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District Programs Seminar by Art Harrington

District 5490 programs featured Sept. 15

Our District Programs Seminar Day is being held on **Saturday, September 15** at Midwestern University in Glendale.

Experts will cover three important aspects of Rotary:

Membership:

Membership Chair Chuck Fitzgerald is just back from a Zone Membership meeting in Denver and he is more excited than ever to share ideas for membership growth and development.

Youth Programs:

The entire Youth Team will be present to share important details that will assist you with Youth Services this year, Interact, Rotaract, Youthact, Youth Exchange, RYLA

The Rotary Foundation:

The Terpstras and others will tell you everything you need to know to assure you have a successful year of Foundation giving, Annual Giving and the Permanent Fund as well as from Every Rotarian Every Year to Major Donors and Benefactors.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., with the seminars beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m. The cost is only \$15 per participant - including a continental breakfast, lunch and materials. You can register on the District 5490 website (

<http://www.rotary5490.org>). Payment will be at the door.

While the programs are especially designed to help the club committee chairs responsible for these three areas, other interested Rotarians are also encouraged to attend. This is an especially good way for new Rotarians to learn more about Rotary.

Vocational Fund Scholarship by Art Harrington



A hand-up, rather than a hand-out

Two weeks ago at our Rotary club we presented a \$2,000 Vocational Scholarship to Misty Nyberg. She is a capable and determined young lady who is working hard to complete the course of study at the USA Barber College here in our own community.

This scholarship, which is paid to the school to help toward Misty's tuition and fees, comes from The Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona. It is one of several major endeavors our three Arizona Rotary districts have undertaken together.

The concept behind TRVFA scholarships is that we do far more to help people and change lives when we give a "hand-up" rather than a "hand-out."

By helping a person to obtain vocational training, they are enabled to become self-sufficient, and potentially successful, in a trade or profession. The scholarships are not designed for those pursuing baccalaureate or graduate degrees, but are made available to deserving individuals, sponsored by Rotary clubs, who are interested in obtaining vocational training of some kind.

Who else have you met in our community that could benefit from a Rotary Vocational Scholarship?

Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike can donate to this venture. In addition, contributions to TRVFA qualify for Arizona's "Credit to Charities that Provide Assistance to the Working Poor." By completing and filing Arizona Form 321 with your tax return, couples can receive up to a \$400 Arizona tax credit (\$200 for singles). Your contribution is also deductible as a charitable donation on your federal tax return.

Contributions can be mailed to: The Rotary Vocational Fund of Arizona, PO Box 11690, Chandler, AZ 85248. If you want a contribution form, see Club Secretary Terry Kelly.

Increasing our membership

by Art Harrington

Growing our membership

is one of our President's key goals this



year

Club President Laura Grasse is leading the way and setting the example for our club in Sharing Rotary by sponsoring new members. She is seen in this photo "pinning" Crystal Wyncoop, witnessed by District Governor John King and Club Membership Chair Randy Turner.

She encourages each member to think about the people you do business with each day. Who among them would make a good Rotarian? Which one of them would you be willing to sponsor as a new member for our club?

How long has it been since YOU sponsored a new member? Have you ever sponsored a new member? If not, why not? Make that a personal goal this year.

Guest editorial



Why I Am a Rotarian

I am a Rotarian because:

- The world is not Polio free... yet. But, Rotary is still in action to eradicate it.
- People in Honduras, Africa and other underdeveloped countries die every day from unclean water. But, Rotary is helping to provide clean water filtration devices to those people.
- Close to 1 billion people lack the most basic literacy and numeric skills. But, Rotary is helping to educate those through literacy programs.
- Nearly 1.3 billion people live in extreme poverty. But, Rotary is helping to provide those folks with opportunities to enhance their lives.
- Our world is not at peace. But, Rotary is educating young leaders on Mediation Skills and Peace and Conflict Resolution.
- When there is a need, Rotary responds. That's why I am a Rotarian.

Mike Dennis, Past President, Rotary Club of Orangeburg-Morning, District 7770

Our Rotary Foundation at work

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar

Connects Japan and Ghana

Keiko Sawa's learning journey as a 2004-06 Rotary Foundation Multiyear Ambassadorial Scholar in Ghana took her to the front lines of humanitarian



service and broadened international understanding among the Rotarians of her sponsor and host countries as well.

While she was at the University of Ghana, Sawa researched Ghanaian families to investigate whether the foster care system has become a hotbed of child trafficking in the Volta region. The study became the basis for her dissertation.

At the same time, she helped extend Rotary's reach in her host country. As a member of the Rotaract Club of University of Ghana, Sawa provided rice, maize flour, cooking tools, and books in a project supporting the Teshie Orphanage.

She also participated in Ghana's PolioPlus immunization campaigns in 2004 and 2005. "We gave oral polio vaccines to children," she stated in a report to The Rotary Foundation. "I also met some people who suffered polio when they were children."

As the first Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by the Rotary Club of Korien, Osaka, Japan, Sawa updated club members on her activities every month. "They had a sense of distance between Japan and Africa," Sawa said. "Now, however, they think about many problems - for example, education, poverty, child labor, and polio - in Ghana and Africa."

Sawa also introduced Japan to many Ghanaian Rotarians at the district conference and assembly and club meetings. "The Ghanaian people have a rich culture," she said. "They help each other not only as families but as neighbors. It is said that the family link is getting to be weak in most developed countries. The Ghanaian people have something that we have forgotten recently."

PHOTO: Ambassadorial Scholar Keiko Sawa gives oral polio vaccine to a child in Ghana.