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Board of Directors Meeting
5:30 pm

Apr 3 2007

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Apr 21 2007

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On the road again

by Art Harrington

Ya'at'eeh!

Ya'at'eeh from Kayenta (up on the Navajo Reservation, just south of Monument Valley). As many of you know, I spend a major portion of the tax season on the road, managing our other offices and serving our clients in other parts of Arizona and our neighboring states. I will be spending this week up here on the Navajo Reservation. Then on Saturday I will be down in Casa Grande, meeting with the AZ PETS Committee, as we begin planning next year's Rotary leadership training programs here in Arizona.

I have been determined, though, to maintain our weekly club bulletin this year, even during tax season. So some weeks that bulletin is actually being transmitted to you from my hotel room in Kayenta, or from some other remote location, rather than from Bullhead City. (Isn't today's technology amazing?)

"Ya'at'eeh" is the Navajo greeting, translated as "Have a good day!" Hope you *are* having a good day as you read this - and that you will have another good club meeting on Thursday. As you meet that day I will be in Window Rock, the Navajo Nation capitol, meeting with some of my clients there. We have been serving the Navajo Nation for the past 17 years.

For those who may not know, the Navajo Nation is the largest Indian tribe in America, numbering well over 300,000. The Navajo Reservation is also the largest in the country, spanning portions of three states.

Our RI President

by Art Harrington



Our president from my perspective

It will be my great .privilege and honor to serve as the personal representative of RI President Bill Boyd and Lorna at a district conference in Florida next month. One of the reasons I regard this as such an honor is the caliber of man we have serving as our President this year. He is a man for whom I have immense admiration and respect. Let me share with you a personal glimpse of this remarkable man.

Bill Boyd is a completely unassuming, down-to-earth, natural, friendly and humble kind of person who values people more than things. He was born in Christchurch, New Zealand. When he was 6 his father opened a grocery store in Days Bay. When he was 15 his

family moved to Wanganui, where his father opened a bookshop. It was there in Wanganui that Bill met and later married Lorna (to whom he has remained married for the past 51 years). They are a wonderfully complementary and inseparable team in every respect, and Lorna travels with Bill everywhere. They have four children and 11 grandchildren.

After his third year of high school Bill joined his father in operating the family bookstore. Later, when he was in his mid-twenties, he and his father decided to open a bigger bookstore in Hamilton. Several years later he was offered a position with magazine distributor Gordon & Gotch, and was eventually asked to run the company's entire magazine division. He worked for that company until he retired at the age of 62, to become "a full-time Rotarian." If you read Bill's article in the front of the March issue of *The Rotarian* magazine, on Rotary's literacy emphasis this month, you will more fully understand and appreciate Bill's great passion for the cause of global literacy. This has become a main emphasis of his year as RI President. (By the way, that is a great article - well worth reading!)

Bill Boyd is the kind of guy who would prefer to just sit down and informally talk with you, rather than stand behind a lectern and speak to you from a prepared text. In fact, I have seen him more than once abandon the podium and pull up a stool, from which he has earnestly addressed his audience of Rotary leaders without the use of any manuscript. That is really Bill at his best.

Bill's Rotary theme this year is *Lead the Way*. As a servant-style leader, he does this admirably for our worldwide organization. He firmly believes that Rotary, as well as individual Rotarians, can make a significant difference. He has issued to us "a challenge for us to achieve our potential." He believes that Rotary today stands on the brink of an extraordinary time. The fact that the world's major organizations are recognizing what Rotary can uniquely do, and are coming to us for our leadership and help, causes Bill to believe "we're poised to do some exciting things." It is time, Bill says, for Rotary and Rotarians to *Lead the Way*.

I mentioned that people, and the meeting of their needs, are more important to our President than things. Bill was once asked to identify his most cherished possession. Characteristically, after considering the question for a moment, he responded by saying, "I don't think there's any possession that I've got that I couldn't do without. To me, people are more important than possessions. I can't think of any one thing I've got that, if I lost it, or someone took it off me, I'd get really upset."

That's Bill. The more I am around him, listen to him, and watch him lead, the more I admire and appreciate him. As far as I am concerned, it would be an honor to represent Bill Boyd and Lorna anywhere. I am grateful and proud that Rotary has this kind of leadership.

PHOTO: RI President Bill Boyd and his wife, Lorna, help decorate our

Rotary float in preparation for the Rose Bowl Parade in Pasadena, California.

District Conference information

by Art Harrington

ALERT: District Conference price goes up Friday



Full Conference Registration & Meal Package:

- \$170 per person [by March 15](#)
- \$180 per person [by April 30](#)
- \$190 per person [after May 1](#)

Included in that package price:

Your registration fee, Friday dinner/entertainment, Saturday breakfast, lunch & dinner/entertainment - and the Sunday Champagne Brunch.

Register by this Thursday and save money!

Register and pay on line at: www.rotary5490.org

Check out the big picture

by Art Harrington



Rotary Facts in a Nutshell

(figures as of June 30, 2006)

Rotary Membership

- 1,222,788 Rotarians
- 34,756 Rotary Clubs
- 532 Rotary regional districts
- 200+ countries and geographic areas

Rotary clubs are located throughout all seven continents

Interact Clubs (14-18 years of age)

- 279,343 members (estimated)
- 10,841 clubs

- 120 countries and geographical regions

Rotaract Clubs (18-30 years of age)

- 162,679 members (estimated)
- 7,073 clubs
- 162 countries and geographical regions

Rotary Community Corps

- 6,206 corps members
- 74 countries and geographical regions (estimated)

Rotary Youth Exchange (started in 1929)

- 7,000+ youth participate annually (estimated)
- 115+ countries and regions involved in programs

Time is running out
by Art Harrington

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- 1/8 page (4 5/8 x 2 3/4) \$75
- Business Card \$50

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Rotary Peace Scholars making a difference

by Art Harrington



Meet Stefano Gnes

Rotary World Peace Fellow

Soon after he began working for the World Bank in Banda Aceh, Indonesia, Rotary World Peace Fellow Stefano Gnes realized his studies were going to pay off. He says the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution helped him achieve his dreams.

"I feel very privileged and lucky to be able to go through an educational program like Rotary's," Gnes says. "I was able to be successful because they didn't put any restrictions on me. The education was empowering because the faculty and students are willing to invest in peace."

Gnes, who speaks English, French, Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish, studied with the 2002-04 class at Sciences Po in Paris and received a degree in international affairs. He was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Voghera, Italy (District 2050).

In his position with the World Bank, Gnes helps communities cope with two major challenges: reconstruction efforts after the December 2004 tsunami and a 30-year political battle between the separatist movement and the Indonesian government. The strife between the two sides has resulted in martial law and the burning of homes, schools, and businesses.

Gnes witnesses the communities' struggle daily. "Many of these businesses and families have lost everything," Gnes says. "Health and education are suffering immensely. It's extremely hard day to day." But he's glad he can make a difference. "Every day is a learning experience here, and I have Rotary to thank for that."

PICTURED: Stefano Gnes (right), a Rotary World Peace Fellow, is helping Indonesians in Aceh province cope with political strife.