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Rotary Club of Anchorage East

EastWind

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Tue Dec 10, 2013

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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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[New Member Proposed - Laurie Lacey](#)

Posted by Sally Archer on Dec 10, 2013

"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 bjbecka@gci.net. Thank you for your help in bringing qualified leaders to Rotary."

I care about my community because this is MY community. I am a born and raised Alaskan, which means that giving back through charitable events isn't just about touching a few lives. I am looking to join rotary because giving back to my community in any way possible ensures more jobs, cleaner streets, happier people and a healthier economy for our future generations. Our actions ripple out and touch so many more than we can possibly imagine, and that is why I feel rotary is such a great fit for me, because from everything I have heard, rotarians are the first group I have encountered that are actually cognizant of that fact.



[New Member Proposed - Heather Merewood](#)

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Heather Merewood started as Executive Director of Bird Treatment and Learning Center (Bird TLC) in August of 2011. She has over 10 years of experience working with non-profits and birds of prey. She began working with birds in Northern Minnesota at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning

**International Service
Committee Meeting**
Home of Duff Pfanner
Dec 19, 2013 05:30 AM

AERIE Meeting
Alaska Bagel Restaurant
Dec 19, 2013 07:30 AM

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Center. There she saw for the first time how great an impact a live bird can have on a student. "The students gain an infinitely richer understanding of the birds and the impact we as humans can have on the natural environment," Heather says.

Heather moved from Minnesota to North Carolina to work at Carolina Raptor Center. There, as Director of Education, she worked with and trained a wide variety of raptor species, and headed up a successful Education Department. She supervised the education staff, two groups of volunteers and started an education intern program. She also was involved with starting the free-flight bird show at Carolina Raptor Center.

After leaving North Carolina, and en route to Alaska, Heather spent six months working at Himalayan Raptor Rescue, Nepal's first and only raptor center. There she had the experience of literally flying with Egyptian vultures and black kites, soaring alongside them while on a paraglider.

When she's not at Bird TLC, Heather spends her free time exploring the beautiful trails and woods of Alaska with her husband and young daughter, Kestrel.



English Camp Update

Posted by Kathleen Madden on Dec 07, 2013

Hello English Camp Volunteers,

We are excited about English Camp next [Saturday, December 14th](#).
WHERE: [Anchorage Literacy Project Building 1345 Rudakof Circle](#).
(this is across from the Costco on Debarr. Turn on Rudakof which is between Denny's and Credit Union 1)

We won't know how many students we will have but hoping for 35+.

Here is a rundown of how things will work:

1. Please **ARRIVE at between 8:15 -8:30** to help set up and get organized. Muffins available to eat.
We will need a few people to greet and sign in the students.
[WEAR ROTARY INSIGNIA clothes if you have them.](#)
2. Camp will run from **9:00 am to 3:00 pm** **Please let me know if you will be there all day or what part of the day. This is a make-up for Rotarians.**
3. We will serve **lunch**. *Please refrain from getting your lunch until ALL students have received food.*
We will have the students go to the food line in shifts so we don't have a big crowd at once.
Sharon Sullivan is coordinating food and some of you have volunteered to help with that.
(Anne Marie Moylan, Bruce Phelps, Sandra Wicks)
4. Students will be split in 3 groups (Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced)
There will be a main teacher for each group: Tam Agosti Gisler, Kathleen Madden & Shirley Nelson
We will **need volunteers in all 3 classrooms** to assist when students break into groups.

The instructor will tell guide you in the activities.

5. We will need to leave the building in the same shape it was in when we arrived.

Need people to vacume, and help clean up from 3:00 to 3:30.

ANY QUESTIONS...please contact me.

Kathleen Madden
Rotary Club of Anchorage East

End Polio Now

Posted by Michelle Drew on Dec 07, 2013

Countries across the Middle East are launching special campaigns to vaccinate 23 million children in response to the polio outbreak in Syria, while cases have tapered off in the Horn of Africa; and progress has continued in the three polio-endemic countries, providing an incredible opportunity to turn off the polio tap at the source.

Between them, Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan have seen an almost 40% reduction in cases compared to this time last year, and wild poliovirus type 3 hasn't been spotted anywhere in the world in more than 12 months. As the Polio Oversight Board stated recently:

"The upcoming low transmission season (November to April) in countries currently affected by polio transmission will be crucial, and we agreed that endemic country plans could be further refined to capitalize on this unprecedented opportunity."

Want to know more: <http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=1519be1cd815ed6195660c2c8&id=bfe50f662c&e=3984380e2d>

Submitted by Bob Weel

District 5010 Polio Plus Chair

International Service Committee

Posted by Jaime Fink on Dec 07, 2013

The Refugee Assistance Sub-Committee under the Community Service Committee is using a \$5,000 District grant to purchase beds for incoming Refugees in the Refugee Assistance Program of Catholic Social Services (CSS) this year. Of the \$5,000, \$50 will be used to purchase fruit for the Refugee Services Holiday Event on December 19th from 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM.

According to Karen Ferguson of CSS: " **The Helping Holidays Event is a gathering for refugees and sponsoring groups to come together to provide the newly arrived refugees with their holiday gifts. The refugees invited have all been in the US only since January 2013 or less so they have not been in the US during the winter holidays. This event welcomes them to the US by matching them with a community group/ family who provide some holiday gifts for the refugee household.**"

Would any Rotarians be interested in providing gifts to the Refugees for the Holiday event on the 19th? There are 6 individuals left who have not been sponsored for gifts and still need a match. Some of the items requested are as follows: socks, gloves, messenger bags, school supplies, blankets, laundry baskets, tea kettles, towels, and other household goods. We invite any interested Rotarians to attend the Event and we are also available to collect any donated NEW items from you at the next two lunch meetings for distribution on the 19th.

For additional information, please contact me directly by email or phone.

Thanks,

Jaime Fink
Rotary Club of Anchorage East

Boom's Beans!

Posted by Barbara Kagerer on Dec 07, 2013

Boom and I created a special bean soup mix to auction off at the Foundation auction this week. Generous donors knew it really was "the soup that prevents polio", each jar bringing in \$100 for the Foundation.

Boom moves to his second host family on Sunday, Dec. 8, the home of member Duff Pfanner and Kathy Atkinson. We have enjoyed hosting him very much, and will miss him!

If you want to get in touch with Boom, please contact Marjori Poggas, Sandra Wicks, Barbara Kagerer, Kathleen Madden, or Duff Pfanner. Or speak to him at a meeting.
(For safety reasons we are prohibited from publishing his cell phone number).



New AER Member Sharon Sullivan Donates 3 !!! Scholarships

Posted by Sandra Wicks on Dec 07, 2013

Relatively new AER member, Sharon Sullivan, has donated \$900 for three scholarships through the Puerto Vallarta Sur Rotary club specifically to help graduating high school seniors complete their education. Please thank Sharon when you see her at Rotary, since you will recognize her from this picture. There are still 3 seniors who have been on the scholarship program for years who do not have sponsors for their final year of high school. If you can help, please talk to Sandra Wicks. We are going to be doing a special AER scholarship presentation in Puerto Vallarta on January 9 when Shirley Nelson, Cliff Baker and Bruce Phelps will be there to participate.



End Polio Now - Mexico

Posted by Sandra Wicks on Dec 07, 2013



When I was in Puerto Vallarta in November, the Rotary club I attend there put on an End Polio Now event. About 80 Rotarians and family members showed up at the sports complex on the main avenue in PV at 8 a.m. (yes! 8 a.m.) on a Sunday morning for an End Polio Now Run/Walk.

The Rotary club sold End Polio Now tee shirts for 100 pesos to each participant and we walked (most of us) a 5 KM circuit along the "main drag", so we made a big red "splash" moving along the course. I found it entirely too hot to actually wear my tee shirt, but I "sported" it on my back tucked into the straps of my summer top. Duff Pfanner and his wife also participated (see photo in companion article) as did Lara, an exchange student from Germany.



New Rotarian Experiences International Service

Posted by Duff Pfanner on Dec 07, 2013

Just a few months after joining Anchorage East Rotary (AER) I had an amazing introduction to International Service. My wife, Kathy Atkinson, and I have been vacationing in Puerto Vallarta (PVR) Mexico for several years. We spent the month of November in PVR this year and I had my very first visit to another Rotary club in El Tuito, Mexico. El Tuito is located about an hour south of PVR. Due to quite a number of visiting Rotarians, including Sandra Wicks from AER, the meeting was held outside in the town square. It was a memorable meeting not only because it was outside, but for the coincidence that the El Tuito club was chartered on almost the same day I joined Rotary.

After the breakfast meeting with the El Tuito Rotary club, we traveled another two hours on very rugged roads to the village of Los Corrales to deliver the last 60 water filters from AER's International grant. Members from the Puerto Vallarta SUR (PV SUR) and El Tuito clubs assisted with delivery of the water filters and provided training in their use.

I observed that Los Corrales has much in common with isolated Alaskan Native villages; semi-subsistence lifestyle, inadequate sanitation, limited access to education, health care and employment. And I learned that previously the residents of Los Corrales had purchased purified water if they could afford it. The cost for purified water in Los Corrales is around 30 pesos (\$2.50 US) for about five gallons and the average family might use about ten gallons a day.

Members of PV SUR told me that the average daily wage in the PVR area was only fifty pesos (probably less in Los Corrales, if there are even any paying jobs). The water filtration buckets will make a huge difference economically for this community and for the health of the residents.

The PV SUR club is incredibly active and I was able to attend all of their meetings in November and participate in a number of their activities. This included fundraisers for a new medical clinic and an orphanage. We made a visit to a PV SUR sponsored kitchen that feeds a weekly meal to residents who live near the Puerto Vallarta dump. We saw the Volcanes School where PV SUR has renovated unused class rooms for English classes, computer classes and a library. My wife and I, along with Sandra Wicks and members of PV SUR, walked three miles in downtown PVR promoting the "End Polio" now program. And finally my wife and I attended a PV SUR Becas (scholarship) presentation where we were able to meet a college student for whom we provided a scholarship in

August and a high school student for whom we provided a scholarship in November. While the college student was pretty reserved, his mother was ecstatic because the funds will allow him to stay in college. It was clear how critical the financial assistance was for this young man.

I can truly say that in the month of November, through our Rotary experience3s, we had fun, made friends and saw the good that Rotary does.



Interact Needs Volunteers

Posted by Tam Agosti-Gisler on Dec 07, 2013

I'm looking for a Rotary volunteer to speak at an Interact Global Lunch at West High School Friday, January 10th from 10:30 to 11:00 am on deforestation and fuel scarcity as well as pizza box solar cookers. These are incredible students!! Any takers?? Call Tam 240-2345

See links for background info: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deforestation>
<http://www.al-solar.org/newsletters/2009-03/Making%20a%20Pizza%20Box%20Solar%20Oven.pdf>

INTERACT GLOBATHEME THREE- ISSUE: Deforestation & fuel scarcity

Friday, January 10 - Solar cookers/Fuel efficient stove presentation by East Anchorage Rotarians

Tuesday, January 14 - Make Solar pizza box cookers

Tuesday, January 21 - Make Solar pizza box cookers

Tuesday, January 28 - Test solar pizza box cookers to make s'mores.



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@alaskausainurance.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. & nbsp;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 07, 2013

Week of December 7 - This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about: **LEAVING YOUR LEGACY**

"The Rotary Foundation has helped touch lives all over the world by putting polio drops in mouths of children, digging wells so clean water is available for drinking and bathing, providing education opportunities, and much more. By becoming a member of the Bequest Society, you can help ensure that important projects like these continue in the future. If the projects and programs that Rotary completes today are important to you, then please become a Bequest Society member so that Rotary is secure for tomorrow." - Rotarian Jean Waltke



Solomon's groaner of the week!

Posted by Gregory Solomon

A thief who stole a calendar . . . got twelve months.



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

Current Club Committees

Committee	Role
Team December	