



Service Above Self

## Rotary Club of Bullhead City eBulletin

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Club Web Site

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If you have any comments or questions, email the editor.

**Proposed roster for 2007-08**  
*by Kelly Burgess*

### Future Speakers

**Dec 21 2006**

Dark  
"Mtg Cancelled for Christmas Party"

**Dec 28 2006**

Tim McDonnell  
"Profession of Broadcasting"

### Upcoming Events

**Club Christmas Party**

Dec 21 2006

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**5:30 pm**

Jan 4 2007

### News

Quote of the Week - Who Said It?

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## Club Election is This Thursday

**We will vote to elect our club officers for 2007-08 on this Thursday, December 14th.**

Laura Grasse, our President-Elect this year, will be serving as next year's Club President.

The following club members have been nominated to serve with her in leadership of our club for the 2007-08 Rotary year:

- **President-Elect**      **Sharon Harrington**
- **Secretary**            **Terry Kelly**
- **Treasurer**            **Steven Brown**

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

**Club votes to match gifts**  
*by Art Harrington*



## Club rises to challenge to assist family

### You can still help

Tony and Maureen Smith and their four children live here in Bullhead City, and two of the girls are in our MHS Interact Club. Tony has a disability, so Maureen has been the primary breadwinner for the family.

On November 18, while volunteering her time with the local youth soccer program, Maureen suffered a stroke and a brain aneurysm. She has undergone two brain surgeries and is in a coma, with her condition still critical.

**A Maureen Smith Relief Fund has been established**, and contributions can be made to that fund c/o The Rotary Club of Bullhead City, P.O. Box 21026, Bullhead City, AZ 86439. An article by our club president, Kelly Burgess, appeared in the local papers last week, informing the community of this need.

**Our Rotary club members have risen to the challenge** to help address the substantial needs this family will have. At our club meeting last week, the club voted to match from our club treasury all pledges and contributions made by our club members. So far we have had 33 pledges of help, totalling **\$2,466** (not counting the match from our club).

**If you would like to pledge an amount**, this can be added to your quarterly statement you will receive from the club the first of January. Simply call club treasurer Sharon Harrington (763-1440) or e-mail her (sharonhfs@msn.com) with the amount you would like to pledge. The club is willing to immediately "front the money" for your pledge, so help can be given to the family now when it is so urgently needed.

#### Rotary Christmas Party

*by Art Harrington*

### Club Christmas Party - Thursday, Dec. 21

#### BC Rotary Club will not meet

Our annual Bullhead City Rotary Club Christmas Party will be held at the Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce Building on Thursday, Dec. 21, beginning at 6:00 pm. This will take the place of our regular meeting that day.

Featured music that evening will be the Melody Lane Duo. It will be a great evening!

***Call Club Secretary, Terry Kelly (704-7799) if you and your spouse have not yet signed up to attend this event.***

#### Fanny's Christmas

*by Art Harrington*



#### Stocking stuffers for Fanny

Shirin McGraham invites club members to contribute any Christmas stocking stuffers (small gifts) for Fanny Chou, our exchange student from Taiwan.

Fanny is currently being hosted by Mike Massengale and his family. Shirin, as our club's International Services Chair, is arranging for some gifts from the club that can help to make this Christmas in America a special experience for Fanny.

Call Shirin at 768-2849 if you would like to contribute a small gift, or drop it off at the Bullhead City Bee.

#### Outbound RYE news

*by Kari Hoffman*

#### More from Elizabeth in France



In last week's excerpt from Elizabeth Skinner's latest letter, we learned that she and five other youth exchange students (from the US, Canada, Mexico and Brazil) organized an American Thanksgiving Dinner at the home of one of the French Rotarians, and invited Rotarians from the different clubs in the area to come eat with them. This week she tells us more about that adventure.

"The other American girl, Geneva, and I did all of the cooking. It was really stressful and difficult, but we succeeded. I have to admit that our turkey was a little dry, but using an American recipe in a French kitchen is NOT easy. We had to do a Celsius-Fahrenheit conversion on paper every time we wanted to adjust the oven!

"Time is going really fast for me. I can't believe I have already been here three months! It feels like it has only been a few weeks. Before I know it, it will be time for me to go home. I am still with my first host family, but I will be switching to my second family the week after Christmas. My next host Mom is a Professor of French, which will really be good for me, And I will have a host sister my age. I am looking forward to that.

"My French has really improved. I'm not fluent yet, but I do speak French. I understand almost everything I hear, which is amazing, because just 2 months ago it all sounded like gibberish to me. Now I can hold a conversation, and I have made friends in school. Before, I used to only hang out with the other exchange students in my city. But now on the weekends I go out with my French friends, too. I also have to add that the better my French gets, the worse my English is! I have forgotten lots of simple English words, like light switch and tv-dinner.

"Thank you again for everything. See you all next summer."

-- Elizabeth

### **Rotary Foundation helps in Pakistan**

*by Art Harrington*



## **Quake survivors gird for 2nd winter**

A haphazard mix of relief teams poured into Pakistan a year ago following the earthquake that killed at least 75,000 people. Rotary responded quickly, and aid also came from Pakistan's government, local charities, international relief agencies, church groups, the US Army and even Islamic militant groups.

Using helicopters and mule trains, they hauled the essentials of crude shelter to 3.3 million homeless people, many in high, remote mountain valleys. A feared second wave of deaths resulting from winter exposure was averted because of this worldwide quick response.

Now, however, 40,000 survivors face a second Himalayan winter in tents. Another 1.9 million live in temporary shelters that will afford varying degrees of warmth for winter survival.

Months after the earthquake crisis faded from the headlines, relief agencies say few victims have been able to rebuild their homes. As snow again descends upon the mountains, aid groups are planning a new, urgent campaign to haul food and supplies to remote, shattered villages. In a year of relief work, a lot of help has been given to people, but nothing permanent has been accomplished for them to rebuild their lives.

Last year Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Kamran Makhdoom, returned to Pakistan after earning his international LL.M. during his year in Houston and

quickly volunteered to deliver needed aid to the earthquake victims.

Kami said, "The scene was very disturbing. Houses and buildings completely or partially destroyed, but one thing for sure: empty. Despite the cold weather, the inhabitants live in tents and bear the cold weather, rather than risk their lives and live in their semi-broken homes. It is not uncommon for the locals to have an indifferent look on their face and say that two to six family members fell prey to the deadly earthquake. Streets are filled with people. We saw people who were not going somewhere, but just wandering, because they have nothing to do, no work, no house, no family, just wandering aimlessly. The situation is extremely disturbing and unprecedented."

The Rotary Foundation continues to help. Rotary does not interject its presence in these tragic situations only for short-term crisis intervention. We are not there to capitalize on an opportunity to be seen in the media spotlight. Rotary shows up to help, and then remains for the long-haul, to help victims rebuild their homes, their communities and their lives.

*Photo: Ambassadorial Scholar Kami Makhdoom helping to distribute supplies.*