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District 5010 Monthly Newsletter

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News from District Governor Jane Little

August is Membership & Extension Month



Greetings for October!

Here it is October already and I'm still on the road with my club visits in Alaska and the Yukon this month. The best part of being District Governor is being able to visit the clubs, see all the exciting projects and activities that we do in Rotary and meet with all our Rotarians.

After finishing my club visits in Russia, I started the North American visits in the far north to avoid winter weather, if possible, so I was off to Nome, Barrow, and Fairbanks. I made it through their visits and it was just getting really cold in Fairbanks the last two days I was there. Low and behold – I returned to Anchorage just in time to catch the first snowfall of the season - in Anchorage!

Nome's biggest project is to make East End Park family friendly, with a jogging path, fire pit, BBQs, and picnic areas. It is quite an undertaking and will be beautiful when it is completed. Barrow had a new member to induct and they were getting ready for their Health Fair. For a small club, they have three pages of projects that they are working on in their community. The hospitality was wonderful and I always enjoy myself when I go to Nome and Barrow!

Girdwood knows how to have fun, too, and it was a lively meeting, with a new member inducted. I was happy to have one of their Rotarians bring his two small children to the meeting! I really believe that we need to bring young children and grandchildren to our meetings so they are introduced to service and grow up and stay involved. We've gotten away from that tradition and it would be nice to bring it back.

College, Golden Heart, North Pole, Fairbanks-Aurora Borealis Rotaract, and Fairbanks were my next visits. Every club has its own individual mix of members and projects and it makes me realize more and more that Rotary provides all of us with a unique opportunity to work on projects and interact with each other and our communities according to our 4-Way Test - beneficial to all. I am happy to report that the Rotaract club in Fairbanks is very active, with young people just as enthusiastic and involved as the Eastern Russian Rotaractors. We just need more Rotaract and Interact Clubs on the North American side of our district.

The four clubs in the Mat-Su Valley are very healthy (Susitna, Wasilla Sunrise, Wasilla, and Palmer). One observation is that the morning clubs I have attended (Fairbanks Sunrisers and Wasilla Sunrisers) seem to have lively, animated meetings, and who would expect it at 7:00am?

District Governor's Club Visit Schedule October - December

October

- 1 – Anchorage International
- 5 – Seward
- 12 – Kodiak Noon
- 13 - Kodiak Morning
- 14 - Eagle River
- 15 – Anchorage Gateway
- 18 - 19 – Ketchikan 1st City
- 19 – Ketchikan 2000
- 20 – Petersburg
- 21 - 23 – Whitehorse
- 25 - 26 – Sitka
- 27 - 29 – Juneau
- 27 – Glacier Valley
Juneau Rotaract
- 28 – Juneau
Juneau Gastineau

November

- 8 – Anchorage
- 15 – Kenai
- 16 – Kenai River, Soldotna
- 17 – Homer Downtown
- 18 – Homer Kachemak Bay
- 30 – Russian Jack

December

- 1 - Anchorage East
- 2 - Soldotna
- 8 - Anchorage Midtown
- 9 - Anchorage Hillside
Anchorage South

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Deadline for District and club news, including club events, activities and fund-raisers is the 20th of the month.

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News from District Governor Jane Little
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Where's Jane this month?

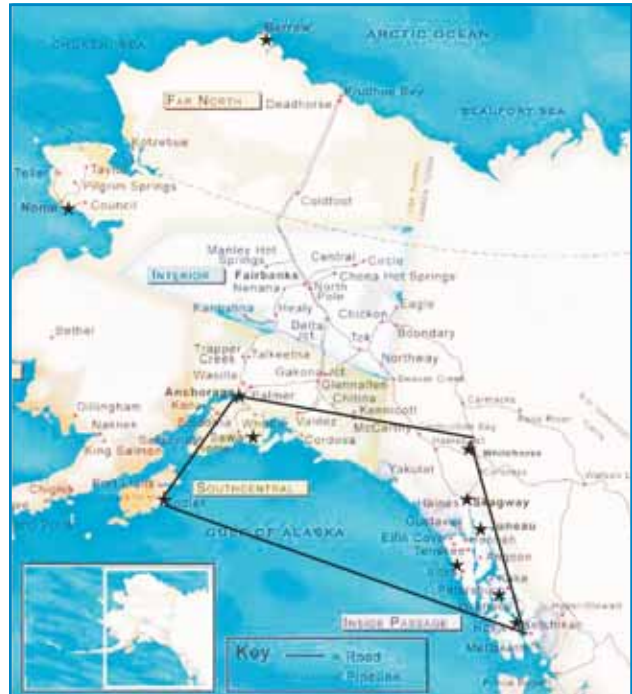
My Assistant Governors are taking such good care of me that I don't have to worry about the club visit details and I'm able to spend time with club members at the meetings when I arrive. I enjoy hearing about all the projects and fund-raising activities and I am delighted that there is so much support for the End Polio Now program!

Remember November is Rotary Foundation Month and I look forward to hearing what you have planned to support The Rotary Foundation. Until next month...

Let's keep on Building Communities
Bridging Continents!



[Russian Translation on Page 3]



World Polio Day inspires 2-for-1 recognition
by John T. Osterlund, General Manager, Rotary Foundation

As you may know, Sunday, 24 October 2010 is World Polio Day. In honor of World Polio Day, The Rotary Foundation is happy to announce 2-for-1 recognition points for every on-line contribution of US\$100 or more made to PolioPlus during October 18-24, 2010.

Rotarians may go to www.rotary.org/contribute to make their on-line contribution. They will need to have registered with Rotary's Member Access, which gives members access to on-line services and features. Register for Member Access at www.rotary.org/memberaccess.

Please note that contributions on www.rotary.org/contribute are in US dollars and will receive a US tax receipt. Donors will need to print the tax receipt at the time of donation. Also,

on-line contributions cannot be made on behalf of another individual, club or district.

We expect to have a high volume of on-line traffic associated with this promotion. Please allow 4-6 weeks for the promotional points to appear. Once the promotional points have appeared in their accounts, donors may request their recognition materials.

I hope you will join me in contributing on-line to PolioPlus in honor of World Polio Day. Together we will End Polio Now.





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Октябрьские новости!

Вот и наступил октябрь, а я все еще посещаю клубы на Аляске и Юкон. Возможность посетить клубы, ознакомиться с проектами и деятельностью клубов, встреча с ротарианцами – вот что является самой прекрасной обязанностью Губернатора.

После завершения поездки по российским клубам, т.к. впереди зима я начала посещение клубов Аляски и Юкона с самых северных клубов – Ноум, Барроу и Фейрбанк. Я уже заканчивала посещение клубов в Фейрбанксе, когда там наступили первые холода. Я вернулась в Анкоридж, а там выпал первый снег!

Самый большой проект клуба в Ноуме – облагораживание территории Ист Енд Парка – там разбили пешеходные дорожки, сделали место для барбекю и пикника. По завершению проекта, парк будет выглядеть великолепно. В Барроу приняли в клуб нового члена, а также клуб готовится к проведению ярмарки здоровья. Клуб там небольшой, но у них на трех страницах расписаны проекты, которые они планируют сделать в своем городке. Оба клуба были очень гостеприимны и я всегда получаю удовольствие от посещения этих клубов.

В Гирдвуде знают как повеселиться. Встреча прошла в очень живой обстановке, был принят в клуб один член. Один из ротарианцев привел на заседание двух своих маленьких детей, чем очень меня обрадовал. Я уверена, что нам всем нужно приводить на заседания своих детей и внуков, чтобы они знали, чем мы занимаемся, и когда они вырастут, они будут заниматься тем же, чем и мы. Мы потеряли эту традицию, и ее надо возродить.

Следующий визит был в клубы Фейрбанкса. Каждый из клубов индивидуален как по составу, так и по проектам, что еще раз подтверждает тот факт, что Ротари дает нам всем возможность работать над проектами и взаимодействовать друг с другом согласно 4-х стороннему ротарианскому вопроснику. Я с удовольствием довожу до вас информацию, что Ротаракт в Фейрбанксе очень активен. Это молодые, инициативные люди, такие же как и в российской части и нашего округа. Нам просто нужно больше Ротаракт и Интеракт клубов в североамериканской части округа.

Все четыре клуба в Мат-Сью Валеи чувствуют себя прекрасно. Одно то, что клуб Санрейзерз в Фейрбанксе собирается на заседание в 7 часов утра, и заседание проходит в непринужденной и живой обстановке говорит о многом, не так ли?

Все мои помощники настолько заботятся обо мне, что мне не приходится волноваться о деталях, и я могу посвятить все время посещая клуб на то, что встречаюсь и общаюсь с членами клубов, слушаю об их проектах и фанрайзинговых мероприятиях. Мне очень лестно, что повсеместно уделяется огромное внимание программе по борьбе с полиомиелитом.

Помните, что ноябрь – месячник Фонда Ротари и я надеюсь услышать о ваших планах по Фонду Ротари. До следующего месяца.....

Помогая городу – сближаем континенты!

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District 5010 Clubs join to build school in Nicaragua

By Chuck Cook, Rotary Club of Soldotna

Wow, is all we can say about this unique District 5010 International Service Project to Masaya, Nicaragua. September 5th thru 12th 2010, twenty six people from nine different Rotary Clubs stretching from Canada, to Russia, and all over Alaska joined together under the banner of Rotary to build an eight class-room school in two weeks!

This project began from last year's Wheelchair Distribution of 820 wheelchairs. During the September 2009 Wheelchair project we visited the Masaya, Nicaraguan School. The pollution and fumes from this LARGE POWER PLANT directly across the street were poisoning the school children and teachers. This sparked the momentum for which the Soldotna Rotary Club joined together Clubs throughout District 5010 to partner again with the Masaya Nicaragua RC.

This Rotary project began when the Nicaraguan based Project Hope, a cooperating organization, helped organize this school construction project. The trip was filled with lots of construction work but, we also allowed time to share with the 80 volunteer Nicaraguan workers and over 100 students the values of the Four Way Test. Each work day we highlighted a different country, one day it was Russia, then Canada, and Alaska. Other team members shared about their countries of Columbia, Cameroon, Chile,

and Sweden. The students and workers learned that Rotary is truly an International Service Organization.

Team One, a Project Hope team from Missouri jump started this project followed by Team Two, the District 5010 team; successfully working together to see this dream of a new school become a reality for these children. Team work was

defined with a clear goal to finish this school in two weeks! Both teams working together with the Nicaraguan volunteers sharing leadership gave us the commitment to see this project completed. Everyone's abilities were needed; the team was full of average people with little or no construction skills, just a heart for "Service Above Self." The new school will be completed and ready to open in a few short weeks.



Al Fedoriak, PDG District 5010, laying block.



New school under construction



Masaya school children.



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The enthusiasm started September 2009 when a Soldotna Rotarian, Leonor Fraser, said, “We need to move this school!” Joining in this enthusiasm was Sister Ernestina, head teacher and Catholic Sister from Cameroon Africa who has been in Nicaragua for 8 years. She had dreamed of a new, safe, pollution-free place for the children to be able to study, and grow. The children are the future of this developing country where unemployment can reach as high as 91%. The average wage can be as low as \$.75 an hour. This “Building Communities Bridging Continents” project was a perfect example of bringing people, young and old, Rotarians, Interact, and Rotaract from Alaska, Russia, Canada, Columbia, Nicaragua, Chile and Cameroon together to be the hands and feet of Rotary.

Thanks again to District 5010 for approving the 2-to-1 matching grant that will provide school desks, teacher tables, bookshelf’s, computers, goats and chickens for this impoverished school. Our friends from Taiwan’s Taipei Tin-Harbour Rotary Club have joined in with a substantial donation. In addition, Kenai Peninsula 4-H raised funds at



Student holding much needed school supplies.



The team

the Alaska State fair, and Rotaract of Anchorage had several fund raisers to raise additional funds to provide much needed school supplies.

This project was bigger than any one person, yet small enough so each of us can make a difference. We hope after hearing about this project you too are empowered to Serve Above Self and jump into the power of Rotary! It only took one person with an idea to build the momentum and see this School become a reality. The power of Rotary is in your hands... let’s get to work; there are many more things that need to be done!

World Polio Day offers unique opportunity for giving
by Robert Weel,

The United Nations has named Sunday, October 24 as World Polio Day. Rotarians around the world are planning events in celebration of this day. “**What could you and your club do**”.

In San Francisco approximately 2000 people are expected to walk across the Golden Gate Bridge along with RI President Ray. A lighting of the Ferry Terminal with END POLIO NOW is planned for the evening.

In the week leading up to this event, The Rotary Foundation will be offering 2-for-1 recognition credit for every contribution of US \$100.00 or more made to polio **on- line**. [See related story, page 2.] What an opportunity

to complete the job. To qualify, though, your donation must be made on-line.

Making a donation on-line is much less expensive than processing checks through the bank. This opportunity will be open to all Rotarians worldwide for one week. If you have made the commitment to contribute to The Foundation, and in particular Polio, this is a wonderful opportunity to leverage your dollars like you never dreamt was possible. Rotarians, let’s give an early Christmas present to the children of the world. Please help Rotarians worldwide **END POLIO NOW**.



Club Focus – Anchorage

Anchorage Rotary Club to create teen center

Anchorage Rotary Club has undertaken the goal of designing, fund-raising, and building a teen center in the Z.J. Loussac library as one of president Cheryl Myers' pet projects during her year of leadership. Fellow Rotarian Carol Butler is leading a team of 15 talented, resourceful, and determined Anchorage Rotarians who are working behind the scenes to open the center prior to the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Currently there is no dedicated space in the library for teens; rather their resources are combined in the same area on the second floor with preschool and grade school aged children. The new space will be in the SW corner on the third level and will be enclosed in glass modular walls. It will include the latest technology, a flat screen TV, a new teen collection and colorful, moveable furniture for group gatherings and/or study areas. Rules for a logo contest are currently being designed by library staff to be distributed to 12-18 year old students. The winning logo designer will receive an ipad for their efforts and the logo will be imprinted on the entryway door into the teen center and used in all marketing materials. The Friends of the Library awarded a \$5,000 donation for a new teen collection for this space and corporate donations are being actively pursued. If you'd like further details, contact Carol Butler at carolbutler@gci.net or 244-1800.

Raffle to benefit Rainbow Connection Center

The Anchorage Rotary Club chooses a local nonprofit organization to raise funds for each

year. This year, President Cheryl Myers chose The Rainbow Connection Therapeutic Horseback Riding Center to be the recipient of the club's fund-raising efforts. A Raffle Committee was formed to plan a program to raise at least \$25,000 for this organization.



The Raffle Committee worked with the Rotary Club in Steamboat Springs, CO to come up with a destination package swap to benefit both clubs. Each club had to find their own airfare, but then each club provided 5 nights of accommodations, one meal and 1-2 activities for the winner to

enjoy. This worked out very well and both packages were worth about \$3,000 each. The trip to Steamboat Springs includes round trip airfare for two and two days of skiing for two, as well as five nights accommodation in a condominium.

The committee was also successful in acquiring three other top notch prizes from local vendors to round out the prize list for the raffle. These include a fishing trip for four out of Seward, a \$750 gift card to Sportsman's Warehouse, and a \$500 gift card to Allure Day Spa.

Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Raffle tickets are being sold to club members, all other Rotary clubs, businesses, family, and friends throughout the community. Any remaining tickets will be sold at Rainbow Connection's Black Tie Cowboy Ball on 11/12/10. Winning tickets will be pulled during that event.



Rotary District 5010 Assembly & Conference
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<http://homer.rotary5010conference.org>



Club Focus – Projects

Anchorage club planning major events

by Jon Deisher

We have a group of about 25 Anchorage Rotary Club members, family members and friends planning to go to India Feb. 10-21. The trip includes Polio Immunization in the Mewat District, in cooperation with the Megapolis Rotary Club of Delhi India; a tour of central India high points, including tours of Dehli, Jaipur-Ranthambhor (Tiger Preserve Safari), and Agra City and the Taj Mahal; and “Polio Awareness Rallies” at various villages along the way. Following this trip, 12 to 14 people will participate in a Friendship Exchange with the Rotary Club of Chandigarh in Punjab State in the Northwest region of India. For more information contact Jon Deisher: 622-1960W/360-5432, deisher@me.com.

Pillars of America Speaker Series — Pillars is a program of the several Anchorage Rotary Clubs, with participation from Rotarians throughout Anchorage. The chair this year is Lynn Spivey (pillarsofamerica@gmail.com.) The mission of Pillars, with financial support from Rotary and business sponsorship, is to promote citizenship, self-esteem, and personal responsibility among local high school students by bringing inspirational speakers to address them over sponsored lunches. Speakers are chosen specifically for their message to youth. We are in the selection process for our speakers for Feb 1 and 16th. We are seeking local speakers that are attractive for school youth.

Soldotna Club Can Use Your Help!

Soldotna Rotary Club is sending “Troop Support Care Packages” to military personnel serving in Afghanistan and Iraq and we could use your help! We need mailing addresses for American and Canadian Service men and women serving overseas. The “Care Packages” are a gift from our Club as a way to say “Thank You for your Service”. Each package contains items not normally available to Troops serving in the

Field. Packages may include paperback books, beef jerky, candy and gum, toothpaste and brushes, snacks and energy bars, lip balm and sunscreen, and a variety of items that are useful or may be used as gifts for local children. If you know of American or Canadian military service personnel that might like to receive a “Care Package” please send their mailing address to: Allen Auxier, Soldotna Rotary Club, P. O. Box 2486, Soldotna, AK 99669

Kenai Rotarians Help Build Park

by Matt Wilson

Rotarians with the Kenai Rotary Club in Kenai, Alaska are teaming up with the City Of Kenai to build a community park.



Several Rotarians showed up on Thursday, September 16, 2010 to help pour concrete into forms that had been built previously to support 2 new picnic shelters for the community. The Club will construct the shelters as well as fire pits and a horse shoe pit. The community park will also include a new parking area and trail around the lake.

Wasilla Fund-raiser swells club coffers

By Michael Combs



Wasilla club’s gala auction fund-raiser attracted a crowd of 130 Rotarians and community members to the August event. When the evening was over, Wasilla had raised

\$15,000 to add to its coffers to support its various projects during the 2010-2011 year.



Club Focus – Fund-raisers

Fairbanks clubs celebrate Foundation Month with Annual Gala

In celebration of Rotary Foundation Month, the 2nd Annual Rotary Gala hosts internationally recognized Rotarian Ezra Teshome. Mr. Teshome will speak at the evening event on November 12, 2010, with proceeds from the Gala and silent auction benefiting Rotary International and local Rotary service projects.

Ezra Teshome and his 35-member team were part of the 2005 national immunization campaign that reached 16 million children. Ezra's dedication to the polio eradication effort led *Time Magazine* to honor him that year as one of the top 10 global health heroes at their Global Health Summit. Other humanitarian projects spearheaded by Mr. Teshome include arrangement of delivery of ambulances to his home country, providing low-cost housing for the poor and establishing micro-credit programs to help families become self-sufficient. His continuing humanitarian efforts in Ethiopia have resulted in the World Affairs Council announcement that Ezra will receive the "2010 World Citizen" award.

The 2nd Annual Rotary Gala is hosted by the Aurora Borealis Rotaract, College Rotary Club Fairbanks, Golden Heart Rotary of Fairbanks, North Pole Rotary

Club, Rotary Club of Fairbanks (Downtown), and Rotary Club of Fairbanks Sunrisers and will be held at the Fairbanks Princess Hotel, 4477 Pikes Landing Rd, Fairbanks. Cocktails and the silent auction begin at 6:00 p.m.; dinner is served at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. For tickets or event information, contact 5010 Assistant Governor Peggy Pollen, at 452-6852 or e-mail peggy@ntalaska.com.



Ezra Teshome administering polio vaccine in his native Ethiopia.

Homer Downtown Trip/Cash Raffle continues

The Rotary Club of Homer Downtown will continue to sell tickets for its Trip/Cash raffle until the drawing is held on December 15. The winner has the option of choosing a dream vacation of his or her choice worth \$4,000 or taking the cash. The 2009 winner opted for cash and parlayed that into a down payment on a winter house in Colorado.



The 2009 winner

Proceeds go toward the club's youth-oriented projects.

Tickets cost \$25 or \$100 for five, and are available from any club member, or by sending a check to Rotary Club of Homer Downtown, PO Box 57, Homer, AK 99603. Make checks payable to Bridges/Homer Downtown Rotary Club.

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