



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Bullhead City eBulletin

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Last week's program
by Art Harrington

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Interact Halloween Dance - MHS 7pm

Oct 26 2007

Club Christmas Party

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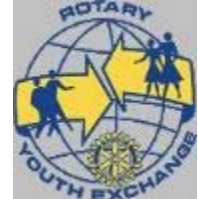
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Wasn't she great?

Elizabeth Skinner, our outbound Rotary Youth Exchange student to northwestern France, did a great job handling the many questions that were directed to her by club members about the year she spent in France.



What were the greatest benefits she found from the experience? First of all was the opportunity to learn French. Secondly, she felt it helped develop her personal identity and independence. The third was that she felt she gained a greater appreciation for, and a closer relationship with, her family at home thru this experience.

Elizabeth lived with three non-Rotarian host families during her stay in France, but she frequently attended Rotary meetings and events. She found no women in the Rotary clubs in that part of France, and she reported that the Rotary meetings were much more formal than ours (suits & ties). Most clubs met in the evening, and their meetings lasted late.

She found the high school courses more difficult than the ones here. One of the best parts of being a RYE student, she said, was the lifelong friends she made with other Youth Exchangers from around the world. She also had the opportunity to take a bus trip around Europe in the Spring with other French-speaking RYE students. Austria, she reports, was her favorite country.

Thanks, Elizabeth, for a good program, and for representing us so well in France! (Sorry we didn't get a picture of you speaking to us.)

[This week's meeting](#)

by Art Harrington

Mike Miner will speak this week

Program Chair John McCormick says you won't want to miss this week's meeting.

Mike Miner, who is the Supervisor of Foster & Adoption services for AmeriPsych will be our guest speaker. Plan to come and learn about some of the issues that he is dealing with in working with the youth and families of our community.

Looking ahead to next year

by Art Harrington

Club needs to plan for next year

RYE host families are needed



Shirin McGraham, our International Service Chair, reminds us that, although we had one inbound and two outbound Rotary Youth Exchange students last year, ***we do not have any this year***. We did not have host families ready to receive an inbound student, and we did not have any outbounds recruited for this year either.

As Shirin points out, we need to begin now to plan for next year, so our club can once again participate in this outstanding program. Rotary has long been recognized as having the premiere high school youth exchange program in the world.

Host families do not have to be Rotarian families. Elizabeth told us she stayed with three non-Rotarian families in France. Both Rotarian and non-Rotarian families who have hosted RYE students testify that it is one of the greatest and most rewarding experiences their families have ever had.

Who do you know who might make a great host family for a RYE student next year. Have you considered hosting one of these super kids in your home?

Finally, what students do you know who would benefit from the unequalled experience of being an outbound RYE student next year? As Elizabeth told us, the RYE adventure is not for everyone. But for her, she is convinced it was the greatest decision she ever made.

Karmen Case to represent us



Club to send Karmen & Crystal to RLI

Karmen Case and **Crystal Wynkoop** have been selected by our club's Board of Directors to attend Arizona's new Rotary Leadership Institute.

The three one-day courses are being offered on Saturdays at different locations around the state, beginning with the first one at Lake Havasu on November 17. (Actually the first course in Arizona is being held in Tucson on Oct. 27.)

Each Rotary club has been urged to select and send two of its newer members whom their club board believes have the greatest future Rotary leadership potential. There is no question that Karmen and Crystal fit this profile.

Also representing our club

Crystal Wynkoop, one of our newest club members, will also be attending the Rotary Leadership Institute with Karmen.



We congratulate both of these ladies on their selection and look forward to greater things ahead for our club under their leadership.

Wiping out Polio worldwide



Making Progress

Polio Eradication IS Realistic:

The technical feasibility of eradicating wild-type poliovirus was confirmed in October 1999 when the last case of paralytic polio due to wild poliovirus type 2 (1 of 3 types) was detected anywhere in the world. By 2002, the feasibility of eradication was reaffirmed by certification of eradication of all 3 wild poliovirus types in three of the six World Health Organization (WHO) Regions.

The Case - Completing Polio Eradication:

In 2006, only four countries still had wild-type poliovirus, limited to small geographic regions of Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan. This war on polio will not be won until the last case of polio is gone. This must be done as quickly as possible.

PolioPlus:

Rotary launched the PolioPlus program in 1985 and contributions to the PolioPlus Fund continue to support the most essential components of polio eradication activities in our partnership with the World Health Organization (WHO), Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and UNICEF. With Rotary's community-based network worldwide, Rotary is the volunteer arm of the global partnership dedicated to eradicating polio.

PolioPlus Partners:

In 1995, a sub-program of PolioPlus, the PolioPlus Partners program (PPP), was developed to allows individuals, Rotary clubs, and districts the opportunity to directly contribute to polio eradication projects submitted by fellow Rotarians in polio-endemic, importation, and high-risk countries through the PPP Open Projects List.

The Need - PolioPlus Partners in 2007-08:

Contributions to PPP go directly to Rotarians conducting social mobilization and surveillance activities in the polio-endemic, importation, and high risk countries. Social mobilization is organized community activities designed to help make immunization activities successful. Rotarians play a critical role in these activities by using PPP contributions to purchase:

Media and posters to communicate when and where the immunization activities will occur.

Caps, aprons, badges, and megaphones to identify health workers and volunteers

Stickers or balloons to reward children and parents to encourage future participation.

Bicycles, 4-wheel drive vehicles, and motorcycles to distribute the vaccine.

Vaccine carriers, refrigerators, and ice packs to maintain the integrity of the vaccine.

These tools are provided through the PolioPlus Partners program. Additional funding of at least US\$5 million will be needed to purchase these tools in 2007-08. Will you help?