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Rotary Club of Anchorage East EastWind

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Future Speakers

Oct 30 2013

Major General Michael Shields

"USARAK Commanding General"

Nov 6 2013

Keith Hackett

"UAA Athletic Director"

Nov 13 2013

Karen Biondich & Boom

"Youth Exchange Rebound and Inbound"

Nov 20 2013

Sue Foley

"District Governor"

Nov 27 2013

Dan Bigley - Military Appreciation Day!

"Motivational Speaker"

Dec 4 2013

Change Your Facebook Profile to Promote Rotary

by Drew, Michelle

For the month of November, we are requesting that all Rotarians with a Facebook page change their profile photo to the Rotary wheel (below with instructions on how to make the change). All clubs in District 5010 are being asked to do this to promote Rotary, who we are and what we do in the communities. We are also asking that Rotarians write a Facebook post promoting their club and asking if any of their 'friends' would like to learn more about Rotary. Invite them to a lunch meeting!

Instructions to change your profile photo:

1. Save the Rotary Wheel Picture to your hardrive (google Rotary images)
2. Click "Edit Profile"
3. Hover over your picture and click "Edit Profile Picture" and "Upload Photo"
4. Select the Rotary Wheel Photo and you are done.



Congratulations Raquel Edelen - YWCA Women of Achievement Award Winner 2013

by Drew, Michelle



Congratulations to Raquel Edelen for this prestigious award.

No Noon Meeting
"Foundation Auction is TUESDAY
!!!"

Dec 11 2013

Julie Saupe
"Tourism in Anchorage"

Dec 18 2013

SANTA is coming!

Dec 25 2013

No noon meeting
"Happy Christmas!"

Jan 1 2014

No noon meeting
"Happy New Year!"

Upcoming Events

Mobile Food Pantry
Nov 9 2013

Regular Board Meeting
Nov 19 2013

AERIE MEETING
Nov 21 2013

**Guess Who's Coming to
Dinner**
Nov 21 2013

Foundation Auction
Dec 3 2013

AER English Camp
Dec 14 2013

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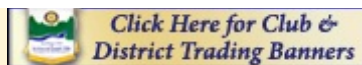
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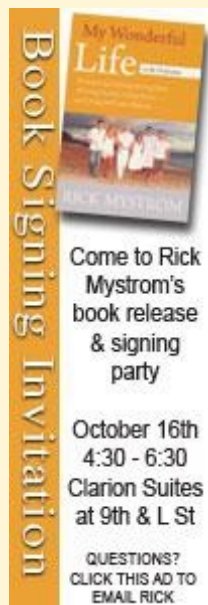
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YWCA Alaska/BP Women of Achievement Awards & Purse Auction

The Women of Achievement Awards and Purse Auction is an annual evening soiree that honors ten Alaskan women who have demonstrated qualities of leadership and excellence in their professional and personal endeavors as well as their contributions to the larger community. In conjunction with the Women of Achievement Awards ceremony, the YWCA holds a Purse Auction to raise support for its programs that work to empower women and eliminate racism.

The annual awards ceremony and auction is held at the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts, Discovery Theater. The silent auction before the Women of Achievement Awards program is a fun event with hundreds of new and used handbags including a selection of designer purses. All proceeds from the auction go to benefit the programs of YWCA Alaska.

Stephen Kagerer Checks in From Finland

by Drew, Michelle

Here is what's going on: as obvious as it is in the photo, I am skiing in kontiolahti, this was just a one day thing as it cost a couple euros, something you might tell also is that the track is actually refrigerated, and the snow is man made, making this the perfect spot for skiing maniacs like me who drool at the thought of snow go completely bonkers. The snow is falling and slowly gathering, winter is here and I can hardly wait for the local trails to be groomed, while I'm waiting for that however, I have found an fallen in love with yet another sport: floor ball or salibandi as the Finns call it, is similar to hockey except for it being played indoors and rather than a puck, a whiffle ball is used, which I found can move at surprisingly high speeds making the game very fast paced. I'll send a photo of me playing later, I don't have one but I'll get one next week when we meet again. School is going well, and i am reminded of the up down cycle that all the exchange people were saying could be rough, honestly, The only time I have felt homesick was for about one hour, not that I don't miss home, but I don't feel like I'm actually far away, mentally I realize that I'm actually halfway around the world, but I don't think that it's actually occurred to my mental self and senses that I am in a foreign country, Finland is so much like Alaska, it even has it's weather! (Cold wet and rainy) I know that I shouldn't be drawing similarities, but when you enjoy the people and surroundings as much as this it's hard to not make connections between two places that you love. I continues to snow and sometimes rain, my birthday will soon come and go, and even though Christmas is a month or two away, it's hard to believe that time has flown so fast. It seems like it was just yesterday that I stepped onto a plane headed for Finland's Helsinki Vantaa airport, when in reality it's already been two months! Thanks for supporting me the through it all Anchorage East Rotary club, I hope to be able to return it as a Rotarian one day.



Guess Who's Coming to Dinner... Next Opportunity November 21

by Drew, Michelle

Guess Who's coming to dinner was at Greg and Kathleen's home on October 19th, attending were Gwen Lee, Sharon Sullivan, Gloria Castaneda, her husband Phillip and their friend Hydee. A great time was had by all!



Interact is in need of some Rotarian Volunteers

by Agosti-Gisler, Tam

See Tam Agosti-Gisler for further details

Tuesday, November 5, 10:15-11:00 am, West High School COVE - WAPI production for benefit of: Helping Hands for Nepal

Tuesday, November 12, 10:15-11:00 am, West High School COVE- WAPI production for benefit of: Helping Hands Nepal

Tuesday November 19, 10:15-11:00 am, West High School COVE - WAPI production for benefit of: (Interactors will vote on this.)

Tuesday, November 26, 10:15-11:00 am, West High School COVE - WAPI production for benefit of: (Interactors will

vote on this.)

Interact Makes More P-B Sandwiches

by Wicks, Sandra

I was informed that the new West High Interact Club started by Tam Agosti-Gisler made 78 peanut butter sandwiches this week for the Brother Francis Shelter. A picture of the Interactors at work is attached.



AER Community Service Grants Announcement

by Slinker, Amy

The grant applications submitted this year were outstanding. There are many phenomenal programs and projects Alaskans are undertaking. Congratulations to the following non-profit organizations and projects selected by the Anchorage East Rotary Community Service Grants Committee:

Alaska Mission of Mercy
Alaska Pride Media Club
Anchorage South Rotary – Dictionary Project
Arc of Anchorage – Van Retrofit
Creekside Park Elementary School / Beans Café Thanksgiving Project

Creekside Park Elementary School / Special Olympics Partners
Girl Scouts of Alaska – Camp Singing Hills Project
Imagination Libraries/Best Beginnings

Prior to the selection process, the AER Board approved a \$5,000 grant for maintenance on the Mobile Food Pantry.

We have invited these organizations to visit our club in the future to talk to us about the impact the grant has on their project.

Many thanks to the grants committee and to all of the club members who worked on grant applications and assisted organizations with their applications!

Foundation Auction - Donation Request

by Rognes, Kris



The AER Rotary Foundation Auction will be Tuesday, December 3rd, 2013.

The Foundation Committee respectfully request that we please turn in all donations **before Thanksgiving.**

This will allow the committee and the wonderful staff at the Hotel Captain Cook (under Raquel Edelen's superior leadership) plenty of time to prepare for the gala evening.

All you have to do is pull up to the Captain Cook valet service, hand your donation items to them, and let them know it is for the Rotary Auction.

EASY!!!

Need some ideas for auction items? See the interesting list provided by Tam later in this newsletter.

Foundation Auction - Donation IDEAS

by Agosti-Gisler, Tam

The annual foundation auction will be held DECEMBER 3rd.

Here are some GREAT Auction donation ideas.

Almost everybody has a **hobby**, **talent**, or **resource** that they can auction off. Be creative! Let some of these ideas get your creative juices flowing!

Do you cook or bake?

- * Offer to bake your specialty creation for the highest bidder.
- * Offer to cater a dinner for 6 where you serve a favorite recipe.
- * Auction off making a birthday cake for somebody else's child.
- * Auction off a lesson where you teach others how to bake your signature creation.

Do you sew, knit, quilt, paint, or do photography?

- * Auction off a hand knit scarf made to the specs of the highest bidder.
- * Offer a quilted item.
- * Auction off a homemade Halloween costume for next year.
- * Offer a completed painting or offer a commission.
- * Offer a photography "sitting" with photos.

Do you have a hobby you can share?

- * Complete a scrapbook for the highest bidder, or offer to teach scrapbooking to others.
- * Teach the highest bidder how to tie flies or master fly-fishing.
- * Offer a guided expedition to your favorite berry patch or fishing hole.
- * Auction off some free tech support to the highest bidder.
- * Offer a "geo-caching" party or a day out in your kayak.

Do you have a resource you'd be willing to share?

- * Auction your vacation home for a week to the highest bidder.
 - * Offer your cabin for a weekend getaway.
 - * Share your kayak, boat, raft, RV, four wheelers, or other Alaskan toys for a day's adventure.
 - * Auction off babysitting, snow shoveling, lawn mowing, tutoring, music lessons, leaf raking, or whatever talent you might have.
- (Ideas shamelessly stolen from the Chugach Optional school newsletter as they solicit items for their auction!)

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 October 21-27 - This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about: **POLIO**

"Some Rotarians have had the privilege of working with polio survivors to support PolioPlus, and what an inspiration those survivors can be! Clearly, no one understands the need to eradicate polio better than those who struggled with the disease. They challenge us to achieve that final 1 percent and complete this eradication goal, this task of epic proportions. The final stages of eradication will be difficult and when considering a worldwide challenge, the numbers can sometimes be overwhelming. Perhaps it would help to think of it this way: Because you and I prevented polio, somewhere in the world a healthy child is happily playing in the sun. On behalf of all those children, thank you!" -Rotarian Terry Toone

Solomon's groaner of the week!

by Solomon, Gregory

Q. What do you call a witch in the desert?
A. A sandwich

Advertise with Rotary!

by Drew, Michelle

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!?

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!