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Hello Michelle! This email has been generated just for you as a member of our club. We hope you enjoy receiving this newsletter!

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

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Stories

Boom - On Sno-Go

Posted by Duff Pfanner on Jan 07, 2014



Boom - on Snowboard

Posted by Gregory Solomon on Jan 06, 2014

PP Greg Solomon took Boom skiing on New Year's Day (Boom learned how to snow board in just a few hours) and we ran into Out-bound student Maddy who taught Boom a few things about the board...

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Puerto Vallarta - Do Good, Have Fun, Make Friends

Posted by Sandra Wicks on Jan 06, 2014

AER members Cliff Baker, Shirley Nelson, Sandra Wicks and Bruce Phelps are in Puerto Vallarta now and have a full week of Rotary activities ahead of them. After a Sunday brunch together, the AER members, plus Cliff's fiancée, Martha Zeman, and Puerto Vallarta Sur Rotary member Eleanor Hawthorn posed holding the presentation cards Sandra prepared for the students who will receive scholarships on Thursday evening, January 9. The cards show, on one side, the AER logo and on the other side a picture of the person (or persons) who donated their scholarship. The picture of the AER board represents the scholarships donated with club international service funds.



Refugee Assistance & Immigration Service Holiday Party

Posted by Laurel Hummel on Jan 06, 2014

AER members stepped up to help newly arrived refugees have a happy holiday season by providing holiday gifts for seven refugees and fruit for distribution at the RAIS holiday party on December 19 at the RAIS Welcome Center. Three AER International Service Committee members, Sandra Wicks, Jaime Fink, and Laurie Hummel, attended the party and assisted with gift distribution as well as providing helping hands during some rousing games of holiday-themed Bingo!

While attending the party, Sandra Wicks was chatting with some Somali refugees who related they arrived Anchorage via Somalia to Ethiopia to Sudan to Libya to Malta. We hear about these perilous odysseys on NPR and documentaries; here in front of us was living proof of the dangers refugees face to make it safely to the U.S. Government assistance is extremely limited to refugees; the good work done by RAIS at the Welcome Center is reliant on community support such as ours.

AER was presented a list of refugees by name, sex, and age, along with a list of recommended gift items. It was nice to know who you were buying for and added to our sense of holiday cheer. It was especially nice to meet some of the people who received our gifts, and hear their stories.

Items gifted were: containers with lids which acted as gift receptacles; blankets; plush throws (like a bed blanket, but smaller and meant for snuggling); towels; warm hat and scarf combo; tool sets (leathermen of different sizes, key chain with tools, flashlight and batteries, carrying case); slow cookers (aka "crock pots"); kitchen gadgets (can opener, spatula, cooking spoon); dish cloths and dish towels; warm socks; gift cards to Fred Meyer and Bed, Bath, and Beyond. Each gift was comprised of some combination of items listed above. Every gift had at least one gift card included. Every gift item was wrapped and the entire package was encased in a big red bow with attached ornament. Each container had a card attached stating "Happy Holidays, compliments of Anchorage East Rotary Club. The gift wrapping and cards were seasonally festive and non-religious in orientation. The value of each gift

was approximately \$60 - \$70. We also contributed small gifts that were used as Bingo prizes.

AER members contributing gifts and/or cash included Kathleen Madden, Jeff Blake, Barbara Kagerer, Bruce Phelps, Sandra Wicks, Jaime Fink, Mary Rohlfing, and Laurie Hummel.

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A young holiday party attendee poses with some tasty fruit provided by AER and

Laurie Hummel and Fawziya, a widow and refugee from Sudan, with the gift package provided by AER. All our gifts inside the gift package were individually wrapped. Fawziya's son Kamal was also on our gift list.

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Laurie Hummel with a Sudanese refugee who had arrived in Alaska only a few days prior to the party. Wrapped inside the plastic tub are a slow-cooker, cooking gadgets, dish cloths and towels, warm socks, and a Fred Meyer gift card.



Thank You For Your Generosity - Boom's Christmas

Posted by Sandra Wicks on Dec 31, 2013

Thanks to the generosity of AER members, Boom had quite a Christmas.

Sandra writes: "What I did to spread out the cards, tickets, etc., for Boom was to give him one card at the International Service committee meeting at his host house the Thursday before Christmas. Then I gave him another card with the ticket to SFO on Christmas Eve. Finally, I gave him the third card with money and the return ticket from Las Vegas (thanks to Alan Clark) at Christmas dinner. AER members donated so much money for Boom's Christmas that not only does he have airline tickets both directions for the West Coast Tour, but he also has all of his deposit money."

Thank you !



Christmas Traditions - Baking with Boom

Posted by Sandra Wicks on Dec 31, 2013

I spent a day cooking and baking with Boom the day before Christmas Eve, then he came for Christmas Eve dinner with us and we went to Duff Pfanner and Kathy Atkinson's (Boom's current host parents') house for Christmas dinner with Boom and them and their kids.



Family Photo

Posted by Sandra Wicks on Dec 31, 2013

With special thanks to Duff and his family for hosting our exchange student!

Note that the ENTIRE FAMILY are wearing Thai Traditional Pants which Boom gave as gifts.



Merry Christmas from New Zealand

Posted by Heather Flynn on Dec 31, 2013

From: Grant Cossey <gcossey@costech.co.nz>

Sent: Monday, December 23, 2013 10:53 PM

Subject: Merry Christmas from New Zealand

Hello Alaskan friends

Best wishes for a very happy Christmas and great New Year

All is good down under in New Zealand. The GSE team are well and having fun lives. S-J is happily married, Donna is happily engaged, Laura is excited about motherhood and Kerri is enjoying time with her children. I am well and happy . Our son and daughter-in-law are expecting

another baby – due in April, a little girl, so they will have one of each. They have moved to two and a half acres in Kumeu, a lovely property. I love being a Nana, but am also still enjoying my job at Middlemore hospital. Husband Grant has been busy designing and building a rowing skiff- has been building it with his nephew who has been living with us since he came back from Australia in July. They hope to get orders in January and go into full production in February. Our daughter arrives from Canada on 28 December and stays until 9 January – first time we have had both children at home for Christmas – all good. She is enjoying life in British Columbia, is well and truly settled in Revelstoke and talking of marriage and children. Trust you are all well and enjoying life – judging by some of your Facebook pages, life in Alaska is still the best!. I love seeing the beautiful photos and plan to get back there someday. Take care Love, Gill



Boom's trip to Sitka

Posted by Kathleen Madden on Dec 31, 2013

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The weekend before Christmas, Boom and Greg Solomon were treated to a special surprise Christmas present in the form of a trip to Sitka, Alaska. Kathleen Madden set it up and the "kidnapping" went as planned with ne'er a glitch. The weather even cooperated in Sitka with sun and a warm escape from the single digits in Anchorage. Boom got to experience seeing Totem Park full of totem poles, an amazing Holiday Brass concert with professional musicians from the "lower 48", great Christmas lights, the Raptor Center for rehabilitating eagles and even saw bears.

A highlight was a new friend, the Rotary YE Student, Larella from Mexico! She is a kick and they had a great time together.

Boom and Larella spent 1 hour on the local public radio station being interviewed as Spanish Christmas carols were featured. He did a great job speaking in his 2nd language, English!!

Upon return to Anchorage, a big breakfast at Gwennies was in order and Boom went back to his host family to "hibernate" as he called it.

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Monthly Club Events - 2013-2014

Posted by Michelle Drew on Aug 07, 2013

Weekly Anchorage East Rotary Club Meeting

The weekly Anchorage East Rotary Meeting is held at the Anchorage Downtown Hilton. The food line opens at 11:30 am and the meeting starts at noon. Lunch is \$21 and coffee with dessert is \$8.

Mobile Food Pantry

Mobile Food Pantry distribution is the second Saturday of each month at 1:30pm at the Fairview Recreational Center. Contact Dave Kester d.kester@alaskausainsurance.com for more information.

AERIE Meetings (Anchorage East Rotary Information & Education)

All members are welcome to join the monthly AERIE meetings and learn more about Rotary International and our club. For 2013-2014 AERIE will be held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 am at the Alaska Bagel Restaurant located on Northern Lights at C Street. Red badge members come with an update of your blue badge status. Blue badge members, come for a makeup. Contact Jeff Blake if any questions: jeffb@fidelityak.com or jcblake@gmail.com

AER Board Meetings

Regularly monthly board meetings will be held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at **4:30 PM** in the **first floor board room of the UBS Financial at 3000 A Street**. Board meetings occasionally move or are changed so check the "Events" section of the bulletin or the the club runner website. All are invited to attend. It counts towards getting your blue badge and as a meeting make-up.



Rotary Foundation Thought

Posted by Michelle Drew on Dec 17, 2013

Week of December 17 - This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about: **Supporting the Foundation**

"I believe in donating annually to The Rotary Foundation because it's my foundation. If I don't do it, then how can I convince others to give?"
-District Governor Atmaram "Ram" Gawande



Solomon's groaner of the week!

Posted by Gregory Solomon

A dentist and a manicurist married . . . They fought tooth and nail.



Advertise with Rotary!

Posted by Michelle Drew on Sep 10, 2013

CLUBRUNNER is our website and newsletter program, but it is not free. In order to pay our annual dues we have to sell advertisements. Consider advertising your business on clubrunner and in the Eastwind.

Ads are only \$50 for four weeks and the online ads link directly to your website.

OR, consider advertising on our in-meeting half-sheet program - ads are \$50 for four weeks there as well. These items are rarely left on the tables.

Want to place an ad? Contact Michelle Drew.

mdrew@bdo.com

Got some news!?

Posted by Michelle Drew

If you have news you want to share with the club, please let us know! Contact Michelle Drew at mdrew@bdo.com

Have some interesting news about yourself? Your family? Anchorage East is one big, happy family and wants to hear about our members! But remember, just like in meetings, announcements must be limited to personal/family news, news related to you, your family or another club member. Thanks!

Michelle's Commitments

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