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Future Speakers

Oct 26 2006

Greg E. Podd PDG

"GSE - Phillipine Islands"

Upcoming Events

Interact Mtg MHS T-124
7:30am

Oct 18 2006

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Dictionaries project on hold

by Art Harrington

Our club's annual Dictionary Project, which distributes dictionaries to 3rd graders in the Bullhead City schools, is on temporary hold. As the final arrangements were being made for the presentations to the students this year, it was discovered that the ELks had come up with a similar project and had slipped in ahead of us in some of the schools.



Our chairman, Scott Merrill, is currently trying to determine what schools have been covered by the ELks, and which ones they have missed.

Stay tuned for more information regarding this project.

Your input requested for project

by Art Harrington



What local need could we meet with \$10,000?

In our last issue of the club bulletin we mentioned reciprocal \$10,000 Matching Grants between our club and district and a Rotary district in India, utilizing the leveraging power of The Rotary Foundation. As we noted, the project in India has been defined - providing safe drinking water and sanitation facilities for 1,900 school children in the impoverished village of Kumbakonam.

While several suggestions have been made, our club's board is still welcoming your input and ideas about a \$10,000 humanitarian project here in our own community. Time is of the essence, since TRF Matching Grants dollars go quickly each year. We need to determine as soon as possible the local need we want to address with this project, so the necessary paperwork can be submitted.

If you are aware of a need we should consider, please talk with Kelly Burgess or Shirin McGraham.

PolioPlus update

by Art Harrington

Polio Eradication: The Final Push

In 1985 there were 350,000 afflicted with polio in



25 countries. In 2006 there were only 4 endemic countries. Rotary continues to be committed to polio eradication. We are presently 99.9% of the way to realizing our goal to bring about a polio-free world.

Most of the polio is now isolated in 5 states in northern Nigeria. In 2005, Egypt and Niger were removed from the endemic list. The only countries now remaining are Nigeria, India, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

By 2008, when hopefully the world can be certified polio free, Rotarians will have contributed \$650 million. Rotary's partners in this enormous venture have been the World Health Organization (WHO), UNICEF and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Since RI is the non-governmental entity in this partnership, Rotary provided the initial spark, has provided the majority of the manpower and has served as the conscience of the ongoing polio eradication effort.

Paul Harris Fellows

by Art Harrington



PHFs Top One Million

The number of Paul Harris Fellows topped one million in May, 2006, according to TRF Trustee Peter Bungaard from Denmark, speaking to the Rotary Institute held in Denver last week.

In fact, there were 51,305 new Paul Harris Fellows added during the 2005-06 Rotary year. During that year, more than \$127,000,000 of investment income came into The Rotary Foundation.

The goal for the Annual Programs Fund of the Foundation for 2006-07 is \$120 million. It is essential that Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) contribute at least \$100 per year for Rotary to be able to reach this goal.

Adding to your Rotary knowledge

by Art Harrington

What's a Rotary Institute?

Mention was made of the Rotary Institute held last week in Denver. What is it?



Rotary International consists of more than 1.2 million members in over 32,000 clubs, located in nearly 170 countries. These clubs are divided into 520 worldwide districts and 34 zones. Those zones are paired for purposes of electing members of the RI Board of Directors and for training district governors. Our Rotary District 5490 is in Rotary Zone 25.

Last week's Denver Institute was held to provide training for Rotary district governors present, past and future for the 27 districts comprising Zones 25 & 26. These districts cover 14 states in the heartland of the U.S., plus a small portion of Canada.

For a number of years, Sharon has done a portion of the training for District Governors-Nominee (DGNs), and I am one of the instructors in charge of the training for District Governors-Elect (DGEs) for these two zones. In January Sharon and I will be doing training at the International Assembly in San Diego for the 520 DGEs and spouses throughout the Rotary world, since I also serve as one of Rotary's 38 International Trainers (RITLs).

Connecting with Rotary in Mexico

by Art Harrington



USA-Mexico Friendship Conference

Mark your calendars for Friday, November 3rd! The 2006 edition of this D5490 annual tradition is being held again at the Crown Plaza Hotel (I-17 & Peoria) in Phoenix.

Any Rotary club looking for an international partner for a matching grants home project, or seeking an international project south of the border, will find this Friendship Conference to be a real bonanza.

In addition, this gala event is a great opportunity to meet and make international friends and to develop sister club relationships. Any Rotarian is welcome to participate in this exciting and informative conference.

To register, go to the rotary5490.org website. We recommend registering for both this conference and the Foundation Day that follows on Saturday. The materials/registration fee is \$35. Lunches are \$25 each. The Friday night Baja Fiesta Dinner cost is \$50. Hotel reservations need to be made by calling the hotel at 888-797-9878. There is a Rotary group rate available at \$89 per night.

This is going to be great!

by Art Harrington

Foundation Day & Dinner Theater

Following on the heels of the USA-Mexico Friendship Conference, our Rotary District is hosting a Rotary Foundation Day on Saturday, November 4th. The event is also being held at the Crown Plaza Hotel (I-17 & Peoria) in Phoenix.



The Foundation Day will be chock-full of Foundation success stories and Foundation Alumni speakers. One of Rotary's most colorful and enjoyable speakers, PDG Noel Bajat, from Lafayette, Louisiana, will keynote the event. Noel serves as the Rotary Regional Foundation

Chair from Zone 26. In addition, Sean Allen, the Major Gifts Officer from The Rotary Foundation, will be on hand.

There will be an outstanding Silent Auction, with proceeds going to The Rotary Foundation. These are always a neat place to pick up some treasures, while benefitting the Foundation.

The day will be capped by a dinner theater performance of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" as the beautiful new Arizona Broadway Theatre begins its second season. The cost of the Foundation Dinner will be \$100 per person -- with \$50 of that amount going to the Foundation as a contribution credited toward your Paul Harris account.