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Our program last week

by Art Harrington

Begin with the Children



Willie Richardson presented the program last Thursday, presenting a potential project she and Jim discovered while attending the RI Convention in Los Angeles. She pursued the idea, and wound up with our club being selected as one of 10 Rotary clubs in the nation to participate in a unique pilot project - if we decide to be included.

"Begin With the Children" is a community service project developed by World Peace Parents Foundation for Rotary clubs. In 2003, World Peace Parents Foundation was organized as a 501 (c)(3) public charity to refine and adapt the Garrettsville-Hiram Ohio Rotary Club's Empower the Family project for other Rotary clubs worldwide.

The club was seeking an effective intercept approach and the Foundation learned of the "Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study" spearheaded by researchers at Princeton and Columbia Universities. This study was started in 1998 and is ongoing. The findings of this study are:

- **There is a Magic Moment** right after a child's birth when the parents, including fathers, in fragile (usually unmarried) families are both present in the hospital and open to interception.
- **During the Magic Moment** parents are receptive to making meaningful and lasting parenting decisions.
- **Intercepting parents** at birthing hospitals builds on the miracle and awe of birth.

A Parenting Kit will be given to the new parents which includes "A Chat With Your Baby" DVD, Parents Survey, Coupons (if any), and Return Envelope. The parents fill out the survey after viewing the DVD. The cost for 500 kits is \$3160.00.

Our club has recommended, and the club approved proceeding

with the project, if it meets with the approval and backing of the local hospitals, and if the funding for it can be arranged through our partnering with the Cuernavaca Valley Rotary Club, or by other means.

Mexico-USA Pojects Exchange

by Art Harrington



Conference this weekend at Grand Canyon

The 9th annual USA/Mexico Friendship Conference and Grants Exchange is being held this weekend at the Grand Canyon. Representing our club at this conference will be [Corky & Cathy Cornell](#), along with [Sharon Harrington](#) and [Willie Richardson](#) - all members of our Rotary Foundation Committee.

The conference is being held at the Grand Canyon Squire Inn Hotel. The Friday schedule includes the IMAX Theatre flight over the Grand Canyon, followed by Ranger-guided canyon tours (in both English & Spanish), before and after lunch. The actual conference kicks off at 5:00 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner with entertainment. Saturday is the big day, with the conference program beginning at 8:15. PowerPoint presentations of proposed projects will be featured until noon. Then the afternoon, amidst the tables of project displays, will be the time when the actual project exchanges take place, followed by a recap of the project agreements that have been made between the clubs in Mexico and Arizona. A dinner with entertainment concludes the day. The participants depart then on Sunday morning, following a final buffet breakfast together.

It is an inspiring time of seeing all of the good that Rotary is capable of doing, as well as establishing new, valued friendships and partnerships.

Unfortunately, *Yours Truly* will miss all of the fun and fellowship at the Grand Canyon. I will be on assignment in Provo, UT, this weekend, participating as the Strategic Advisor in Utah District 5420's Foundation Seminar.

Our backpack food project

by Art Harrington

Randy & Steve sent packing



Randy Turner and

Steve Moss will be representing our club this Saturday filling the bags for our WeekEND Hunger Backpack Project. Now is that a pair, or what? (Note: I did not say "Odd Couple.")

At any rate, they will be reporting to Room 805 at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday at Mountain View Elementary to pack it all in for the participating kids, in preparation for the next couple of weekends.

It's worth a try

by Art Harrington



When it doesn't happen

Listening to the **"A Chat with your Baby"** DVD last Thursday, and the ensuing discussion over the merits of this "Begin with the Children" intervention pilot project, I could not help but think back to the many situations I have dealt with over the years, when this message never got through to parents.

I have worked closely with children and youth over most of my lifetime, counseling, teaching, challenging and trying to guide them. The words of one young boy will forever haunt my memory. At 9 years of age, he was on his way toward becoming a career criminal. Assigned as his "Big Brother," I had a heart-to-heart talk with him one day about what he felt had gone wrong. "My mother never loved me enough to tell me 'No,' he replied." With no boundaries or guidelines, he had continually been in trouble with the law, even by that age.

I think of another large family in this community I have worked with. The older adolescent girls have necessarily had to assume the roles of the absentee parents for their younger siblings. Somehow these parents never got the message that some essential things would be needed from them to responsibly raise these children they brought into the world. They are too busy partying, doing drugs and getting into trouble with the law to raise their children.

It just never happened for these parents. Apparently that "Magic Moment" for communicating the essential message to them got missed, and now they are too messed up to care. Sadly, it is always the kids that suffer, as they do without, and are moved from pillar to post, following eviction upon eviction.

Will it work to intercept these parents with this DVD and a Parenting Kit at that "Magic Moment" in a birthing hospital? Our club seems to feel it's worth a try.

Homecoming Parade for MHS

by Art Harrington

Interact Club float rocks!

It wasn't a bad idea. The Interact Club leaders decided on an **American Bandstand** theme for this year's float in the Mohave



High Sschool Homecoming Parade.

They really did a great job building and decorating the float. They had a good number of dancers to ride the float and dance alongside it, as it made its way through the parade route, pulled by the father of the club president - none other than our **Kelly Burgess**.

But they had a problem - well, actually 2 of them. The boombox died before they hit the parade route. So Kelly had to swing open both doors of his pickup and turn up the volume to the max on his CD player, so the music could be piped through the speakers of the spread wings of the great white beast.

The second problem: Out of 90 Interact members, they couldn't find a single boy who owned a suit to play the part of **Dick Clark**. (Hey, it's Bullhead City!)

So you can see above the vintage model they had to settle for. (Give me a break! At least I was a male figure in a suit!)

Update on exchange student

by Art Harrington



Good news about Lydia

RI Director Phil and Kathleen Silvers, returning from two weeks in Asia, brought back good news from their meeting with Lydia Cheng in Taiwan. The RYE student who nearly drowned at Lake Havasu City is making encouraging progress in her rehabilitation. She is able to speak a number of words, and immediately recognized and pointed to a flag on the Rotary scarf Kathleen wore, saying "Taiwan." While she is still being tube fed, since she cannot swallow, Phil says Lydia has a strong grip and can shake her feet, cross her legs and unfasten and remove her sneakers. She cannot walk yet, but she is working on that.

Relating a moving experience with the scarf that Kathleen gave to her, Dr. Phil confidently says that Lydia "is cognitively clicking on all cylinders already, and this will surely help with her psychomotor re-development process."

He also says, "Rotarians in Taiwan and Lydia's family are truly

grateful for all that Rotarians in Arizona and Nevada have done to support Lydia's reunification with her family and her recovery process."

Photo:

Lydia, flanked by her mother and Kathleen Silvers, displays a positive attitude with her "V" sign. On the left is RI Director Jackson San-Lien Hsieh from Taiwan, and on the right is RI Director Dr. Phil Silvers from Tucson.

Connecting to learn

by Art Harrington

Have you signed up yet?



The Foundation Webinars that are scheduled for Saturday mornings on Nov. 8, Nov. 15 and Dec. 6, all at 9:00 a.m., only cost \$8 each. All you need is a high speed internet connection and a telephone to take advantage of these unique Rotary learning opportunities.

Sign up today! It's easy and convenient. You can register and pay online:

<http://trfwebinar.eventbrite.com>

Disaster aid report

by Art Harrington



Helping the most needy in Haiti

My friend, PDG Richard McCombe (Nassau, Bahamas), on Oct. 3-4 flew to Haiti to tour the areas hardest hit by the hurricanes & flooding with members of the Rotary Haiti Task Force that has been responsible for distributing the help Rotarians from around the world have sent.

Dick reports, "...it confirmed my highest expectations of the integrity and commitment of the local Rotarians. The funds and goods went quickly and quietly to the most needy in the most needy communities as identified by the local Rotary clubs of Haiti, in partnership with the Red Cross, government officials, local NGOs and community leaders."

He says, "Many I met over the next 2 days said that this was truly Haiti Relief, because it went to every community - not just the media-targeted locations. Haitians from many communities got the relief."

Photo:

Rotarians and Rotaract Club members from Les Cayes in southern Haiti work together to distribute food to the refugees displaced by the hurricanes and the floods.

Temporary shelter

by Art Harrington

Shelter Boxes used in Haiti



PDG Dick McCombe recounts how Rotary's Shelter Boxes were distributed to providing housing for the displaced residents of villages in Haiti that were wiped out by the hurricanes and flooding.

"We went first to Cararet and saw the Shelter Boxes set up. This was a very rewarding sight. I had been in contact from the start of the initiative, and to see it go from sourcing through our fellow Rotarians, to shipping 224 units from the supply stockpile in Panama by charter to Port au Prince."

He comments on the amazing access and efficiency: "Through a Rotarian, Shelter Box Rotarian representatives and team were called on the phone and told the charter flight was on final approach into the airport, and to go to customs and meet the goods. They did so, and through our Task Force Team and our Disaster Chair Claude, they were cleared immediately. They then went on to distribution and set up. To see the completed initiative was great."

Photo:

At Cararet you can see not only the Shelter Box Camp, but food and clothing relief vehicles distributing needed supplies to the residents.

Financially Speaking

by Art Harrington



Making it all work

As we said in this column last week, a budget is an important tool for a club board, assuring that the club has the funds necessary to accomplish its essential functions, as well as be able to meet needs through its service projects.

One question that has been raised is how we can propose a new community service project, when we noted last week that the **Club Operating Expenses** were projected to exceed the budgeted income by over \$3,000. The answer is that we are talking about apples and oranges. We do have budgeted club

service funds that have been raised, and will be raised this year. As we noted, those **Service funds** cannot legally or ethically be used to cover our club's shortfall in its Operating expenses.

However, those budgeted **Service funds** can be used for service projects like the one proposed, and they have not all been allocated. The club board has chosen to bring its recommendation to the club, and ask the members to approve, or disapprove, this use of some of these Service funds.