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Employee and Family Pool Party is coming up on August 15. See page 8 for information.

News & Views

July 28, 2017

The City of New Hope's Employee Newsletter

Duk Duk Daze, a New Hope Tradition

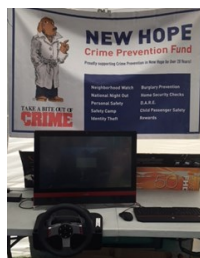
The weekend of July 15 and 16 was extremely hot and humid but that did not deter the lovers of Duk Duk Daze, New Hope's annual summer celebration.



The event, held at Northwood Park and other nearby locations, is sponsored by the Lions, with a host of supporting organizations.

There are many activities, from bingo to balloon tying, some of which are pictured here. And, of course, lots of fair food!

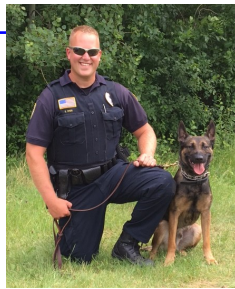
Many thanks to the Lions and all the sponsors of this fun summer event!



Staff Update

Staff changes since the last News & Views:

- ❖ **Adam Link** started as a full-time Community Service Officer on July 10. See his Spotlight on page 4.
- ❖ **Katelyn Croteau** started as the new Crime Analyst / Prevention Specialist on July 25. Her Spotlight is on page 5.
- ❖ **Stephen Rohloff** was hired as a Maintenance Worker replacing Jim Muellner who was named Utilities Maintenance Supervisor. Stephen started on July 25. His Spotlight is on page 6.
- ❖ The preferred candidate for the full-time Recreation Supervisor position, replacing Sarah Hansen who resigned in June, is in the background and reference portion of the hiring process.
- ❖ Chief Fournier has commended School Resource Officers **Jared Kuypers** and **Joshua Eernisse** for the great job they did at the North Education Center, which provides specialized services for the unique learning needs of their students. The school has not renewed the contract for SROs so Jared and Josh are now back to patrol after their successful time at NEC. Good job, Jared and Josh!
- ❖ Officer **Jason Ryan** was sworn in at the July 24 council meeting having completed his one-year probation.
- ❖ Police Officer **Erick Dyer** and his K-9 partner **Dex** successfully completed their basic patrol and narcotic detection K-9 course and are now an official K-9 team for New Hope. The team will be replacing Officer Lamers and his longtime partner, Gideon, when Gideon retires later this summer.



Above left: K-9 Officer **Erick Dyer** and **Dex** after completing the required certification.
Above right: Officer **Jason Ryan** after his swearing in.

Where's Eric?

After agreeing to have lunch with other Community Development staff, **Eric Hanson** went missing.

Where did he go?

The News & Views investigative team learned that he headed for the food truck and mysteriously disappeared. He reappeared later, with a red face and no acceptable excuse.



Computer



Don't Lose Your Document Shortcuts

Do you have shortcuts to your most-often-used documents on your desktop? Have you taken a screen shot of said desktop? Don't let the following experience happen to you.

An employee lost all their shortcuts to their most frequently used documents (not applications) and had no way to quickly recreate them. Now, it is time consuming to even remember where the original documents are. Make a list or take a screen shot to avoid this happening to you.

Reminder to Staff

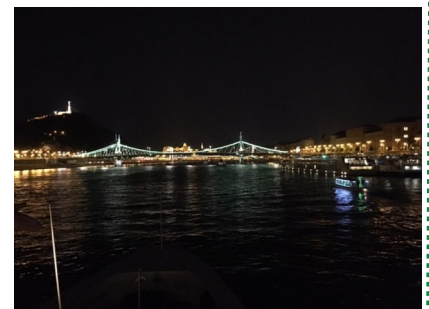
If you move, change your phone number, or have a new name, please remember to tell HR. Use the Employee Update form found in the forms drawers in city hall or just send Eve an email. Thanks!!

A Trip to Remember

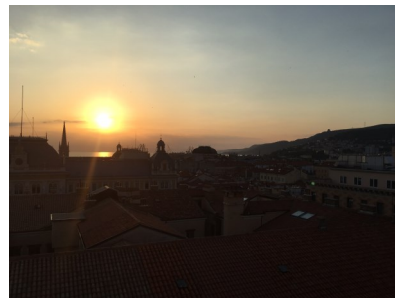
Rich Johnson, his wife, and four daughters, took quite a grand trip to Ireland, Hungary, Croatia, Slovenia, Italy, and Austria.

But it wasn't all play, Rich kept in touch by reading and responding to emails along the way.

Now, Rich is adjusting to being back at work, not an easy task!



The Danube in Budapest, Hungary



The view from their balcony in Trieste, Italy



"Celtic Step" musicians on a hillside between Killarney and Kenmare, Ireland

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More Staff Stuff



Did you know?

There is a city of Butterfield, Minnesota. According to Google, it is located in Watonwan County, in southwestern Minnesota, about 45 miles from Mankato, and is known as a link between Minneapolis / St. Paul, Minnesota and Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

According to its website, Butterfield's history is not neatly compiled in a book. Rather, it comes from memoirs and memory. It was incorporated in 1885 as a town platted by the railroad to entice homesteaders and merchants to settle there. The name Butterfield is said to come from a railroad engineer. Butterfield began with 17 people and grew to 634 just 100 years later and an estimated 602 in 2014.

How does this relate to New Hope? Good Question!! Butterfield was noted in a Weekly Memo as issuing tax-exempt bonds to help finance construction at Good Samaritan Society. So, The Roving Reporter asked the expert, Jeff Sargent, Director of Community Development, to explain. Here is what he said:

Non-profit organizations have the opportunity to pay a fee to cities in order for the city to sell tax-exempt bonds to help finance construction projects. In this case, Good Samaritan approached the city of Butterfield, and Butterfield agreed to sell bonds in order to generate the needed finances to construct the proposed Good Samaritan addition. Cities are able to obtain better interest rates on bonds, which is the reason why non-profit organizations do this.

So, now you know!

Books for Kids

If you have any books for kids or young adults just gathering dust on your book shelf, or you come across some at a garage sale, Mayor Hemken would appreciate them.

The mayor gives out new or gently used childrens and young adult books at the Farmers Market and her supply is running low. Any you can contribute will be greatly appreciated.

A box for donations is in the city hall lunchroom just waiting for your donation of books!

Thank you in advance for any contributions!



Food Donations Continue Strong

So far this year, the city has donated \$632 and 203 pounds of food to NEAR, the local food shelf.

Wacky Wednesdays have been a major contributor to the cash donations by allowing non-uniform staff to wear jeans or shorts that day in return for a \$5 donation. The next Wacky Wednesday is August 23.

Thanks to all who participate!

National Night Out Preparations

See the photos below that show the preparation for the more than 80 parties scheduled in New Hope for the annual National Night Out on August 1.

Council and city staff will visit as many parties as possible that evening.



Above: Volunteers are ready to pack bags for more than 80 registered NNO parties.
Left and below: The stuffed bags await pick up in PD, down one corridor and around the corner.



Fun Things to do in August



Every Saturday Farmers Market 7 a.m. to noon

August 1 National Night Out

August 4 Wet and Wild Water Day

August 3, 4, 5 "Beauty and the Beast" Outdoor Theatre

August 15 Employee & Family Pool Event

Aug. 15, 16, 17 Safety Camp

August 20 Last day the pool is open

August 25 Movies in the Park, "Pete's Dragon"

August 30 Wellness Summer Picnic and Games

Spotlight On...



Adam Link started with the city on July 10, 2017, as a full-time Community Service Officer.

A buddy of Adam's, who lives in Plymouth, told Adam about his experience as a cop. Adam was intrigued enough to give policing a try and became a Reserve Officer for the city of Wyoming. He found that he enjoyed it! He is currently completing his requirements to become a police officer.

Adam is definitely an outdoor guy. When asked what he likes to do in his spare time he replied, hunting, backpacking, hiking, and camping. To add to his love of the outdoors, he has a motorcycle, a Yamaha, for enjoyment on the back roads and around lakes.

For backpacking, Adam especially likes Glacier National Park. He spent a few days there last year. He hikes wherever he can but his favorite places include the Superior Hiking Trail, Gooseberry Falls, Tettegouche State Park, High Falls State Park and Raven Rock. He enjoys getting away from the hustle and bustle of cities and towns and being alone with nature. He says, 'the point is to get away'! And so, he does, as often as he can.

Adam spent five years in the Navy and was deployed to Kuwait, Sasebo Japan, and Afghanistan. In those locations, their primary goal was engineering projects and their secondary goal was to defend what they built. Time spent in Djibouti, Africa was a humanitarian effort. Interestingly enough, he was never on a ship-they flew wherever they went.

When Adam completed his service in the Navy, he was in California. There were a lot of things he liked there such as driving down the Pacific Coast Highway and occasionally seeing dolphins. He also found a great variety of restaurants. But the cost of living was steep and he decided to move to Minnesota. He rode his Yamaha and it took him only 2 1/2 days riding sunrise to sunset. It was a good trip and he likes being here.

Other traveling he has done includes trips to Colorado to visit friends. One of the highlights there is a sushi restaurant that he says is better than the sushi in Japan! He would know, having been there with the Navy. He explained that in Japan, Sushi is very common, something like our fast food restaurants, so the quality varies quite a bit. But in Colorado, it is a specialty and that makes a big difference.

Welcome, Adam! Although you may not find glaciers in New Hope, or such outstanding sushi, or dolphins swimming along the coast, you will find a great police department that will train you well on this part of your career.

Enjoy!!

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Spotlight On...



Katelyn Croteau started with the city on July 24, 2017 as the Crime Analyst/Prevention Specialist in the police department. This is a new position for New Hope, which is one of the reasons why Katelyn was interested in it. She will help shape the job and New Hope's approach to crime analysis along with helping with prevention and administratively supporting the department. It is a job she is looking forward to.

Katelyn comes to New Hope from Grand Marais where she was a Sheriff's Deputy. Part of her responsibility was crime analysis, community outreach, and prevention. She especially liked the crime analysis part and wanted to do more of it. Prior to that she was a Community Service Officer in Lino Lakes PD and that is where she met Wressell who was a CSO with Centennial Lakes. One fateful time when she was transporting evidence to Anoka County, they ran into each other. She got his attention with her comment that he sounded like a 'game show host'. That was three years ago and they are still together. He is currently a State Trooper, stationed in Virginia, Minnesota but will be moving closer to this area in August.

Katelyn's twin brother, Kevin, is a forester in Wisconsin. She has two sisters, Melissa, who is an accountant and lives in Minnesota, and Laura, a dietician in Iowa. Her dad is a plant manager for Zero Zone Refrigeration and her mom is a social worker for Anoka County.

Katelyn is an avid outdoors person. She especially enjoys trail riding in her Honda 250L dirt bike and would like to travel to Arizona to experience their dirt bike trails. She also loves to hunt pheasant and grouse in the Dakotas, fish in any lake, and hike in beautiful areas like those in Grand Marais along the Gunflint Trail and Magnetic Rock.

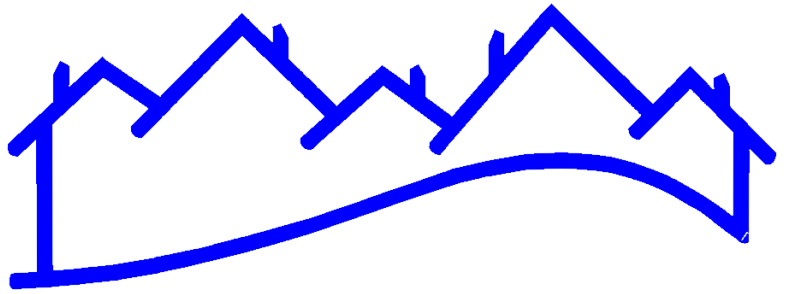
Katelyn also loves to read and one of her favorites is the Game of Thrones book series, "A Song of Fire and Ice" which is about medieval times. But she says she reads anything, whenever she has free time.

Katelyn has a very full life, often full of dogs. Her dad breeds and trains Labradors for hunting competitions and she helped him when she was growing up. Now, she has a 4-year old yellow lab named Rebel that she trained and is a certified live-find area search dog. In Grand Marais, she and Rebel were often asked to search for people lost in the wilderness and they were usually successful in finding them.

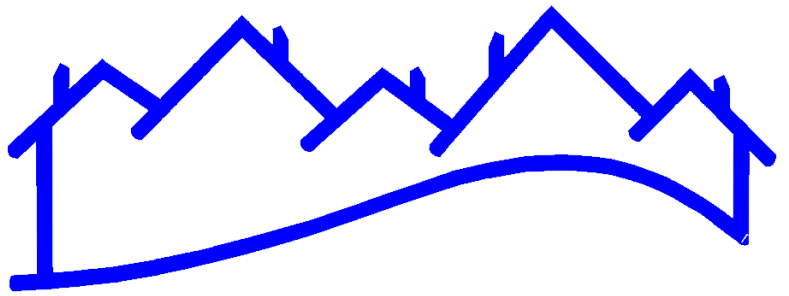
In her 'spare time' Katelyn runs a K-9 training organization that trains dogs to become certified as K-9 single purpose dogs who find narcotics and explosives. Once trained, the dogs are given to police departments that otherwise could not afford a K-9 unit.

Well, Katelyn, your life probably won't slow down now that you are in New Hope. Your new position will keep you busy along with all your other loves. We welcome you and wish you well in all your endeavors.

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Spotlight On...



Stephen Rohloff started with New Hope as a Maintenance Worker on July 24, 2017. His previous experience varies from climbing, maintaining, and adding on to cell phone towers to sealcoating to retail. He was part of a team that built three towers from the ground up. He enjoyed the towers but they required a lot of travel, for instance, one week he was in seven different states, which doesn't leave much time for home life. The sealcoating is still an occasional job for him. Most recently he worked for Napa, inside, as a counter sales person. Now, he is ready for the great outdoors again.

And, he does love the outdoors. He hunts deer, goose, duck, pheasant, and whatever else is in season. As a kid, he learned to hunt from his grandfather who had stands already built on the farm land. Now, Stephen prefers to be more adventurous, finding new places to hunt, hiking in to find a good spot, and bringing his own stand. He also gets his love of the outdoors from an aunt and uncle who lived on a farm. Stephen visited them in the summers and enjoyed helping out.

Stephen comes from a family of six siblings, three sisters who range from 20 to 25 years old, who live "all over the place", and two brothers who are 15. His dad is a boiler operator at Jennie-O Turkey in Faribault. His mom has been cutting hair for more than 20 years and lives in Litchfield.

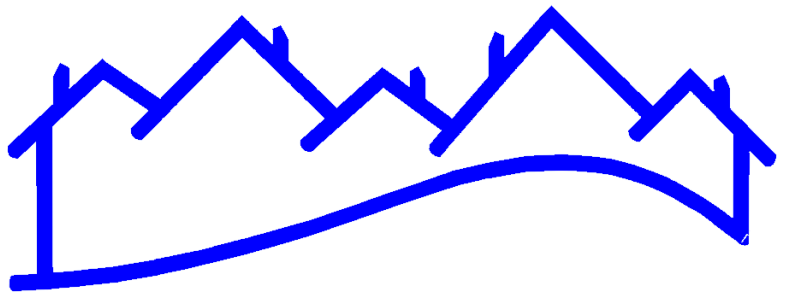
Stephen is married to Emma, who is a homemaker who stays very busy with their 3-year old son, Jaxson, called "Jax". Jax is full of energy and follows dad around. They both love the outdoors-riding bikes, fishing, or anything else in the fresh air.

The Rohloff's may take a trip to Duluth this summer, if time allows in their busy life. Stephen is happy living in Minnesota but is intrigued by Alaska and would like to visit there some day.

Welcome, Stephen! You will certainly have plenty of the outdoors in your new position. Enjoy!!

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Eve Lomaistro was named Employee of the Quarter for the second quarter of 2017.

Talk about awkward! Try writing an objective article about yourself. It is not only awkward, it is also uncomfortable. But, the Roving Reporter is nowhere to be found, so here goes.

You may have noticed two unusual things about the month of June. Rich Johnson was gone and the city put on the First Ever Healthy Living Fair. By themselves, each was a hefty project. Together, they were pretty fierce. With Rich gone, additional responsibilities fell on my shoulders, some more weighty than others, but all needing attention. That said, it was really fun with Rich gone. No need to ask his advice or try to track him down to ask a question. It was actually quite nice. (Probably best if you don't tell Rich that!)

The First Ever Healthy Living Fair was a completely different situation. Here, I was in new territory. Yes, I have coordinated events in the past but not to this extent. The Fair took on a life of its own and required many hours of planning and follow up in the weeks preceding it. It was somewhat daunting putting all the pieces together while handling all the other additional duties as well. Special thanks go to Walker Crawford who helped me with several tasks including keeping me sane in the midst of chaos. Thanks, Walker!

The result was great. As you read in the June issue of News & Views, the Fair brought more than 500 visitors. It is my belief that there would have been a lot less had it not been for Jerry Beck who provided a great deal of promotion, including his production of a video which he gave to Channel 12 and posted on Facebook. Facebook alone had close to 2,000 hits in the week prior to the event. Jerry also managed to not only post the info on the reader board (no simple task), he also figured out how to change the message even though he would be on vacation. On Thursday, the Reader Board posted the day and time. On Friday, it read, "TOMORROW", and on Saturday it said, "TODAY". The publicity is what drew the crowd, so many thanks go to Jerry for all his efforts. Note that Jerry was a nominee (and my preference) for EOQ.

So, there you have it. I am honored and grateful to have been named Employee of the Quarter. It's just odd writing about myself!

This was a fruitful quarter with four other very qualified nominees; each of whom received a \$15 Target gift card.

- ❖ Police Clerk **Jeana Allen-Hatcher** was nominated for taking on additional responsibilities during the absence of the Police Office Supervisor. She has also maintained her usual duties as a Police Clerk. Her nominator said that Jeana "...has maintained an uninterrupted workflow among the staff in the office and those on patrol." Thanks, Jeana, for your extra time and efforts.
- ❖ Sergeant **Doug Brunner** was nominated for organizing and leading some of the Mobile Field Force training which deploys New Hope officers into protest situations in other agencies as well as in New Hope. With protesters in our city and neighboring cities, this is all the more real and important. "Doug and other administrative staff have done a great job planning, preparing, and leading the preparation efforts for dealing with these situations." Thanks, Doug, for your part of this very timely and important task.
- ❖ In addition to his usual duties, Investigator **Tony Loser** has spent the last several months on the large-scale and self-initiated project of clearing a backlog of evidence from the city's crowded evidence storage room. This process involved meticulous and time-consuming efforts of checking various databases to ensure evidence is no longer needed and then coordinating the destruction, return, or processing of narcotics as hazardous waste. Tony coordinated multiple trips for the disposal of 13 years of narcotics evidence. Tony, with assistance from Investigator Cheri Galli, continues to work on the overall evidence project which will likely take a few more months. Thanks, Tony, for taking on this long overdue project!
- ❖ Communications Coordinator **Jerry Beck** was nominated for his time, effort, and expertise publicizing our First Ever Healthy Living Fair. As noted above, Jerry was the key to the excellent attendance at the Fair. Without the publicity, there likely would have been fewer visitors. Thanks, Jerry, for all you did to make the Fair a success!

Upcoming Fun City Events

Bring your family and make a splash at the Employee and Family Pool Party!

The pool will be open only to employees and their families.

Tuesday, August 15

Starting at 5:00 p.m.



This may be the last chance to enjoy this city pool! The pool closes August 20. It is likely that next year, the pool will be removed to make way for the new city hall. So, take advantage of this fun and free opportunity to enjoy the city pool one last time.

A flyer with additional details will come out next week.



Pete's Dragon

A re-imagining of Disney's cherished family film, "Pete's Dragon" is the adventure of an orphaned boy named Pete and his best friend Elliot, who just happens to be a dragon. The movie will play at the New Hope Outdoor Theatre on Friday, August 25, starting at 8:15 p.m. Rated PG. Concessions will be available for purchase.

Thanks go to the New Hope Women of Today for sponsoring this movie.



"Beauty and the Beast"

The live version of "Beauty and the Beast" is now playing at the New Hope Outdoor Theatre on weekends through August 5.



The Off Broadway Musical Theatre has collaborated with the city of New Hope to present a major musical with full costumes, orchestras, sets, and lighting every summer since 1978.

This year's production, "Beauty and the Beast", tells of the fantastic journey of Belle, a bright, beautiful, and independent young woman who is taken prisoner by a beast in his castle. Despite her fears, she befriends the castle's enchanted staff and learns to look beyond the Beast's hideous exterior and realize the kind heart and soul of the true Prince within.

Starting time is 8 p.m. A free-will donation of \$4 per person is suggested. Food shelf donations will also be accepted.

Wet and Wild Water Day

Cool off at Wet and Wild Water Day on Friday, August 4, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at Lions Valley Place Park in Crystal.

The event is sponsored by New Hope, Crystal, Robbinsdale, and West Metro Fire-Rescue District.

Water fun includes three giant water slides and sprinklers. \$5 per person at the event.

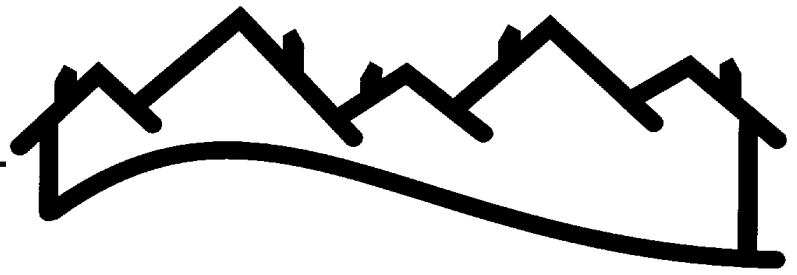


Space Still Available in Safety Camp

Know any youth entering grades 3, 4, or 5?

Space is still available in the very popular Safety Camp, being held this year from August 15 through 17.

Contact Nickie Korth in PD or anyone in Parks & Recreation to register.



9 Tower 1 Has Arrived

It is called Tower 1. Its ladder is 100 feet long and can reach the fifth story of a building. It has a 500 gallon water tank, a 1,500 gallon per minute pump, and it can spray water about the length of a football field.

And, it is beautiful! Beautiful? You betcha! It is long and sleek and shiny black, not like any other fire engine you have ever seen. And, it belongs to West Metro Fire-Rescue.

This purchase took about two years from inception, through approval, to construction, and finally delivery in 2017, but it was well worth it!



Next event:

- ❖ Summer Picnic & Games
- ❖ Wednesday, August 23, 11:30 a.m.
- ❖ Northwood Park

Got Games?

- ◇ Let Eve know what game you will loan us.
- ◇ All outdoor games are appreciated!

Picnic and Play in the Park

Prizes



Sunshine



Food provided!!

Don't miss out
on the fun!



A variety of freshly barbecued brats
with all the trimmings, buns, chips,
potato salad, watermelon, and
refreshing bottled water
Compliments of the
Wellness Program

RSVP to Eve by August 17
so we have enough food

Respond to email invite or call 5111

Name That Veggie (or fruit)

Wellness Lunch & Learn, July 26, 2017

Jonah, Assistant Produce Manager from Hy-Vee, brought some lesser known veggies and fruits and showed:

- ❖ how to buy them,
- ❖ how to prepare them, and
- ❖ how to enjoy them.

There were tastings of various items, some of which are shown here.

Katie, Hy-Vee Dietician, described the nutritional value and left several recipes that use some of the items shown. The recipes await you in the city hall copy room; hard copies were sent to public works.

Seventeen people are now more knowledgeable about new and unusual veggies and fruits. And, we learned that new tastes aren't always scary!

Think about preparing something new and different for the Healthy Potluck in September!

Photos on page 12.



Dragon Fruit



Collard Greens



Mustard Greens



Pomegranate



Cherimoya



Plum



Dates



Jicama



Radicchio



Apricot



Guava



Plumcot



Belgian Endive



Red Swiss Chard



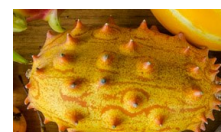
Swiss Chard



Baby Bok Choy
(there is also a larger version)



Watercress



Kiwano



Kohlrabi



Starfruit

Name That Veggie (or fruit)



Attendees at the July 26, 2017 Lunch and Learn enjoyed a delicious box lunch from Hy-Vee and an interesting presentation on lesser known veggies and fruits, complete with tastings.

It was enlightening and fun!

