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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, email the editor.

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AER MEMBERS INVITED - Clare House Open House - October 29, 2013

by Drew, Michelle

AER Member Susan Bomalaski invites you to attend the Clare House Open House



New Interact Club

by Wicks, Sandra

Tam Agosti-Gisler, on September 30, met with the West High International Baccalaureate program students at the end of their retreat at Birchwood Camp. Tam explained to the students about Rotary and its values and some of its programs, one of which is Interact for high school students. After Tam's overview, 13 students chose to join Tam to discuss actually setting up an Interact club at West High School. Following discussions, nominations and 1 minute campaign speeches, officers were elected by the 13 students to found the new Interact club. The next meeting of the new Interact club will be during the West High lunch hour on Friday. For more information, and to volunteer for this great opportunity to work with bright, highly motivated young people, talk to Tam.



Foundation Auction - Date Change to Tuesday December 3rd.

by Rognes, Kris

To be held at the Captain Cook Hotel.

Please note the date change and that there will be NO NOON MEETING on Wednesday December 4th.

Hope to see you there.

Stephen Checks in from Finland

by Kimberlin, Dawn

Stephen Kagerer writes:

Just to set the record so far so good. I feel at home and Paivi and Hannu have been very welcoming. I go to a catholic mass every once in a while, since they are only once a month. School is going quite well. I am in philosophy, history, art, English, and mathematics classes, and for the most part they are enjoyable. I also take music lessons once a week after school and am progressing through several pieces. The school is taking a

trip tomorrow to Illomantsi, to learn about the Finnish winter war, so that should be fun.

Photo 1:

Risto, a wheelchair bound friend I have who throws javelin, and is quite remarkable, I am learning to throw from him.

Photo 2:

This is how they cook salmon when camping, they nail it to a board and stick it in the fire.



Guatamala - AER Supports English Instruction

by Wicks, Sandra

While on a service project in Guatemala in August, AER members Bruce Phelps and Sandra Wicks were based at the Hope Haven wheelchair factory. They met the staff at the factory and learned there was a burning desire to study English, since the teams coming to work out of the factory are English-speaking. Sandra located a competent English teacher in the town where many of the factory workers, who are almost all in wheelchairs, live and could attend classes. After many e-mails and phone calls, Sandra established a pilot English instruction program that provides 15 hours of English instruction per woman per month for 3 women at a rate of \$80 per month. The students pay 10% of the fee to show they are really interested in studying English. A fourth worker from the wheelchair factory took it upon himself to talk to the English teacher about also studying with her. Because of the income she is receiving from our program, she was able to take him on as a student at a greatly reduced rate, so he, too, is able to study English.


While this is not an official "program" of Anchorage East Rotary, Anchorage East Rotarians are the primary funders at this time. Sandra and Bruce put up the funds for the first two months of instruction. Mary Rohlfing, when asked if she would like to contribute a month's instruction fee wrote a check for 3 months instead. MUCHISIMAS GRACIAS, Mary. Then the AER international service committee, backed by the board, decided to fund 4 months of instruction. Wonderful! We now have 9 months of instruction paid, which should be long enough to get a good sense, from the monthly reports from the teacher, about the efficacy of the instruction program. If anyone else would care to donate a month of instruction, please talk to Sandra or Bruce.

The three ladies in the picture below are Julia, Blanca and Silvia with the 'thank you' poster they signed. The man pictured is Manuel, the student the English teacher gave the good rate to study with her. Our hero Mary Rohlfing is also pictured. Thanks, again, Mary, for your generosity.



BOOM - the Athlete

by Wicks, Sandra

 Not only is our exchange student Boom a musician, he is also an athlete. Below are two pictures from Boom's cross-country running race at Service High School a week ago. Go Boom! We understand he

also attended the West High School homecoming last weekend. Maybe we'll have pictures for another bulletin.

Also submitted by Marjorie Poggas: Boom Writes:

Yes, last saturday I had a race at the trail behind Service High School. I ran in Open/JV boy. They call the race "QUAD RACE 5K" In the race we have 4 schools in there South, Service, Bartlett and West High School

And This Saturday I have race 11:00 am at Kincaid Park "REGION IV CHAMPIONSHIPS 5K" We will race with all of High School in Anchorage. I think properly 8-10 schools. I will ran in an Open boy 5K.



Email from MAREK (Poland inbound 2012-2013)

by Wicks, Sandra

Hi Sandra,

How are you? Did you get my email? I was wonder why you did respond to me but then I saw on the website that you were Guatemala.

I'm so glad that you and Bruce helped this people over there. How is Bruce doing? I miss so much hiking with him, and our long walks:))

I have start school 3 weeks ago and I was Soooooooo busy, I have driven class after school and training and school. School is kinda hard now but I'm sure that it's gonna be good.

I'm thinking about exchange every day and I'm smiling because I know that I met amazing people, amazing country, and the best state in US.

I'm happy to hear that Boom is doing good, me and him are so lucky to be in East Anchorage RC.

I'm sending to you some pictures from here and I'm hoping that we are gonna talk soon.

I saw the email from Paul and yes 16th work for me (but I'm gonna to him also).

Say hello to everyone:)))

Marek

New Member Proposed - Andrea Conter

by Drew, Michelle

"Anchorage East Rotary welcomes the following prospective members. We publish proposed members' biographies, photos, and classifications for 14 days to allow comment from AER's membership. If you care to file an endorsement or objection about any proposed member please contact Sally Archer (C&T 310-4919), Dave Young (C&T 223-1400), or Janine Becka at jbecka@gci.net. Thank you for your help in bringing qualified leaders to Rotary."

Andrea Conter

I have been an Alaskan resident since February 1996 when I moved up from Southern California where I grew up in the small community of Seal Beach. I first came to Alaska in the summer of 1994 and immediately fell in love with the feel and beauty of the state. I convinced my then current employer, Toys R Us to transfer me to the Anchorage store. I have been in the retail/restaurant management business for 30 years and have been employed with Barnes and Noble for the past 7 years.

I am an avid supporter of the Arc of Anchorage. At Barnes and Noble we have been a part of the supported employment program for the past 7 years and I have served on their Board of Directors since October 2012. It is through my involvement with the Arc that I have found a passion for community service. I am excited at the prospect of becoming a part of the Anchorage East Rotary and making a difference in my community.



Monthly Club Events - 2013-2014

by Drew, Michelle

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

by Drew, Michelle




Week of Sep 30- This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about: **AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Former Ambassadorial Scholar and Youth Exchange student Ryan Carrier says: "You can go on a trip somewhere, but that's not the same thing as living in a place and getting to know

A former Ambassadorial Scholar at the University of North Carolina in the United States, Rinko Kinoshita is using the public health degree she earned with Rotary's help to aid people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where more than 250,000 people were displaced in 2008 when violence flared between rebel fighters and government forces. Kinoshita says that without Rotary, she would not be where she is today-working with UNICEF to help those fleeing conflict.

Solomon's groaner of the week!

by Solomon, Gregory

A police officer came to my house and asked me where I was between  5 and 6. I replied "kindergarten".

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by Drew, Michelle



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Got some news!?

by Drew, Michelle

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