

Eurotary 87

8TH ASSEMBLY IN LANGENHAGEN-WEDEMARK GERMANY

(a report by Peter v. Goetz)

The meeting was run according to the planned programme from 16th-19th sep.

The golfers arrived one day earlier to play their tournament. All of them were invited to the Luckes on Thursday evening.

On Friday about 70 guests were welcomed at the Maritime Hotel by members of RC Langenhagen Wedemark. After everybody had found his bed our guests prepared for the home parties. Old and new friends met in a most familiar atmosphere, many new contacts were made. Next day's visit to the EXPO grounds with an additional tour through Hanover was certainly hard work. There was not much time left to prepare for the evening event.

The Dinner Night turned out to be a real highlight of the meeting. The festive atmosphere in an old Lower Saxon farm house and a typical meal were a good background for talks and dancing. It was Rotary „life“ to listen to the speeches of our guests in their mother tongue exchanging banners. For some the evening was much too short so that they continued it in the hotel.

On Sunday morning the Rotarians met for the Assembly at the restaurant of the golf club. Meanwhile the ladies took the opportunity to visit a farm house museum in the village of Isernhagen. The tour was organized by the ladies of the Inner Wheel Club Langenhagen-Wedemark

At the beginning of the Assembly Klaus Rosenzweig at the same time Town Mayor of Langenhagen briefed on the development of the city.

Sandra Wollin daughter of our Past President introduced the Matching Grant Project with Pakistan. The idea of the project developed after her visit to Karachi when she wrote her university examen on the school system in Pakistan. Street Schooling is organized to help the children of the poor to continue their education. The so called Non Governmental Organisation (NGO) organizes the Street Schooling Programme. Though nongovernmental it is an officially accepted organisation. Ulf Wollin with some friends will fly to Pakistan to take care of the project. Meanwhile the Matching Grant was approved in November by Rotary International, one reason to have been waiting sending the minutes .

Peter Leigh and Barry Woodward informed about the next Eurotary Meeting 2000 to be held in England organized by RC Albrighton & District. Handouts completed the briefing and already have also been received by mail.

During the final discussion it was proposed that the inviting club should try to early enough find a club to host the meeting in two year's time. Einar Thrapp-Olsen proposed to find a club in France and meanwhile announced that RC Avignon will step in, Thank You Einar. It was also proposed to make Eurotary an official Rotary event. We are in contact with the district governor.

After the end of the meeting the ladies returned from their tour. A final brunch ended the visit with the intonation of the Eurotary 1987 Song.

Jockel Lucke who is the chairman of the organisation committee will add some more information about the matching grant, to be send to all participating clubs of the 99 meeting.