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Rotary Club of Bullhead City eBulletin

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Aug 7 2007

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New member inducted
by Art Harrington

Welcome, Richard!

We inducted Richard Biegel as our newest member last Thursday. Richard is in Real Estate Development. He is co-owner of Colorado Place, a premier professional complex he is currently leasing in Bullhead City. He and his partner also own another 12,000 acres of property here that they are planning on developing. He has homes here and in Durango, CO.

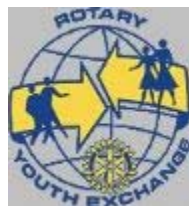


Richard has a 20-year-old son, Brendon, who is at Arizona State University. He also has a 21-year-old daughter, Danielle, who is at Fort Lewis College in Colorado. Danielle is a former Rotary Youth Exchange Student to Germany.

Asked about his interests, he says they include cross-country & downhill skiing, mountain biking, surfing, hunting, fly fishing, rock climbing and mountain climbing.

Richard, who was previously a member of Kiwanis in Durango, was sponsored as a new member by Shirin McGraham.

Don't miss Amy this Thursday!
by Art Harrington



Amy speaks this Thursday

Amy Spencer, our outbound Rotary Youth Exchange Student to Mexico this year has returned!

She will be presenting the interesting story of her year as a student south of the border, via her personal narrative and pictures at our club meeting at this Thursday's club meeting.
Don't miss hearing Amy!

Our program last week
by Art Harrington

Thanks, Gina!

We want to thank Gina Covert for a great program last Thursday. While Gina is a committed English teacher at River Valley High School, she felt her students needed additional opportunities for creativity and expression. So eight years ago she began a Graphic Arts program as an elective. Since that time, the program has really taken off. She now teaches English half-time and Graphic Arts the other half. In addition, the school has had to add another full-time person to help teach these subjects.

This year Gina added a very successful Videographics program, and she shared with us one of the video produced her class created. Among the many services the Graphic Arts Dept. now provides to the school, they have taken over the entire production of the sports posters program, significantly increasing the income to the school.

Doing it differently this year

by Laura Grasse



Implementing the Club Leadership Plan

What are the marks of an effective Rotary club? According to Rotary International, an effective club is able to:

- **Sustain or increase our membership base**
- **Implement successful projects that address the needs of our community and communities in other countries.**
- **Support the Rotary Foundation through both participation and financial contributions**
- **Develop leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level.**

In order to be the most effective Rotary club possible, our club has adopted RI's recommended new Club Leadership Plan for our administrative structure. In addition to our five officers on the board (President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Secretary and Treasurer) we are including on the board the chairs of these five recommended standing committees:

- **Club Administration (Paul Stubler)**
- **Membership (Randy Turner)**
- **Public Relations (Tim McDonnell)**
- **Service Projects (Terry Morgridge)**
- **Rotary Foundation (Art Harrington)**

Comparisons in Rotary

by Art Harrington

How does BC Rotary Rank?

Our club membership now stands at 48 - down from where we were a year ago - and certainly not as large as we intend to be by the end of this Rotary year, according to Membership Chair, Randy Turner. We need to concentrate this year on bringing in more quality members to assist us in serving our community.

Where do we stand, though, in comparison with other Rotary Clubs around the world? According to a study based on 30,062 clubs, not including clubs in Great Britain or Ireland, here are the club size comparisons:

- 40% - have 25 or less members**
- 40% - have 26-50 members**
- 13% - have 51-75 members**
- 4% - have 76-100 members**
- 1% - have 101-125 members**
- 1% - have 126-151 members**
- 1% - have 151 or more members**

Membership Conference in Denver

by Art Harrington



Membership Conference is August 3-4

If any of you can make the trip, Denver will be the place to be August 3-4. RI President Wilf Wilkinson is hosting a Presidential Membership Conference at the Denver Sheraton.

In addition to Pres. Wilf and Past Pres. Cliff Dochterman, other speakers will include Ed Futa, RI's General Secretary, and Ron Beubien, Chair of the Rotary International Membership Committee. The cost is \$95. You can register on-line at www.rotary.org.

Planning ahead

by Art Harrington



Aim for Los Angeles

It's not too early to begin planning to attend the Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles next year. The dates are **June 15-18, 2008**. It will be held at the Los Angeles Convention Center in downtown LA.

Here are some deadlines you need to remember:

- Dec. 15 - deadline to qualify for discounted registration fee
- May 16 - deadline to submit hotel reservation form to RI

You can conveniently and securely register for the convention and pre-convention meetings, reserve a hotel room, and purchase tickets online at www.rotary.org. A confirmation will be e-mailed to you after your online registration is completed.

[Our Foundation at work](#)



Peace Fellow's frontline work benefits three countries

Rotary World Peace Fellow Izabela Pereira worked for conflict resolution in three countries before she even graduated from the fellowships program. Through the Rotary Center for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution at Argentina's Universidad del Salvador, Pereira helped monitor Nicaragua's November election as part of an Organization of American States (OAS) mission to that country.

"Democracy and peace in Nicaragua are like a crystal cup: expensive, fragile, and highly sought after," says Pereira, whose 2005-07 fellowship was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Brasilia-5 de Dezembro, Distrito Federal, Brazil. Pereira saw peace at work in the two drivers assigned to guide her group to voting sites. Once combatants on opposite sides of Nicaragua's civil war, the two now freely talked to each other.

"Both concluded that the war made no sense," Pereira says. "They were killing their own brothers. In a cruel irony of history, they demanded the same rights and denounced the same injustices." Pereira says her experience as an OAS observer gave her a firsthand understanding of how democracy is being promoted and strengthened in Nicaragua. "It was an honor to participate in this historical moment of a nation, where the Nicaraguan people build their democracy in the wake of many civil wars and shocking poverty."

In Senegal, Pereira explored strategies for averting violence against women and preventing conflict during three months of fieldwork with the United Nations Development Fund for Women. She also observed the country's presidential election in February. In Cte d'Ivoire, she suggested methods for coordinating the efforts of women's organizations to build peace.

How would Pereira like to apply what she's learned as a Rotary World Peace Fellow? "My particular interests are strengthening democracy, public policy strategies, and sustainable development in postconflict societies," she says. "I would like to work for a global organization like the UN, OAS, or International Committee of the Red Cross."

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