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Springfield Rotary Club *of Ohio*

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A Review of the Monday, July 18, 2005 Meeting

Moscow Nights and Golden Gates Perform



Performers from St. Petersburg, Russia, entertained Rotarians with their songs, dances and music.

Rotarians got a special treat on Monday when Chris Moore, director of the Springfield Arts Council, introduced members of Moscow Nights and Golden Gates, musicians and dancers from the greater St. Petersburg area of Russia. Six performers, ages 10 to 15, sang and danced a greeting song, a Cossack song, and many others. They were accompanied by an 18-year-old champion balalaika player. The students wore colorful, traditional Russian garb as they enthusiastically entertained the club.

Sponsored by the St. Petersburg Rotary Club "Neva" and clubs in the United States, the performers have the opportunity for a cultural experience they could not gain otherwise. They spend up to a year preparing before they go on tour. Their performances, of which there will be about 30 this trip, have funded projects in India, Chile and Russia. The money from this tour will be used to purchase a bus that will be used by 50 orphanages in the St. Petersburg area and maintained by the Rotary club. Vitaliy Bezrodnov, from Russia who is now with the Lakewood/Rocky River Club in Ohio, introduced the performers and their songs. The troupe was accompanied by their director from St. Petersburg.

How would you rate this week's program?

- Poor
- Fair
- Good
- Very Good
- Excellent

Please provide some feedback about this week's program.

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**Next Meeting,
Monday, July 25
12:10 PM at
Casey's**