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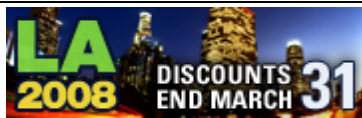
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Last week's program
by Art Harrington

Our program last week

Christina Easton, the 2008 Youth of the Year, chosen by the Boys & Girls Club of Bullhead City, was featured as our program at last Thursday's meeting. She gave an excellent autobiographical speech, telling us of her experiences growing up as an abused child in our community.

We are proud to note that Christina, who is a Junior at Mohave High School, is a member of our MHS Interact Club. She has also been one of our Rotary club's representatives to RYLA.

Thank you, Christina, for a great program - and for all you are becoming and accomplishing. We wish you the very best!

Another partner steps up
by Art Harrington



Rotary receives another large grant

Rotary International has received a \$3.5 million challenge grant from the Google Foundation, a nonprofit managed by Google.org, in support of Rotary's top priority goal to eradicate polio worldwide. Rotary will raise funds to match the Google Foundation grant dollar-for-dollar over a one year period.

The grant and matching funds will directly support polio immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), a partnership spearheaded by the World Health Organization, Rotary International, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This new challenge grant follows on the heels of the \$100 million grant to Rotary by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in November.

RI President Wilf Wilkinson says, "We have the technical tools to beat polio, and we're almost there. All we need is for the rest of the world to follow the Google Foundation's lead in supporting

the effort to eradicate this vaccine-preventable disease once and for all."

Rotary trusted to complete the task

by Art Harrington

Strong confidence in Rotary exhibited



"Following the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's \$100 million grant to Rotary in November, Google.org represents another response to the call for support by Rotary and its partners to finish polio," said Dr. Robert S. Scott, trustee chair of The Rotary Foundation. "Both challenge grants reflect strong confidence in Rotary's leadership role in working relentlessly to help achieve this vital public health goal for the world's children."

Eradicating polio has been Rotary's number-one priority since 1985. To date, Rotary has helped immunize nearly two billion children and contributed \$650 million to the GPEI, a figure that will rise to more than \$850 million by the time the world is certified polio-free.

Globally, the number of polio cases has fallen from 350,000 annually in the mid-1980s to approximately 2,000 cases in 2006. The GPEI has succeeded in slashing the number of cases by 99 percent and decreased the number of polioendemic countries from 125 to just 4: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan.

Our club has just sent \$1,000 to help meet these challenges to eradicate polio NOW.

Rotary Youth Exchange

by Art Harrington



Still needed: one host family

Shirin McGraham, our International Service Chair, is still looking for that one additional family we need to be able to bring another Rotary Youth Exchange student to Bullhead City for this next school year.

While it would be preferable, the host family does not have to be a Rotarian family. Some of our best host families in the past have been employees, relatives and friends of members of our club.

Shirin says that time is rapidly running out, though, for finding this other host family. We need to do so ASAP, or we will be unable to sponsor an RYE student again this next school year.

Great article!

by Art Harrington

Have you read it?

Thanks to the work of Shirin McGraham and Dave Moore, our new PR Chair, there is an excellent article in the current issue of the Mohave Valley Economic Development Journal recounting the interesting history of Bullhead City Rotary's sponsorship of the annual Burro Barbeque.

The article is also designed to help acquaint the community with the many activities that will be associated with this year barbeque, and encourage them to come with their families to check out the event.

Good job! We need more of this kind of publicity for Rotary.

Calling all woodcutters!

by Thomas Dallman



Wood cutting slated for April 4-5

Our annual wood cutting trip to gather the firewood needed for this year's Burro Barbeque will be held the first weekend of April.

We will leave late Friday afternoon, April 4, and travel to Truxton (Route 66). Friday night we will have our infamous camp-out / campfire / cook-out (no facilities). After breakfast Saturday morning we will be wood collecting and cutting. We should be finished by early afternoon.

Equipment purchased for BBQ

by Art Harrington

Mike recommends - club approves

Speaking for his committee that researched the possibilities for replacing the aging and increasingly nonfunctional equipment we have been renting for use with our Burro BBQ each year, Mike Conner recommended the purchase of two units.



The first is a 4-unit steam table, costing \$1,100. The second is a vertical warming oven for meat and sandwiches, which will cost \$1,300. After discussion, the club unanimously approved the \$2,400 to purchase both pieces of needed equipment.

Thanks, Mike, to you and your committee for locating and recommending this equipment to us.

New board meets this Wednesday

by Art Harrington

REMINDER: Next year's board to meet

Pres-Elect Sharon Harrington reminds her club board for next year that an organizational and planning meeting will be held **this Wednesday, March 19, at 5:30** at Harrington Financial Services in Colorado Place.

And finally

by Art Harrington

Burro Sheet ads are due

Pleae get your **Burro Sheet** ads in to Paul Stubler and Crystal Wyncoop ASAP!!

If you have questions or need their help, give one of them a call this week. Paul's number at work is 763-2505, ext 149. Crystal's is 763-3111.