



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Bullhead City eBulletin

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Last week's program
by Art Harrington

Upcoming Events

Interact Mtg T-124 MHS
7:30am
Oct 31 2007

Interact Cool Shade Trees
2pm
Nov 2 2007

Interact Sp Ed Movie Outing
9am
Nov 7 2007

Interact Mtg T-124 MHS
7:30am
Nov 7 2007

Interact Mtg T-124 MHS
7:30am
Nov 14 2007

Interact Mtg T-124 MHS
7:30am
Nov 28 2007

Club Christmas Party
Dec 7 2007

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Great Program, Corky!



Some of our best programs at our club meetings have been presented by our own members. Corky Cornell's Wheelchairs in Mexico program last week was one of them.

There is nothing to equal a first-hand report on an international Rotary service trip! Corky was a participant in such a trip to the cities of Puebla and Cuernavaca to deliver wheelchairs to needy recipients who could never have afforded or otherwise obtained them.

It is hard to imagine the limitations experienced by a handicapped person who has no mobility. The methods and devices they have to use to get anywhere are pretty discouraging to anyone so limited.

The opportunity to gain the freedom and mobility afforded by a wheelchair had always been, for most of these people, both young and old, something equivalent to the impossible dream. It was, therefore, an extremely emotional experience for many of them when this gift of mobility was presented to them by these Rotarians - along with a certificate identifying the Rotary Club that had purchased their wheelchair for them.

Corky told us that, as he grows older, is is looking for more of these hands-on international services experiences that are made possible through Rotary that he can take an active role in. He highly recommended that other club members invest the time and money necessary to participate in such a service project as this one.

Thanks, Corky, for sharing your experience with us!

Wheelchairs update



Good Evening Rotarians.

Thanks for your great support and enthusiasm, the wheel chairs have been ordered and will arrive in Mexico the end of November for distribution the weekend of January 25, 2008. We are in the process of coordinating our plans with Rotary Mexico District 4150 and the Rotary host clubs in Culiacan, Sinaloa, Mexico, where the distribution will take place.

As soon as we receive information and formalize a few more details, we will be able to give you cost, accommodations, flight, and transportation details. TENTATIVELY, on Thursday, January 24, 2008, we will fly to Mazatlan and then drive to Culiacan, which is about 50 miles south of Mazatlan. Return to Phoenix will be Sunday, January 27, 2008. We are also working on finalizing program details, which we will share with you soon.

The Culiacan host clubs are also considering offering us home hosting, however they need a sense of how many Rotarians to expect. At your earliest convenience, e-mail me your name, club affiliation and telephone number if you will probably be attending the distribution event. Your response is just needed for us to give our hosts a tentative attendance number and it is not intended to be a firm commitment of involvement.

In the meantime, let me know if you have any questions or comments.

We will keep you updated on accommodation, flight, and transportation details as information becomes available.

-- Marian Gill, District Wheelchair Coordinator
Rotary District 5490 Past Governor 2006-2007

Rotary news from Thailand

Third class graduates

from Rotary's Peace & Conflict Studies Program



The Rotary Foundation's third group of students studying peace and conflict resolution at a university in Bangkok, Thailand, graduated from their intensive, three month program on 14

September. The 20 students, who hail from 13 countries and received financial aid from the Foundation, earned certificates in peace and conflict studies from Chulalongkorn University for completing the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies program.

The program is aimed at professionals working for governmental and nongovernmental organizations. Graduates are expected to return to their jobs and apply the skills they've learned. The first class of students graduated in September 2006. The next group will begin studying in January.

The graduates include a staff correspondent for a newspaper in India, a deputy police superintendent from Nigeria, a teacher from the United States, and a program coordinator for a nongovernmental organization in Tajikistan.

-- By Tiffany Woods, *Rotary International News*

PHOTO: Chulalongkorn's beautiful campus is considered a national treasure in Thailand

Identifying our RPCS grads



Where do they come from?

Rotary Peace Center Studies participants generally come to the program from existing employment and return to the same position upon completing the program. However, after the completing the program, participants report more opportunities for promotion and career advancement are available to them.

Statistics are for the first three classes (July 2006, January 2007, and July 2007). There were 52 participants in the first three classes. We have current information on all 52 participants.

Breakdown by geographic regions:

- 8 reside in Africa (15%)
- 32 reside in Asia (62%)
- 3 reside in Europe (6%)
- 1 resides Central America and the Caribbean (2%)
- 7 reside in North America (13%)

- 1 resides in South America (2%)

Breakdown by employment:

- 37% Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
- 27% Government
- 12% Research / Academic
- 12% Teaching
- 8% United Nations / World Bank
- 4% Journalists