



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Bullhead City

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Upcoming Events

Board of Directors Meeting

5:30 pm

Apr 3 2007

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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Personally from the Governor

My fellow Rotarians, Guests and Family Members:



I cordially invite you to attend District 5490's Annual Conference, "Rotary at the Peak," which will be held May 18-20, 2007, at the beautiful Little America Hotel in Flagstaff.

A full slate of programs and activities are planned, beginning with a golf outing Friday morning, May 18. The Conference will kick off officially at 2:00 p.m. that day, and Friday evening will feature an International Food Fair, followed by line dancing and lots of family fun.

Saturday keynote speaker PDG Jeff Cadorette, from District 1234 in Philadelphia, will mesmerize you with his Rotary passion, and have you laughing until your sides hurt. This day will also feature a bevy of interesting Rotary programs and culminate with a gala evening dinner, at which you'll help solve the crime and pick the culprit!

The Conference will end Sunday morning with a champagne breakfast and celebration of the Family of Rotary. Please put these dates on your calendar and join me at the Conference at the "peak" of this Rotary year. I look forward to greeting you there.

Yours in Rotary,

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DG Marian Gill

Reminder from the Prez

by Kelly Burgess



When registering for the Conference

Registration went up from \$170 to \$180 per person on March 16

You have to be registered for the Conference to participate in the Golf Event

You must call Little America to reserve a room (separate from registration)

You can register on-line via the district website: www.rotary5490.org

BBQ ticket sales

by Art Harrington

Sell those BBQ tickets!



Our annual Burro Barbecue is just around the corner, on April 21st.

Tickets have been distributed to most of our club members to sell. If you have not received yours, see or call Shirin McGraham, our Burro BBQ Chair, this week.

Ticket money also should be turned in weekly to the club treasurer at our club meetings.

Burro Sheet ads are due

by Art Harrington



D-Day has arrived

Deadline for Ad Sales is March 22

Paul Stubler is waiting for your Rotary Burro BBQ Burro Sheet ads. Call him at 763-2505.

Ads can be faxed to Paul at 763-7850. As a final reminder, the ad sizes and prices are as follows:

Full page (9 5/8 x 11) \$350 (4-color process add \$250; 2-color add \$100)

Half page (Hz. 9 5/8 x 5 1/2) \$250 (4-color, add \$125; 2-color add \$50)

Half page (Vert. 4 5/8 x 11) \$250 (4-color, add \$125; 2-color add \$50)

1/4 page (4 5/8 x 5 1/2) \$150

1/8 page (4 5/8 x 2 3/4) \$75

Business Card \$50

Remember that it is the Burro Sheet ad sales that yield the most income for our Rotary club projects. Pick up the phone and sell an ad today!

Presidential Membership Conferences



A Presidential Invitation

To promote membership growth, RI President-elect Wilfrid J. Wilkinson invites you to join him in one of seven presidential conferences about sharing the magic of Rotary. The conferences will be held in Canada and the United States in July and August, and each one opens with an evening reception followed by a one-day meeting.

Conference locations and dates are Philadelphia, 13-14 July; Nashville, Tennessee, 20-21 July; South Bend, Indiana, 27-28 July; Denver, Colorado, 3-4 August; Vancouver, British Columbia, 10-11 August; San Jose, California, 17-18 August; and Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, 24-25 August.

The conferences are intended for all Rotarians who are committed to strengthening Rotary membership, but especially club and district membership development committee members, club presidents and officers, and district-level officers including governors.

The meetings are designed to empower Rotary clubs to take up their own membership initiatives that will help Rotary stay vital and growing in the years to come. Participants will learn about and discuss practical ways to identify and recruit new members, retain existing members, and extend Rotary through new clubs. Participants will also discuss how clubs and districts can effectively manage change.

"In order for Rotary to continue to meet the ever-increasing demand for humanitarian service, we must continue our work toward membership retention, growth, and development," says Wilkinson. "We must build stronger clubs, and keep Rotarians informed, connected, and involved."

Conference participants will attend at no cost to Rotary International, meaning participants will cover their own registration fees, as well as travel, lodging, and meal costs. Further details, including conference venues and program information, will be posted on RI's Web site and announced in other Rotary International and local media when available. Registration and arrangements are being handled at the local level.

Peace Scholar in Iraq



Rotary influence being felt in Iraq

Meet Rotary World Peace Fellow Miho Kishitani

The conflict tearing at Iraq doesn't deter former Rotary World Peace Fellow Miho Kishitani from trying to build peace in that country. In fact, the violence indicates the region's need for help, and it draws her there.

As a country representative for Peace Winds Japan, a nongovernmental organization (NGO) dedicated to helping people devastated by war, poverty, or natural disaster, Kishitani could have worked in any number of areas. "But I chose Iraq," she says. "I wanted to gain field experience so I could understand the domestic nature of conflict. I chose the most challenging area, which was northern Iraq."

Kishitani manages and coordinates reconstruction programs in Iraq focusing on education, social care, and health, water, and sanitation. From her base in Amman, Jordan, she runs two offices with a local staff of 80 and a budget of US \$4 million.

Whether it's the occupying forces, UN agencies, NGOs, or domestic factions, balancing the interests of the many groups in Iraq can make Kishitani's job seem more like a tightrope act. She often draws on the diplomatic and conflict resolution skills she learned as a Rotary World Peace Fellow to accomplish her program's goals.

"Every stakeholder in Iraq has a different mandate and policy, which sometimes are in opposition to the wishes of Iraqis," Kishitani explains. "My job is to bring together the donors and beneficiaries while meeting everyone's objectives."

This isn't Kishitani's first time working with Peace Winds Japan nor helping the people of Iraq. From 2000 to 2003, she served as the sole full-time Japanese worker in the Kurdish autonomous zone in northern Iraq.

Kishitani coordinated and implemented relief efforts as head of the Peace Winds Japan Northern Iraq Mission.

She returned to the Middle East in 2005 after receiving a master's degree in conflict resolution from the University of Bradford in England. Her Rotary World Peace Fellowship was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Urawa, Japan.

"People think I chose Iraq because I really like the area," Kishitani says. "But the real reason is because working in conflict areas is where my career interests are."

Last year, the Institute for International Policy Studies (IIPS) presented Kishitani with the Nakasone Yasuhiro Award of Excellence. The award was named after the former prime minister of Japan and the institute's current chair, who presented the honor, along with a prize of 1 million (US\$8,500), during a ceremony held in June.

By recognizing Kishitani, who was only 25 years old when she first went to Iraq, the institute hopes to inspire other young workers in NGOs to pursue humanitarian efforts in the field.

-- By Maureen Vaught

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