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Optimist Club of Richfield, MN Dakotas-Manitoba-Minnesota District Club Number 35125

April 12, 2017
In Today's Spotlight



Club Business

In The Weeks Ahead:

Program:

Today - Club Business

Apr 19 - Kathleen Moore - Senior Scams

Apr 26 - Fritz Herring - Bees

May 3 - Adam Saitek - 2nd Harvest

Breakfast Supplier:

Today - John Ashland

Apr 19 - Rich Fick

Apr 26 - Mike Fogarty

May 3 - Tom Eklo

*Through the looking glass, dimly . * . .* Sort of sets the scene for last weeks meeting when the main power went out! **But the show went on as scheduled.**

*I Corinthians 13:12

Our speaker, **Kathy Sullivan**, from Operation Dignity persevered, through the dimly lit room, to share with us about the work she does in Ghana, West Africa for the very poverty stricken residents.



She has been doing this work for 5 years in an area where the people are tied to a daily cycle of poverty because they don't understand how to plan for tomorrow. They have no books, so people learn by rote memory.

The staff has 1 doctor and a few nurses, but 100's line up hours before the clinic opens in hopes of being served.

They have established a fish farm with 5 ponds, each the size of a football field. Lives are changing as a result of this effort. The group has been given 80,000 acres of unused land that they hope to develop first as a large farm, using the villagers as employees – and then eventually to go to small shareholder farms with private ownership.

Last week —

Mike Sandahl, back from Arizona for a few days, now he is off to Raleigh, NC to meet the prospective daughter-in-law's parents. **John Malknecht** caught the Twins opener after meeting his daughter in Washington, DC - and also just happened to take in a Nascar event! **Linda Grulke** was well enough to take a long hike last weekend and begin prep for a hiking trail outing. **Pat Dale** was back from a trip to Europe and Denmark with his kids. **Don Anderson**, ever true to Wuollet's Bakery, was present when they opened in order to bring us the delicious coffee cakes for breakfast today!

Only 2 more meetings to get your Dime-a-Day contribution to Linda Grulke before she takes our total to the 3rd Qtr meeting of DMM in St. Cloud.

Are you ready to take a leadership position for our club in 2017-18? See the Nominating Committee to offer your services.