



Service Above Self

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India GSE team program
by Sharon Harrington

What a great program!



If you missed last week's club meeting, you missed one of our best programs of the year. Our thanks to Mike Guido, a member of the Sun City West Rotary Club, who shared his photos and experiences as a GSE Team Leader in India last year. Mike is both funny and inspirational, and his presentation was superb.

The Rotary host district provided Mike and his team with a large van and a driver during the five weeks they spent in India. In addition to visiting the Taj Mahal, along with many temples, the team presented programs for many Rotary clubs and visited many Rotary projects. One of the interesting things I learned from the discoveries of Mike and his team was that the temple caretaker positions are passed down from generation to generation in families who are assigned this role.

The team also spent 10 days visiting and assisting in some of the areas hardest-hit by the tsunami. They were moved by the warm and generous hospitality of all of their hosts, and felt as if they were being treated like gods.

Such programs help us to better see and understand how our Rotary Foundation contributions are helping to make significant differences in other parts of the world.

Recommended reading
by Art Harrington

"THE ROTARIAN" Goes GREEN

When he served as RI President in 1990-91, Paulo V.C. Costa launched "Preserve Planet Earth," a 3-year pilot project through which Rotarians around the globe created 2,000 new club projects designed to help the environment. Since then, that emphasis has grown into an ongoing focus for Rotary.

Upcoming Events

Burro Golf Tournament

Apr 20 2007

Burro BBQ

Apr 21 2007

Installation of Officers

Jun 29 2007

Club Christmas Party

Dec 7 2007

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If you haven't examined it yet. the April issue of "*THE ROTARIAN*" is focused on "green living." However, it isn't the usual bombardment of statistics to substantiate global warming, and how the environment is falling apart around us.

Instead, its focus is on what Rotarians around the world are doing in very interesting and practical ways to make a difference. There are some fascinating stories that are worth reading.

Tee Time on the 20th!

by Art Harrington

Calling all golfers!



The annual Rotary/Kiwanis Golf Tournament will be held at Chaparral Country Club on Friday, April 20th, kicking off our Burro Barbecue weekend.

We will assemble at 4:00 pm, to prepare for a shotgun style tee off at 4:30. A BBQ will follow on the patio. The entry fee is only \$20 -- \$10 for golf and \$10 for prizes. There is a \$5 charge for the food.

Sign-up sheets are being circulated at our club meetings.

Call John McCormick if you have any questions.

Sell those tickets!

by Art Harrington



Need more tickets?

We only have two weeks left before our annual Burro Barbecue on Saturday, April 21. Please make BBQ ticket sales a priority in your schedule between now and then.

Turn in to Sharon at Thursday's club meeting the money for the tickets you have sold so far. Sharon also has additional tickets if you need more.

Have you registered yet?

by Art Harrington

District Conference is May 18-20

Location: Little America in Flagstaff

Have you registered yet for the conference? Have you

reserved your room yet at Little America?

The cost for the conference package is still \$180 per person -- until the end of this month. On May 1st the price goes up to \$190 per person.

Register now and save!

On-line attendance make-ups

by Art Harrington



Making up missed meetings on-line

In the past we have discussed Rotary's provisions for making up missed meetings by attending the meetings of other clubs. Rotarians have 2 weeks before or after the date of the meeting miss to make up that meeting at another club.

In addition to erasing your absence, a make-up is a great opportunity to see Rotary in different dimensions, as well as to expand your number of Rotarian friends. The incredible fact is that you are welcome any week at more than 30,000 Rotary clubs around the globe. Wherever you are, part of your extended Rotary is always nearby, waiting and eager to welcome you.

However, there is also some on-line options for making up missed meetings as well. There are now a number of Rotary eClubs -- including the Rotary eClub Southwest USA, which is based right here in Arizona. The club has a very diverse membership, including a number of members from other parts of the world. It also boasts an impressive list of projects and accomplishments.

To make a missed meeting via the Rotary eClub Southwest USA, log on to the club's website, <http://www.recswusa.org>.

TRF investment continues to pay dividends

by Art Harrington

Former scholar turns stumbling blocks into stepping stones

By Janis Young
Rotary International News
Photo courtesy of Young-Woo Kang



Young-Woo Kang knows about obstacles. As a teenager, he lost his eyesight, his mother, and his sister within just a few years. Growing up in Korea as an orphan, he faced suspicion and ostracism because of his blindness, which traditionally limited his occupation to fortunetelling or massage.

Kang, however, chose a very different course. He fought to take college entrance exams and was the first blind student in Korea to study at prestigious Yonsei University, graduating with honors. After receiving a [Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship](#) to attend the University of Pittsburgh, Kang overcame regulations preventing disabled people from studying abroad and became the first blind person from Korea to earn a doctorate.

Knocking down obstacles became an intrinsic part of Kang's life. Strong allies in his struggles included his wife, Kyoung, who served as his teacher and later a teacher of the blind, and Rotary. While at Yonsei University, he met William Powell, a blind Rotarian from Wesleyville, Pennsylvania, USA, who helped him obtain the Foundation scholarship in 1972-73 and later invited him to join Rotary.

"William Powell was with me all the way through," Kang says. "When I could not

eliminate obstacles, he found a way around them." After receiving his doctorate in special education, Kang and his wife moved to Indiana, where he joined the Rotary Club of Munster. Today, he is a member of the Rotary Club of Washington D.C.

While in Indiana, Kang realized how U.S. policies and resources assisted disabled people, leading him to establish the Education and Rehabilitation Exchange Foundation to bring similar measures to Korea. He worked with fellow Rotarian Kwan Sik Min, Korea's minister of education, to help change laws and attitudes and empower people with disabilities.

Now a U.S. citizen, Kang is a member of the National Council on Disability, vice chair of the World Committee on Disability, and commemorative chair and senior adviser for the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute. He has written several books, and his autobiography, *A Light in My Heart*, was made into a feature film in Korea. In October 2006, U.S. first lady Laura Bush invited him to speak at the White House as a role model during National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

In his Rotary club, Kang focuses on Matching Grant projects. The most recent one connects his club with District 3650 in Korea to bring Mongolian children with congenital heart disorders to Seoul for lifesaving surgeries.

"Rotary has been an integral part of my life," Kang says. "I can't talk about my experiences without talking about Rotary."