glockler, home for Thanksgiving with mom and dad.

Jim High was called to the podium for the Rotary minute, a passage too long to insert in this space.

Bob Schlather, our traditional pre-Thanksgiving songmeister, performed the Gobble, Gobble Aria from Guido Trettazini’s opera “Over the Fence & Into the Woods.” See page 2 for photo and lyrics. Three Bravos for Bob!!! In this version of the opera’s ending the turkey escapes the chopping block by running away.

President Bill took the opportunity to call attention to the collection of funds for the Rotary International Rose Bowl float fund. The appeal is winding up for this year. President Bill also took a moment to thank the editor of The Oil Can (and weekly program facilitator) for his nimble last-ditch work in filling what could have been an open date. Thanks for the thanks, but thanks also to speaker Tim Hayes who switched dates on short notice.

Mike Jerome reported that Rotary has been invited to be part of the “Holiday Hoopla” program at The Farmers’ Museum on Sunday, December 13th from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Rotary will have a table where paper cranes will be made and sold to raise money for the eradication of polio. “We’re 200 cranes short of our goal of 1,000 cranes,” Mike noted. Four volunteers are needed. See Mike if you can help.

Carl Good collected our happy dollars and began with one of his own for a Thanksgiving trip he and Pam would take to Boston to be with their daughter and son-in-law. Jim Howarth paid tribute to his mother who reached her 80th birthday last Wednesday. Mike Jerome reported that he and Marianne had scored bleacher tickets for the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day parade in Manhattan. “If you’re watching it on television, I’ll be wearing a red jacket,” Mike said. Paul Kuhn was celebrating the accomplishments of the Villanova athletic department. Ellen Tillapaugh-Kuch reported that Gary had fractured an elbow and that she was “acting nurse.” Doug Geertgens was anticipating a large gathering of family members for Thanksgiving and Bill Coleman was expecting a bevy of grandchildren.

Tom Heitz, Editor

House Committee Assignment Roster

December 8 — Christmas Outreach
December 15 — Dave Bliss
December 22 — Bill Coleman
December 29 — Doug Geertgens
January 5 — Carl Good
January 12 — Will Green
January 19 — Tom Heitz
January 26 — Jim Howarth
February 2 — John Irvin
February 9 — Dennis Jakubowicz
February 16 — Jim Kevlin
February 23 — Tom Lieber
Rotary Club of Cooperstown (Revised 12/01/09)

Membership Roll
(By Date of Affiliation)
Hon. = Honorary Member; PHF = Paul Harris Fellow;
SPH = Sustaining Paul Harris; PGD = Past Governor
a. = Affiliation Date, b. = Month/Day of Birth

Howard Talbot, Hon; PHF; a. 12/51; b. 10/06
Ted Peters, PHF; a. 12/59; b. 05/12
Ed Badgley, Hon; a. 06/61; b. 07/07
Cliff Kachline, Hon; PHF; a. 07/70; b. 07/25
Doug Walrath, PHF; a. 10/70; b. 12/11
Bob Schlater, PHF; a. 01/79; b. 05/03
Will Monie, PHF; a. 09/80; b. 11/21
George Cade, PHF; a. 12/80; b. 12/18
Roger Smith, Hon. a. 01/12/82; b. 04/28
Jeff Woopel, a. 03/02/82; b. 08/05
Ferd Thering, Hon; PHF; a. 05/82; b. 02/12
Mike Jerome, PHF; a. 08/13/85; b. 07/23
Bob Birch, PHF; a. 09/23/86; b. 12/30
Jim Woolson, Hon., PHF; a. 03/87; b. 10/05
Hugh MacDougall, PHF; a. 04/87; b. 08/30
John Ramsey, PHF; a. 06/87; b. 03/03
Chuck Carrier, PHF; a. 01/88; b. 06/19
Bruno Talevi, PHF; a. 04/88; a. 08/16
Doris Holdorf, a. 01/02/90; b. 07/04
Joan Badgley, a. 05/22/90; b. 06/07
Catherine Black, Hon; PHF; PGD; a. 01/22/91; b. 04/22
Ellen Tillapaugh-Kuch, PHF; a. 10/01/91; b. 02/16
Cathy Raddatz, PHF; a. 12/29/92; b. 03/02
Tom Heitz, PHF; a. 03/02/93; b. 12/20
Bill Coleman, PHF; a. 04/13/93; b. 02/16
Pati Grady, a. 01/11/94; b. 03/07
Jim Gates, PHF; a. 02/20/96; b. 03/09
Michael Otis, PHF; a. 05/28/96; b. 07/17
Carol Waller, PHF; a. 05/28/96; b. 08/19
Susan Streek, PHF; a. 11/19/96; b. 04/04
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Anne Geddes-Atwell, PHF; a. 01/27/98; b. 07/01
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Tom Lieber, PHF; a. 11/16/99; b. 07/15
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Mary Leonard, a. 09/17/02; b. 01/13
Carl Good, a. 04/01/03; b. 02/12
Lois Warrell, PHF; a. 04/08/03; b. 09/24
John Irvin, PHF; a. 04/08/03; b. 11/20
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