

strippedgears



Two, please

A woman walked into a fish market and told the clerk that she'd like a fresh flounder. The young clerk reached down into a barrel of ice and discovered that only one fish remained. So he stirred the ice around a bit and pulled out the lone fish.

"Here's a nice one," he said.

"I want a larger one," the woman insisted.

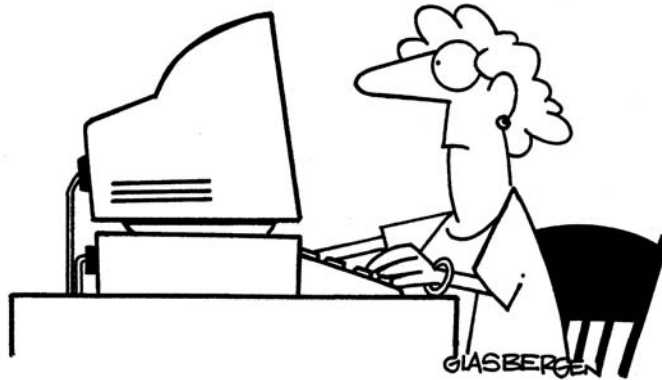
So the clerk put the fish back into the barrel and was about to give up when inspiration hit. He reached down into the barrel again, vigorously stirred the ice around for a couple of minutes, then pulled out the same fish, but told the customer that it would cost quite a bit more.

"That's fine," she said happily. "I'll take them both."

*From We Go
The newsletter of the Rotary Club of
Westtown-Goshen, Pa., USA*



"And it goes a little something like this!"



"Welcome to the Weight Loss Forum.
To lose one pound, double-click your mouse six million times."

Fish story

A third-grade class was learning about whales when the teacher related the story of Jonah and the whale. At the end of the story, the teacher explained that it would be physically impossible for the whale to swallow a human being because whales have very small throats.

One little girl in the class said that because the story was in the Bible, she believed it was true. "When I get to heaven," the little girl said, "I will ask Jonah."

The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to that other place?"

The little girl replied, "Then you can ask him."

*From AROUND THE SQUARE
The newsletter of the Rotary Club of
Lancaster, Texas, USA*

One-liner

Sign on the roof of a Greenville, S.C., USA, auto repair shop:

"We fix brakes. Stop in – if you can!"

*FRED THACKSTON, Rotarian
Anderson, S.C., USA*

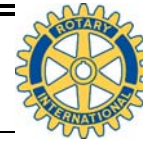
The simple truth?

♦ Did you know that there are more collect calls on Father's Day than on any other day of the year? Or that, reportedly, more money is printed every day for the board game Monopoly than for the U.S. Treasury?

♦ "I just don't understand my parents," complained a college student to a friend. "I told them that I needed money to buy a chair – and they sent me the chair!"

*PAUL K. MCAFEE, Rotarian
Punta Gorda, Fla., USA*

From The Rotarian July 2002



The Four Way Flasher

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INVOCATION July 23: Dave Reekie July 30: Caro O'Kennedy

BINGO SCHEDULE BE ON TIME!

	3:30-5:00	5:00-6:30
Aug. 1:	Peter Boekhorst	Dave Reekie
Aug 15:	Craig Vernon	Craig Vernon

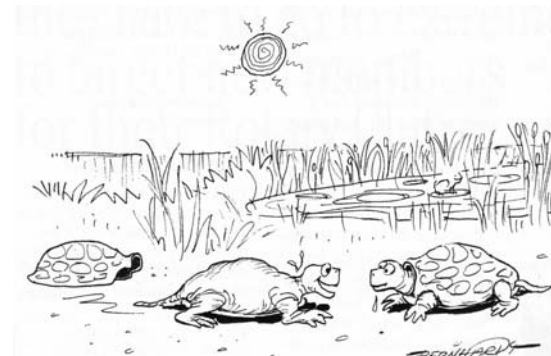
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TODAY'S PROGRAM: Business Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: TBA

CALENDAR OF CLUB EVENTS:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
July 31		Vocational Service Meeting	Andrea: 21466 River Rd.
Sept. 3	noon	DG Kevin Shaughnessy's visit	Regular meeting
Dec. 16	noon	Executive 2003/04 Elections	Regular meeting



50 / 50 draw - Jackpot at \$826 + 1/2 of today's sales, 13 cards, Jackpot on "Queen of Hearts" only!

"Hottest summer I remember!"

HAPPY ANIVERSARY

July 27: Lorna & Laurie Anderson

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 25: John Vevers

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

What a difference a month makes!

At the end of May, we had received Unrestricted Contributions of \$247,575.14 or 91.69% of our goal of \$270,000.00.

During the month of June, 41 clubs sent in contributions totalling \$61,867.36. CONGRATS!

YOU EXCEEDED THE PLANNED GIVING GOAL FOR ROTARY YEAR 2001-02!

As indicated in the report attached, contributions totalled \$ 309,442.50 (I believe the highest in our District's history) or 114.61% of the goal, and we received monies from all but one of our clubs.

When you add it up, 24 clubs (47%) exceeded their goals. Moreover 15 exceeded the average district per capita giving figure of \$112.32. (Note, this is calculated based on the number of members as at July 1st, 2001.)

It is now time to look ahead and focus our attention on meeting or exceeding the goals for Planned Giving and Polio Eradication in Rotary year 2002-3. These goals are admittedly ambitious but necessary if we are to meet the ever increasing requests for funding and the eradication of polio. In this regard, I ask that you assist your club president and Foundation committee in the task ahead.

In every district of our Rotary world, hundreds of people are waiting for someone to give them hope. So long as there is one hungry child, one ignorant person, one discouraged youth; so long as there is misunderstanding or conflict anywhere; so long as there is a choice friend who has not been found, there is a reason for Rotary and for the Rotary Foundation.

On behalf of thousands of those less fortunate whose lives will be enhanced or even saved through your support of the Rotary Foundation this past Rotary Year, PDG Kathy and I thank you.

WRR PDG Dave Foundation Chair 2001-2

(edited because of space restrictions)

CLUB	GOAL	JUNE 30/02	% ACH.	PER CAP
Meadow Ridge	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,569.01	102%	\$ 104.97

Values are in USD

I wish I had a better way to say it than last year's Foundation Chair, PDG Dave Robinson. You all have done an outstanding job with Foundation Giving this year. Please send congratulations to your clubs. They are to be commended for their giving and their sacrifices. As you heard me say many times last year this is a wonderful organization and we are all a part of what makes Rotary so wonderful. I really believe that District 5050's members know that "Mankind is our Business" and that is why we consistently and generously "Sow the Seeds of Love." Many thanks again.

Kathy DeTuerk

LAST WEEKS PROGRAM

President Stan reported to the club that we are in the process of possibly having an exchange student from France coming in. Ken Knuttila is in charge of this committee and is looking for another host family. We have got 3 families committed so far. The commitment would be for three months and the student will be attending school at Maple Ridge Senior Secondary. We will also be looking for a councillor for her. Her name is Melissa and if everything comes together she will be arriving in September.

Gord Robson also reported that he has started the Sports Banquet and is waiting to hear from Brian Burke re the date. The options are Tues Oct 22, Mon Oct 28 or Wed Oct 30. If anyone knows of any conflict with any of these dates please contact Gord ASAP as this date will be finalised shortly.

President Stan also circulated a sign up sheet for Rotary Mentorship. This is a mentor program for new Rotarians coming to our club, in order to assist us with member retention. Anyone who did not have the opportunity to sign up and who would be interested in this opportunity should contact Stan.

Mike Davies, Brian Bekar and Kevin Nosworthy, last years International Services committee, presented to the club a video tape about the Guatemala Text Book Project. Last year we contributed \$1,000 US to this project and it was matched at both the District and International level to total \$3,500 US. The overall project was an overwhelming success and with 66 clubs participating, we delivered 22,295 textbooks to 5,773 students in 26 areas in Guatemala. They also distributed copies of several letters from the students thanking the Rotary clubs for their contributions. These letters, of course, arrived in Spanish and were translated by students at Westview Secondary, thanks for Andrea for arranging this.

The people in Guatemala are very poor but hardworking and industrious. In 1993 a young man named Jeff was there on vacation and saw the beauty of the land and its people but also so the abject poverty they were living in. He decided the best way to help these people was to invest in their education and consequently he volunteered as an English teacher in one of the local schools. It immediately became apparent to Jeff that without text books this job was almost insurmountable. The literacy rate in Guatemala is only 27% and government funded education only goes to Grade 5. Jeff connected with Rotary and since its beginning this project has sent over 45,000 books to 44 out of 600 schools. We have a ways to go before we can "eradicate illiteracy" in Guatemala but we are on the right road. And all we had to do to help in this wonderful project was to send our cheque for \$1,000 US. Great job guys!

Here are a couple of the letters from the children

*Dear Sponsors:
I hope that on receiving this present you are abundantly blessed.
The reason for this letter is nothing more but to thank you for the textbooks that are greatly used. We promise to take care of them and keep them in good condition.
Politely from
Mirna Lisseth Siquinajay*

*Dear Sponsors:
My greatest desire is that you have good health and that your work is successful. In the name of my parents, I want to thank you for sponsoring the textbooks that are going to help me learn very important things. These are things that are studied in the first grade. I pray that God blesses you.
Farewell to you.
Maria Alejandra meza Zamora*