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Your help is needed!
by Art Harrington

Dictionary distribution this Thursday

Third-grade students at ten local schools will benefit this year from our club's annual Dictionary Project. Members of our club will go in teams of 2 or 3 to each school to present a personal student dictionary to the students, show them how to use their new literary tool, and tell them a little about Rotary and the principles we believe in..

Scott Merrill is once again spearheading our club's dictionary project. He says we need a minimum of 22 club members to participate in the distribution this year. At last week's meeting the majority of the assignments to the schools were made, but we still have some openings on the teams for several of the schools.

Here's the plan. The restaurant has been asked to serve the meal as quickly as possible this Thursday. Then, after receiving our final instructions, and picking up the dictionaries to be distributed, the teams will be leaving to do their presentations at their assigned schools -- in lieu of our having a speaker and the other features that usually comprise a club meeting.

This is a hands-on service project, and everyone who can possibly assist with it is expected to participate. (You will also find it to be one of the most enjoyable and gratifying experiences you have ever had as a Rotarian.)

Please make a special effort to be at Rotary this Thursday, so you can help with this project.

Cuernavaca conference
by Art Harrington



Mexico-USA Conference provides unique opportunity

Last week we told you about the Eighth Annual Mexico-USA Friendship Conference, which is being held in this year in Cuernavaca, Mexico,

November 1-4.

This conference provides a unique opportunity for our Arizona Rotary clubs and districts to personally meet and work together with some of our counterparts in Mexico. In addition to building personal friendships with these Mexican Rotary leaders, the primary purpose of the conference is for each of us to share our proposed service projects, and to secure commitments to assist each other via The Rotary Foundation's Matching Grants program.

In order to apply for and secure a Matching Grant from the Foundation, there must be partner clubs and districts in different countries who agree to work together to meet a defined need.

The Mexico-USA Friendship Conference has become an ideal platform each year for representatives of our clubs and districts in Arizona and Mexico to come together to discuss and adopt each other's projects.

Corky & Cathy Cornell and Art & Sharon Harrington are planning to make the trip to Cuernavaca to represent our club in this process this year. Others are encouraged and welcome to make this trip with us.

Registration is \$150 per person, plus a \$100 hotel deposit. Included in the registration fee is transportation from the Mexico City Airport to Cuernavaca and return (about 1 hour each way), welcome cocktail, two lunches, two dinners, registration materials, pin and recognition.

The cost for the hotel is \$456 for 3 nights, including breakfasts, for two persons at the beautiful Hotel Racquet (check out www.hotelracquet.com). A room for a single for 3 nights is \$427. A spacious suite will cost you \$628.

US Airways has its Flight 173 that is non-stop, departing Phoenix at 9:56 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 1, arriving in Mexico City (in 3 hrs 8 min) at 2:04. The planned return is Sunday, Nov. 4, at 3:35 p.m., arriving in Phoenix at 6:05 p.m. The cost is \$326 round-trip.

For a conference registration form, see President Laura. For additional information, contact Gus Miller (602-740-1872, signalphx@yahoo.com) or PDG Don Schiller (928-717-1000, schiller@commspeed.net), the co-chairs of this conference.

We are hopeful that several of our members will be able to represent our club at this conference. One of the key benefits of attending is the opportunity to gain partner clubs for Foundation Matching Grant Projects.

Scottish Rotarian to lead RI next

John Kenny chosen as RI



President-Nominee

John Kenny, of the Rotary Club of Grangemouth Central, Scotland, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2009-10. He will become the president-nominee on 1 December if there are no challenging candidates.

Kenny is a past dean of his local law faculty, a judge, and a notary. He is active in scouting and earned the Medal of Merit for helping form new scout groups in Eastern Europe. An elder of the Church of Scotland, he's served as session clerk and presbytery elder. Kenny was also appointed deputy lieutenant of his district by Queen Elizabeth II. He is a past president of both the Forth Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Scottish Junior Chamber of Commerce. He is also past general legal counsel of Jaycees International.

A Rotarian since 1970, Kenny served Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland as president and vice president. He has served RI as director, executive committee chair, Rotary Foundation trustee, institute moderator, district governor, convention vice chair and group leader, president's representative, and committee member and chair. He's been a delegate, member at large, and parliamentarian at several Councils on Legislation.

Kenny is a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation and a Bequest Society member and has received the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award.

The nominating committee members are Ray Klingensmith (chair), USA; G. Kenneth Morgan (secretary), USA; Jacques Berthet, France; John T. Blount, USA; Hee-Byung Chae, Korea; Gerson Gonçalves, Brazil; Abraham Gordon, USA; Sushil Gupta, India; Lynn A. Hammond, USA; Rafael G. Hechanova, Philippines; Toshio Itabashi, Japan; Jorma Lampinen, Finland; Gerald A. Meigs, USA; David D. Morgan, Wales; Jiichiro Nakajima, Japan; Stan Tempelaars, The Netherlands; and Luis F. Valenzuela, Guatemala.

Rotary Leadership Institute

by Art Harrington



RLI gears up in Arizona

I spent the entire day in Casa Grande last Saturday with 50 enthusiastic Rotary leaders who had come together from around the state.

We were there to prepare to serve as facilitators for the new Arizona division of the Rotary Leadership Institute. Leading the training sessions were two top senior Rotary training leaders from Connecticut and New Jersey.

What makes RLI so special and exciting? First of all, RLI is entirely a grass-roots, multi-district approach to Rotary leadership development that is working phenomenally well wherever it has been tried. This is not an official program of Rotary. Secondly, RLI is designed to train new Rotarians who are not being reached by any of our officially-sanctioned training programs.

Begun a few years ago in the northeast USA, RLI is spreading like wildfire throughout the Rotary world. It is now being utilized by 112 districts in 60 different countries -- and the numbers continue to grow exponentially.

How does it work? Rotary clubs are encouraged to select at least two of their best new members, whom they believe have leadership potential, and to sponsor them in attending the three intensive 1-day sessions that comprise the RLI program. In those three days, together with potential leaders from other clubs in the state, these selected representatives of the clubs get a fast-moving, basic overview of Rotary, our Foundation and the programs that have made our organization so successful and effective over the years. They are also helped to identify and develop their own unique leadership abilities.

Those who have been through these courses have become RLI's most ardent advocates, and their clubs have become completely sold on the value of this program, as these RLI graduates have returned to breathe new life and energy into those clubs.

RLI dates and locations established so far in Arizona include:

Sat., October 27, 2007 - Tucson - Session I

Sat., November 17, 2007 - Lake Havasu City - Session I

Sat., March 29, 2008 - Phoenix - Sessions I and II

Sat., April 12, 2008 - Tucson - Sessions I and II

Sat., September 13, 2008 - Williams - Sessions I, II and III

Other dates and locations are expected to be added to this list. Club representatives can choose the dates and locations that best fit their personal schedules, rather than having to attend sessions held only in their own Rotary district. The courses, however, must be taken in order, since the 2nd and 3rd sessions build on information presented in previous sessions.