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IN FAVOR OF THINGS BETTER. *Paul Harris*



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AGING AT HOME FAIRBANKS PRESENTED BY ELLEN WEISER

Ellen Weiser will speak about her organization, Aging at Home Fairbanks, its beginnings, national and local affiliations, and the services they provide, and the need for the organization.

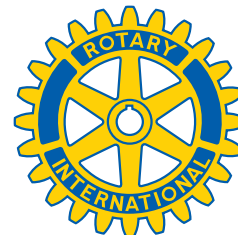
Ellen is originally from a small community outside of Philadelphia, PA where she was a teacher of high school English for 35 years during which time she started two small alternative schools and ended her career working as a partner in the Urban Tree Connection, a small non-profit dedicated to pairing school children with community groups to beautify their neighborhoods through vacant lot gardening.



After she retired from teaching Ellen was the Executive Director of a small museum in Philadelphia and then the only paid staff member of the Democratic Party in Montgomery County, PA, which had over a million members.

Ellen and her husband moved to Fairbanks in 2008 as part of what was planned as a 10 year journey. She worked as the coordinator of the Resilience and Adaptation Program at UAF for 3 1/2 years and then she and her husband left Fairbanks to live abroad. After a year in Peru teaching English and a year wandering Europe in a travel trailer, she and her husband returned to Fairbanks (although they also contemplated living in Brooklyn New York).

Ellen is now the Program Director of Aging at Home Fairbanks and volunteers for the Yukon Quest, North Star Ballet, the Literacy Council and Opera Fairbanks.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 3

Michelle Maynor's Birthday

June 4

Morgan Dulian's Birthday

June 5

Lisa Sundborg's Birthday

June 8

Cathy Dimon's Birthday

Lane Nichols' Birthday

June 9

UAF Sustainability Board
Membership Spotlight - Jim Little

June 10

Marguerita Gilbertson's Birthday

June 13

Lori Wilson's Birthday

June 16

RF - You can't take it with you!

June 17

Board Meeting, **Westmark**, noon

June 18

Nancy DeWitt's Birthday

June 20

John Rowe's Birthday

June 21

Jo Heckman's Birthday

June 23

Green Star Interior
David Bate's Birthday
Jerry Haugeberg's Birthday

June 25

Cindy Shumaker's Birthday

June 26

Andy Evanger's Birthday

June 27

Wendy Harter's Birthday

June 29

Lisa Herbert's Birthday

June 30

Installation Banquet

July 6

Anna Atchison's Birthday

July 9

Dan Britton's Birthday
Jerry Walker's Birthday

July 10

Geri Simon's Birthday

July 11

Keri Roach's Birthday

July 13

Tammy Randolph's Birthday

NEW MEMBER PROPOSAL

Notify the Secretary in writing of any objections to the new member. Such objections to be submitted no later than the second Friday following initial notification.

Lori Alexander - Nonprofit/Military Service-YMCA

Fuller Cowell - Newspaper Publishing

Cindy Wright - Performing Arts/Promotions and Marketing

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION UPDATE by President Elect Wayne Clark

Peggy and Mike Pollen and myself have been attending the washrag convention and the Rotary International Convention in Seoul, Korea. The trip from Fairbanks to Seoul was about 17 to 18 hours of flying.

Seoul is a large modern city. Before the convention started Mike and Peggy and I went on separate tours of the DMZ. We learned just how close North Korea and Seoul are, saw remnants of the Korean conflict, and a train station all set up and ready to go if and when North Korea and South Korea reunite. We visited one of four tunnels that the North Koreans have built under the DMZ to invade South Korea at some future date. However these tunnels have been discovered and blocked off. We also learned that the North Koreans have 1.2 million men in uniform but in North Korea they are drafted at 17 years old and are in the military for 10 years. South Korea has 600,000 in uniform but with only a 20 month enlistment.

The international Rotary convention mostly takes place at the Kintex Center, which is one of five large convention centers in Seoul with about 40,000 to 45,000 Rotarians and family here. I understand it is the largest convention ever but they are expecting next year, which is in Atlanta, to be the largest yet.

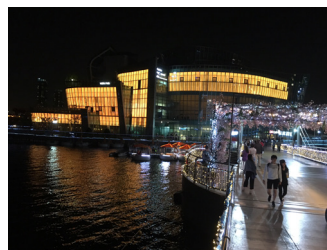
I would encourage any of our club members that can attend the Atlanta convention to consider that and there are special rates until June 6 of this year. It may not be as exotic as Korea but it will be much less expensive getting there and back. Prices here are not bad and the subway system is very good and very inexpensive. There are lots of taxis but for a longer distance it can be quite expensive, like taxis anywhere.

It is certainly quite interesting meeting fellow Rotarians from all over the world as well as the leadership of Rotary, who are all here. We have met with past international presidents, district governors and club leaders from many countries.

We have attended various workshops on a variety of Rotary subjects which we will share more about later. This truly is a great time to meet Rotarians from over and to make contact with other Rotarians



Inside the Kintex Center



Floating Island, location of
Rotary Zone Dinner



Past District Members
at the Zone Dinner

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

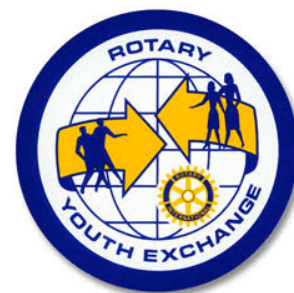
You can help promote global peace in your own home by hosting an international exchange student. Exposure to new cultures and customs is a powerful way to learn about the world. And it's not just students who benefit – your family will become enriched by extended, friendly contact with a young person from a different culture.

Exchange hosting typically lasts 3-4 months, but your family could be left with a friend for life. If you are interested in hosting an exchange student, please contact Nicole Stewart at nmstewart@petrostar.com or call her at 452-0616.

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Leader
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Karen Conover
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Kathryn Dodge

Julia Duquette
Wendy Harter
Wes Madden
John Rowe
Ralph Seekins
Bill Wright



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Do you have things you'd like to share? IE: Rotary articles, photos of President Aisha, upcoming events, etc.? Send them to rotarctic@gmail.com



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