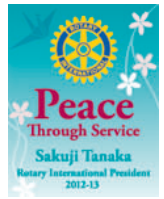




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Presidents Message - A good kind of problem to have...

Posted by Donald Hutchins on Oct 08, 2012

Charitable and Service organizations like Rotary International are enormous forces for good in the world. Rotary in particular has accomplished so much, and continues to provide such tremendous humanitarian service all over the globe that simply being a member of the organization gives me (and you, I'll bet) a great deal of satisfaction, knowing I'm a small part of that enormous good.

Our Club will continue its support of a variety of International service programs, and is actively engaged with Poulsbo and Bainbridge Island Rotary Clubs in a Joint International Service Project which will leverage our combined assets and abilities to enhance the effects we achieve overseas.

On a more local note, though; Rotary was founded on Community Service, long before its International and Vocational Avenues of Service were conceived. In that vein, our little Kingston Rotary Club has already made its mark on our community in so many ways. In the early days, we decided that the new Kingston High School football field was incomplete without lights for night play (no small issue in this Northern Clime). In short order we raised \$50,000 toward making that happen for our Buccaneers. They're enjoying the fruits of that community service project now and will for years to come. We played a major role in turning an old Military Housing site into the new Village Green Park, despite the County's assurances that it couldn't be done with the limited funds available. We made numerous important improvements to the Kola Kola School through the hands-on work of dedicated Rotarians. This month we're turning over a terrific new Village Green Picnic Pavilion to the MPD – made possible through the hard work and voluntary contributions of over a dozen dedicated people from across our community and paid for through the fundraising efforts of our entire club, with a very substantial contribution from one of our most distinguished Rotarians, Mr. Rae Mowery.

Our fundraising efforts continue. And if the mood of the Club is any indicator they will grow and provide increasing support for new, even more substantial contributions to our town. One example is the important commitment the Club has just decided to make to the Village Green Foundation's Capital Campaign. Over the next 5 years, K-NK Rotary will significantly assist the financing of the new Community Center, Library and Boys & Girls Club. We will expand our ongoing Scholarship program for Kingston High School students, increase the activities of our affiliated Interact Club at KHS, and our support to worthy local organizations including the Senior Center, Food Banks, Blood Drives and Food for Kids.

But we have a problem. We need to decide what future service projects we will contribute to our Little City. If our fundraising efforts bear fruit as they should, we will have the capability to do ever more to make Kingston a more perfect place to live. There are several great ideas floating around the Club for the "next generation" of K-NK Rotary Community Service projects. Let's examine them carefully, develop them to their maximum potential, and let's all contribute to the discussion as we decide – where do we go from here, Rotarians??

Picnic Pavilion in Village Green Park

Posted by Nancy Martin on Oct 08, 2012

There's a new structure in Village Green Park, thanks to the Kingston-North Kitsap Rotary Club and community volunteers. The Pavilion will be dedicated



to Rotarian Rea Mowery, who made significant contributions to our Kingston Rotary Club.

The picnic pavilion enjoyed a "soft opening" when the recent Pie in the Park fundraiser was held. This striking structure of peeled logs features a stamped concrete floor.

Jon Sole of the Kingston Rotary Club supervised the construction and worked

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closely with all of the volunteers, who supplied both material and labor. Our thanks goes to Jon, and the other volunteers. Brad Pugh of Larson and Casteel donated the design with assistance from Miles Yanick, architect. Matt House of Washington Concrete Casting provided the steel inserts for the footings and arranged for the complimentary concrete and installation. Hard Rock Concrete donated the concrete.

Russell Bishop of Kingbridge Construction donated the concrete installation and the beautiful finish to the floor. Steve Kelly of Steve Kelly Construction donated the site clearing and trenching for the electrical and water extension.

Steve Kilborn of Timberwolf Construction and his crew are to be applauded as craftsmen, but also artisans in the field of log construction. There were also businesses that gave us discounted pricing for materials used in the pavilion. Among those were Buck Levensgood of Code electric, Tom Waggoner of Kingston Lumber, and Rob Welch for the painting.

There were other volunteers who showed up to help with the "grunt work": Larry Anderson, Sonny Woodward, George Morgan, Les Poole, and Walt Elliott.

Many of these volunteers were recognized at the Village Green foundation's Pie in the Park event and presented with pies. Recently Kingston Rotary hosted a Happy Hour at the pavilion on October 5, thanking these volunteers. The Pavilion will be dedicated to Rotarian Rea Mowery, who made significant contributions to our Kingston Rotary Club.

This Happy Hour also served another function for our club. Beer and wine from our Rotary Summer beer garden couldn't be held over, so we needed to dispose of the excess. It was a tough job, but we Rotarians were up to the task.



Trash to Treasure

Posted by Robert W. Maule on Oct 08, 2012

How would it be possible to clean up the litter scattered around a remote village, earn enthusiasm and dedication from villagers and simultaneously build a schoolhouse for a bunch of cute kids?

An organization that calls itself "Hug It Forward" knows the answer and proved it with 14 school houses built in remote parts of Guatemala. In the past our Club made a substantial contribution to complete one of those schools.

We have plans to make another contribution, albeit a smaller one, to help our friends at "Hugs" start another school in either Guatemala or Honduras. Once again, the village kids will scour the area for plastic trash and bottles, the women will stuff the bottles with plastic trash, the men will work with experts to build the reinforced concrete skeleton of a building, and all the villagers will use those bottles to construct well insulated walls.

To learn more about how to build a school house, click below for a demonstration of enthusiastic construction:

[Click Here: Demonstration of Construction of Bottle Schools](#)

Yes, it is indeed possible to turn trash into the treasure of education for yet another village, and our Club's money will be there to help.

Happy Bucks Helping Acercandonos Program

Posted by Eugene Medina on Oct 09, 2012

Ever wonder where all those "Happy Bucks" go that we share each meeting... Part of the "Happy Bucks" that are collected at each Kingston-North Kitsap Rotary meeting go to the Acercandonos Program - a Rotary sponsored program which



support children and the elderly in Arequipa, Peru. Our club donates \$25/month which currently is going towards the support of Melody Zuniga Alfaro, who lives in Alto Cayma. The settlement of Alto Cayma is located on the outskirts of Arequipa, the second largest city in Peru.

Melody is 9 years old (born 5 Jul 02). She is in the 5th grade, and is a good, responsible student. She is helpful around the house as well, doing chores like making her own bed and sweeping the floors. She is a cheerful, communicative girl who likes to paint and to sing, and is in good health.

Melody's father works as a clerk in a store for minimum wage. He works from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. six days a week, and even has to work two Sundays every month. For all this, they pay him 675 soles (approximately \$250) a month. Melody's mother has gone temporarily to Chile to find work as a domestic employee.



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Melody and her father live with his mother (her grandmother) while Melody's mother is out of the country. The house is constructed with walls of "sillar" (Soft volcanic stone), a corrugated metal roof and a rough cement floor. They do have electricity, water and sewer service. They cook over a gas burner.



Interact/Youth Services

Posted by Jessica Larson on Oct 08, 2012

This weeks featured Interact Youth Board Member is Megan Jackson, Interact Vice President.

Hi my name is Megan Jackson. I am a junior at Kingston High School and very involved in it too.

Besides being the Vice President of Interact, I on the school swim team and participate in the schools drama and ASL clubs. I went on an exchange program with the school to Japan in the summer of 2010, so I also have experience internationally.

We have kicked the Interact year off with our first official club meeting Thursday, September 27. Special thanks to Mr. Tran for letting us use his room so that we could show a power point presentation to show what Interact was about. We had a nice turn out with 19 students, a good mix of boys and girls. At the next meeting the club will define committees and start brainstorming and planning.

The Interact board will meet every 1st Tuesday for planning, with regular Interact meetings every Thursday @ 7:15 in the orange pod at KHS.

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