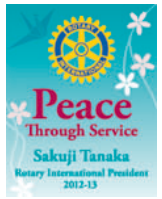




Kingston-North Kitsap Rotary eBulletin



Tue Apr 02, 2013

[Home](#)

Newsletter

Subscribe to our newsletter mailing list.

[Click here to sign up!](#)

Duty Roster

Greeter:

Gene Medina &
Isaac Anderson

Thought of the Day:

Nancy Martin

Club Events

Rotary Joint Club Fireside

White Horse Golf Course
May 29, 2013 06:00 PM - 09:00 PM

2013 District Conference

Sidney
May 31, 2013 11:00 AM - Jun 02, 2013 12:00 PM

Kingston Swing for Rotary Golf Tournament

White Horse Golf Course
Jun 21, 2013 12:30 PM - 08:00 PM



Speakers

Apr 03, 2013
[Club Assembly](#)

Apr 10, 2013
[John Rosebeary](#)
Corey's Day on the Farm

April is Rotary Magazine Month

"Why Join Rotary" - Reason #3 - Personal Growth and Development: Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.

Stories



A Note from Our President - Counting Our Blessings:

Posted by Donald Hutchins on Apr 02, 2013

Susan and I just got back from a cruise vacation (our first) which took us to Honduras, Guatemala and the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico, in addition to the US town of Key West. While visiting those Central American destinations we had the opportunity to tour a bit of the countryside, see how the local folks are living, and visit some noteworthy historical sites of the old Mayan Civilization. Overall a very interesting and educational experience, as neither of us had ever been very far

South of the US/Mexican border.

We took away a couple of impressions I'd like to share. The first was the remarkable sophistication and state of development of the Mayan culture, which reached its peak around the turn of the last Millennium, well before the Spaniards and other Europeans arrived. That of course was the beginning of the end, because those folks came not only to loot what treasure they could find, but more disastrously brought European diseases which decimated the local populations. We new-world Europeans tend to think "Civilization" began with our Greek and Roman ancestors and spread from Europe to the rest of the world. We need to review our World History a bit more closely and broaden our view, I think.

My second "take-away" was the remarkable lack of modern development in that part of our world. Even in the cities and towns, but particularly once you leave them, the countryside is clearly living in conditions which disappeared in the 19th century here in the US. We had a lengthy lesson on the history of modern-day Guatemala. It's clear that there are many reasons the country is so poorly developed. Most of them are related to the greed of North American fruit barons who connived with corrupt local governments to gain control of most of the country. Much of that control, by the way, apparently continues to this day. But whatever the reasons, the people of these regions are certainly in great need of much that we take for granted. Having seen that up close, I'm more than ever proud of our International Service Committee and our little Club's substantial efforts to make things better in Central America. It's one thing to read about the good that we are doing. It's another altogether to see the conditions we are helping to alleviate first hand.

I commend to you Gene's serialized adventures in Guatemala (continued below) and recommend you read it VERY carefully. As has been said a million times but remains 100% true: there but for the Grace of God go I. Let us count our blessings, and continue to share them with those less blessed...

Don

A Rotary Travel Journal- Destination Guatemala Part II

Posted by Eugene Medina on Mar 26, 2013



And so our Guatemalan journey with Gene Medina continues. In this next segment of our journey we will visit two microcredit projects villages near Retalhuleu, Guatemala.

We had an opportunity to observe Solidarity and Development's {the Rotary sponsored Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)} microcredit program and the process of monthly repayment

Apr 17, 2013 Rea Mowery Gettysburg 150th Anniversary
Apr 24, 2013 Nick & Bobbie Village Green
May 01, 2013 Club Assembly
May 15, 2013 Gary Jones The First Tee program
May 22, 2013 Logan Reimann Kingston High student to present music talents
May 29, 2013 Rea Mowery Life Experiences with Rotary
View entire list...

Rotary Links

Rotary International
RI President Home
Object of Rotary
Joining Rotary
Rotary History
Rotary Foundation
For New Members

Directors/Officers

President Don Hutchins
Vice President Randy Monlux
President Elect Meisha Rouser
Immediate Past President Clint Boxman
Secretary Suzanne Jenny
Treasurer Jerry Tellinghuisen
Board Member at Large Bob Winkel
Board Member at Large Mitchell Brockett
Community Service Chair Rea Mowery
International Service Chair Gene Medina

the process of monthly repayment.

This program 16 microcredit groups each group comprised of approximately of 15-20 women. Each woman decides on the annual amount she wishes to borrow and then used the funds to prices products for resale (buy low, sell higher). For example, some women buy chicken eggs, young chicks, cosmetics, piglets, etc and then resale them. They then repay 12th of the loan amount at 1% interest. The monthly repayment calls for repayment on the loans principal (approximately 1 12th+ a portion for personal savings and a small portion (the 1%) for the group pool. The latter is used for group or member emergencies or special issues the group decides upon.

For example, the typical annual long is 8000 quetzals (8000/8= \$1000 USD) these funds are used to purchase and resale chicken eggs every week during the year. In the end, the 667Q (\$83) monthly can become 1200Q (\$150) and they can use the net profit (\$67) for family food and the education of their children.



Typical village - Guatemalan Village Classroom

It is important to know that “while public education in Guatemala is theoretically free, even public school students are required to pay relatively high registration fees, all material costs including textbooks, and any transportation costs. They are also frequently obligated to contribute to building maintenance funds. To make matters worse, many of the families sacrifice to send their children to public schools that offer only a sub-standard level of education. Students are likely to find overcrowded classrooms in understaffed, poorly supervised schools”. It can cost families up to \$100 per year for uniforms, books, supplies, school maintenance and transportation. . If the average male worker earns the equivalent of \$250 USD/month the additional.

On Tuesday, we visited the next village and attended a microcredit team meeting at Aurla’s home and observed another team of 16 women involved in the process. This time we had an opportunity to hear from individual members of the group. They are incredible people, committed to their families welfare and the education of their children.

Their child’s education is the central theme of their parental work and commitment.



Aurla's Home where we attended a microcredit group meeting (note the Aurla is the far person)

Site Team

Vocational Service Chair
Jessica Larson

Rotary Foundation Chair
Bob Winkel

Public Relations Chair (Media)
Dan Martin

Public Relations Chair (Press)
Nancy Martin

Newsletter Editor
Meisha Rouser

Administration Chair
Fredrick Branchflower

Fundraising Chair
Nick Jewett

Membership Chair
Clint Boxman

Youth Exchange Officer
Jennifer Carrier

Blood Drive
Jon Sole

Web Master
Evi Monlux

Editor Meisha Rouser

If you have any comments or questions, please contact the editor.

Website Sponsors



Please visit our Sponsors.

[Click here to place your ad](#)

*Aurita's Home where we attended a microcredit group meeting (note the turkey in the foreground)
- Quite the contrast to the place where Rotarians stayed for the night.*

In the next segment or episode of our journey we will visit San Lucas de Toliman, a village on Lake Atitlan, Guatemala (See bottom left of map). I hope you enjoy these brief snapshots of the journey and will "tune in" for the episodes to come: San Lucas de Toliman. Lake Atitlan and its stoves, eco-toilets and washings stations, the Wakami village of Concepcion and its necklace makers, the Rio Dulce villages of Cuarto Cayos, Aqua Caliente, Tablitas and Nacimiento. Enjoy your commitment, involvement and support of our Rotary mission.

Watch for our next segment of the journey—Lake Atitlan Villages



What Our Club is Proud Of...

Posted by Meisha Rouser on Apr 09, 2013

During our clubs goal setting workshop in March, we shared what we are proud of about our Rotary club.

- We are the first ones to be asked when there is a need
- Involvement with at-risk Youth
- Our International Projects
- Our Literacy Program
- Summer Youth Food Program
- Golf Tournament
- Beer Garden
- Growth of the Interact Club
- Village Green Picnic Shelter
- Football Field Lights Project Success
- How the Community Sees Us - As a Valuable Contributor
- Our Sustainable Leadership
- Being the Role Model - We Get Things Done!
- The Members of Our Club!!!



April is Rotary Magazine Month

Posted by Meisha Rouser on Apr 02, 2013

A month devoted to a magazine? Well, actually, yes. That magazine you receive every month is more than just an update on Rotary.

The Rotary World Magazine Press consists of 32 magazines from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Australia, and Europe that inform, inspire, and entertain in 23 languages. In addition to The Rotarian, Rotary's English-language flagship publication, it offers magazines such as Vida Rotaria (Argentina), Rotary in Bulgaria, and The Rotary-no-Tomo (Japan).

The primary purpose of The National Rotarian is to provide a means for the exchange of ideas between Rotarians throughout the world, not to give the national officers an opportunity to express their views. These messages are not written merely to fill space; nevertheless we look forward to the day when they will be literally crowded out by surging mobs of virile Rotarian ideas struggling to be heard. (Paul Harris, in The Rotarian, January 1912)

Each issue of The Rotarian contains feature articles, columns, and departments about, or of interest to, Rotarians worldwide. Seventeen Nobel Prize winners and 19 Pulitzer Prize winners – from Mahatma Ghandi to Kurt Vonnegut Jr. – have written for the magazine.

Following the action taken by the Council on Legislation April 29, 2010 in Chicago, Rotarians in the United States and Canada now have the choice between receiving a print or an electronic copy through the internet of The Rotarian magazine. But don't look for the print version to vanish anytime soon. According to RI Director José Alfredo Sepúlveda, supporting print magazines is essential to Rotary's communications strategy.



Kingstons Rotary Goals and Strengths

Posted by Meisha Rouser on Mar 26, 2013

We had a productive and fun evening last week talking through our goals for our club for the upcoming year. Thanks to all of you who attended.



In last weeks Club Goal Setting workshop, we brainstormed on our clubs strengths and challenges. Here is what we came up with:

Identified Club Strengths:

- High energy
- Engaged
- Our Foundation (non-profit 501)
- Reputation
- Variety of Talents
- Member Diversity
- World Renowned Name
- FUN
- Great Lunch
- People Willing to Lead

Identified Club Challenges:

- No real display/marketing of what we do.
- People don't know a lot about everything Rotary is and does.
- Number of members (we are not a big club)
- Starting meetings on time.
- Covering everything in one hour (during our weekly meetings)
- 23 other service organization in this little town trying to raise money from a small community.

Attached are the draft goals we identified for next year. However, we would like to give everyone an opportunity to contribute. Thus, if you were not at the meeting or have more to contribute, please let me know if you have additional comments or suggestions.

Also attached is "Me as a Rotarian" worksheet for you to complete and get back to me by April 3rd.

The new board will review the draft goals and present the suggested goals for next year at the April 24th meeting for your final review.

Thanks again! We really appreciate everyones involvement.

Meisha Rouser
Rotary Club of Kingston-North Kitsap



Mental Health Disorders - A perspective from teen Ashli O'Brien

Posted by Sally Christy on Mar 26, 2013

Kingston High School, Ashli O'Brien, shared with our club in March some of her art work which focuses on bringing attention to mental health disorders - especially with teens.

Here are Ashli's thoughts on why she choose to do this type of work:

"The central idea of my concentration was a difficult one to decide. I didn't want it to seem ordinarily bland, but something with meaning behind it. I finally decided upon Mental Health Disorders. Why it came to mind, I'll never know. But it seemed interesting enough. Little did I know the grueling amount of hours researching would take. Nevertheless, I felt it was necessary to continue and not only did I educate myself on these rare disorders, but others in my class as well. I have a few family members and friends who have rare mental health disorders and through my art, I've been able to understand the struggles they face every day. People with disorders reach out for help but never quite get it within their grasp. No matter what, they will always feel trapped by the grip of their disorder. I have chosen this subject to get more people aware of how societal pressure and what is going on in the world causes young people, especially girls, to not feel good enough.

The work in my concentration demonstrates the exploration of my idea by showing disorders that are all around us but many don't know about. In one of my pieces, I water colored a rather thin and bony girl looking into a mirror and her reflections says "FAT", this displays Anorexia Nervosa. Each one of my pieces holds a deeper meaning and makes you think about the affect you have on somebody's self-esteem. Even just smiling at a person once a day can stop them from slipping into depression and make them feel important. Some of the disorders are created by society and the obsession of needing to be perfect. Young girls every day feel worthless just because of what

society's unrealistic standards are. I chose to do this concentration to let everybody know what people with mental health disorders go through on a regular basis. And to help others reach an understanding and learn to accept people who are a little bit different in their own unique way."

Ashli O'Brien

Business Mentoring Begins in High School

Posted by Meisha Rouser on Mar 26, 2013

Rotary 5020 Career Pathways Initiative

Gary Nakamura, Rotary Club of Poulsbo-North Kitsap - [click here for full article](#)

Rotary Career Pathways Initiative goals:

1. Increase high school graduation rates with supportive career guidance and planning.
2. Support career and technical education programs that give students a real-world context for what they learn and alternatives to 4-year college immediately after high school.
3. Expand financial aid to help more low-income Washingtonians reach a "13th year" of education that leads to a living wage job.

In developing the Rotary Career Pathways Initiative program, I have kept the following in mind:

1. Complement and support existing career counseling and technical education programs, rather than create new ones.
2. Develop CPI activities and projects that do not take a great deal of extra effort by the counselors and teachers. We want to support them, not be a burden.

Rotary Career Pathways Initiative at the middle school level –

Complement ongoing middle school career counseling programs (Navigation 101) that apprise students of post-high school education/training opportunities (not just 4-year college) and technical careers.

Middle school is too early for most students to select a specific career, but they should be encouraged to keep their future education and career options open by taking core courses required for entry into apprenticeships, technical schools, as well as 2 and 4-year colleges.

Rotary CPI activities at Kingston Middle School –

1. Participate in Principal reviews of student academic and career development portfolios, as a community member. This will give Rotarians an idea of what is currently going on in career and education guidance, positively impact the students' growth and development by giving them an opportunity and reason to articulate their current interests and plans for their immediate future, and give the students an opportunity to interact with a community member not affiliated with their school or family.
2. Participate in a June 6, 2013 (tentative date) Job Fair at Kingston Middle School. Students will be surveyed prior to the fair as to their career interests and questions regarding those careers. E.g. typical day, best and worst part of the job, education requirements. Survey results will be shared with Rotarians to inform and engage the appropriate ones.
3. Volunteer at Kingston Middle School as a subject-matter tutor or mentor; at lunch to teach chess, card games, math games; other opportunities to interact with students, gain their interest and trust, and perhaps inform their education and career choices, answer their questions.



Supporting Children's and Adult Literacy in Laos

Posted by Eugene Medina on Mar 19, 2013

Kingston-North Kitsap Rotary supports childrens and adult literacy in Laos.



The Laos Literacy Project is a U.S. non-profit, tax-exempt organization. It was created to increase literacy in Laos among both children and adults, and to increase access in Lao villages to books and information about health, nutrition, better agricultural techniques, and other subjects that will increase the quality of life in one of the world's poorest countries.

Do you remember when you discovered the joy of reading? The power of a book to open doors to another world?

Most children in Laos learn to read from a teacher with a blackboard. The school may have some shared textbooks, but many children have never seen a book. Certainly they've never owned one, and they've never had a chance to discover the fun of reading.

The Laos Literacy Project works closely with the Lao-based Big Brother Mouse project to make literacy *fun* for children in Laos. Laos Literacy provides funding for book parties in rural schools, which begin by getting students excited about reading, and end with each child getting the first book they've ever owned. Then the school gets more books, so children can trade their book for a new one after they've read it.

Reading a good book is a joy in itself. But books can provide much more than enjoyment. They can provide information and inspiration to help readers improve their quality of life.



We help make books available in rural schools, but we also support small, home-based libraries in villages. At these libraries, adults, young people, and children can all find information about health, nutrition, childcare, agricultural techniques, sanitation, and other matters that affect them. They can find books that are simply enjoyable to read, and books that help them learn about the world.

You can get additional information about this project from Fredrick Branchflower, our club's project coordinator. We are currently supporting this work with a \$400 grant from our club Foundation.



Rotary Now Accepting Youth Scholarship Applications

Posted by Jessica Larson on Mar 19, 2013

Kingston Rotary is making available up to \$4000 for Kingston High School seniors! This is double the amount awarded last year.

Rotary scholarships applications are now available through the counseling office at Kingston High School. **Applications are due Friday, April 19th.**

The goal of the scholarship is to reward students who have worked to make a difference in our community through service. Part of the application process is an essay question asking what the 4 way test means to the student. Also this year we will be conducting interviews with our applicants.

Jessica will be needing three individuals to review the scholarships. Let her know if you would like to be on the Scholarship Review Committee.

Thanks!



Space Available for Guatemala Bottle School Trip

Posted by Meisha Rouser on Mar 19, 2013

There is still room to join fellow Rotarians' on a trip to Guatemala to build a bottle school. The trip will also include some sight seeing.
April 25 - May 1st, 2013

"When I was introduced to the Hug it Forward team in 2010, I knew immediately that I wanted to develop a plan to bring the Bottle School opportunity to Rotarians. Since then, we have raised over \$10,000 from Rotary clubs in the Pacific Northwest and California, much of which came after my personal experience on a Bottle School trip in April of 2012. I was honored to be asked to lead the Rotary Bottle School trip in April 2013. I am very excited about seeing Rotarians and their guests come with us to experience the beauty of the people, history and landscape of Guatemala. I guarantee that this will be a life-changing experience for each of you.

I'm pleased to announce that District 5340 Governor Dick Stevens and his wife Lynn are planning to join us on our Bottle School trip in April." *Mike Hancock*, Rotarian and Trip Coordinator.

Contact Mike Hancock for more information.

360-698-6477 office

360-509-4351 cell

[Click here for more information: www.servetheworldtoday.com/rotary](http://www.servetheworldtoday.com/rotary)



Rea Mowery - ROTARY MOMENT

Posted by Eva Monlux on Mar 13, 2013

Chicago, October 1945....Founder Paul Harris is asked... What is ROTARY? His response, "Thousands have answered, each in his own way. It is easier to note what ROTARY does than what it is. One recently has said, "If

ROTARY has encouraged us to take a more kindly outlook on life and men; if ROTARY has taught us greater tolerance and the desire to see the best in others; if ROTARY has brought us pleasant and helpful contacts with others who also are trying to capture and radiate the joy and beauty of life, then ROTARY has brought us all that we can expect."



Free Document Shredding & Electronic Recycling - April 13th

Posted by Doug Hallock on Mar 12, 2013

Windermere Real Estate West Sound's annual document shredding and electronic recycling event will take place on April 13th.

- Document Shredding (staples & paperclips OK, no bound material)
- Desktops & Laptops, Monitors & Televisions
- Gently Used Clothing & Small Household Items

Hot dog lunch by donation to help benefit the Windermere Foundation. Going to help those in need in our community.

Saturday, April 13th, 11am-2pm

Kingston - 26569 Lindvog Road NE

Poulsbo - 18570 State Hwy. 305

Silverdale - 9939 Mickelberry Rd. NW



Bloomberg Philanthropies to donate US\$100 million to polio eradication

Posted by Meisha Rouser on Mar 05, 2013

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg has announced a \$100 million donation to [support polio eradication efforts](#) through Bloomberg Philanthropies. The donation represents a six-year commitment to help fund the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) (GPEI).

"We're at a critical juncture in the global effort to end polio," says Bloomberg. "If we're going to achieve a polio-free world, we must act quickly and commit now to providing the resources needed."

Rotary International, along with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation are global partners in the GPEI.

"On behalf of Rotary International -- and on behalf of all Rotarians -- I thank Mr. Bloomberg and his foundation for this generous contribution of \$100 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative," says Robert S. Scott, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee. "Not only will this donation help us reach the most at-risk children with polio vaccine, it will also inspire other individuals, foundations, and businesses in the private sector to take part in this history-making endeavor to achieve a polio-free world."

<http://news.yahoo.com/bloomberg-donating-100m-help-fight-polio-051615737--finance.html>

SWING FOR ROTARY GOLF CLASSIC

Posted by Alisha Martinez



Save the Date: Friday, June 21st, 2013

This year's golf tournament promises to be the best ever as it will be held in the new club house! This is a great opportunity to attract new sponsors and we encourage each Rotarian to reach out to a new potential sponsor. With all of us pitching in, we can make this next tournament our best ever!

Kingston - North Kitsap Rotary Projects

Community Projects:

- Village Green Park and Community Center (Major Contributor)
- Scholarships for Kingston HS Students
- Food for Kids program
- Concerts on the Cove
- Stillwaters Environmental Center
- Kingston Seniors Association
- North Kitsap Food Banks
- Kingston Blood Drives
- KHS Interact Club

International Projects:

- "Hug it Forward" Bottle Schools Program
- Wheelchair Foundation
- Clear Path International
- Arequipa Educational support
- Acercandonos Educational support
- Youth Summer Exchange program
- Inter-Club project in development