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Rotary Club of Anchorage Gateway eBulletin Gateway

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Upcoming Events

Gateway Rotary Park Clean Up
Aug 19 2010 - Aug 19 2010

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President's Corner

by Vittorio Montemezzani

Regular Meeting 08/06/2010

President's comments, notes and announcements.

We had a busy and fulfilling meeting, beginning with a Rotarian guest from Haines, Florida. Mr. Tom Broadway was very excited about his first visit to Alaska and we were glad he chose our Club for make-up. Pictures were taken and our "colors" will be shown in Florida pretty soon.

Speakers: Kevin Curtis gave a presentation on a new CPR program called "Family & Friends CPR Anytime" a self-directed learning program that effectively teaches the core skills of CPR in about 20 minutes time. Following his presentation the Club expressed the possibility of making a Family Event for all our members, families and friends.

The usual reminder that we need to fill our calendar with pertinent speakers. Jim and Dana will try to fill it by inviting speakers from a list available to them. I also reminded that each Organization which has received funds from our 2010 distribution has to send a representative to one of our meeting.

Bulletin: it is improving by the week and I really invite each member to read it. It is the diary of the Club.

Literacy - Muldoon school Reading: Linda read a very thoughtful letter received from the Librarian thanking for the worthwhile efforts done on helping young students on their reading skills. For the content of the letter and photos simply click on the following link (located on our Website under the tab "downloads")

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5010/2440/HTML/99649/GatewayLiteracyPrograms.pdf>

District 5010 and Russia: We had a question and answer session on the pros and cons of separating Rotary Russian Club from District 5010 while forming their own new Rotary District. Our AG Diane F. just happened to be at our meeting so we were able to use also her expertise on finding answers to various questions. At the end there were no objections from the membership so I followed up by sending our Club Resolution of consensus to our Governor to ask RI for a District separation from Russian Rotary Clubs.

DISTRICT 5010 NEWSLETTER: Get August Newsletter by clicking this link
<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5010/2440/html/99602/District%20Newsletter%20Aug%202010.pdf>

Upcoming events: Don't forget to check the site page of the bulletin for listing of upcoming events (including next Park clean up). Please SIGN UP right on our web site under "Event Registration".

Club Member Happy notes

by *Loredana Di Cecco*

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPY MOMENTS.

Ron was the lucky bidder for the month of August NO FINE button. While the Club will enjoy his \$35, Ron was delighted to be able to illustrate all the fine activities which were going to happen at the Northway Mall during the week end.

Mary B. share few happy dollars to tell us the celebrations going on at the Alaska Museum of Natural History in Mountainview.

Representative from Rotaract reminded us and was looking for more participants on the grueling softball game between East and Downtown Rotary Clubs happening this coming Wednesday at 6 pm.

Birthday & Anniversary Report

Date Range : August 7 to August 13

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Birthdays

Member Name	Birthday
No member(s) have birthdays within this range.	

Anniversaries

Member Name	Anniversary / Spouse Name
Carey, Owen	August 7 (Jeannie)
Di Cecco, Loredana	August 11 (Vittorio)
Montemezzani, Vittorio	August 11 (Loredana)

Club Anniversaries

Member Name	Induction Date / Number of Years (Effective the day of induction this year)
No member(s) have club anniversaries within this range.	

RI Corner - Haiti

by *Vittorio Montemezzani*

Rotary begins plan of action in Haiti
By Ryan Hyland
Rotary International News -- 3 August 2010

More than six months after Haiti sustained a massive earthquake, Rotary clubs and account holders of the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund are beginning to allocate resources to help rebuild schools, provide prosthetics, and equip thousands with adequate shelter.

Despite assistance from around the world, the situation in Haiti remains bleak. An estimated 1.5 million Haitians still live in tent cities, while billions of dollars in aid from foreign countries has yet to materialize. Debris from 280,000 destroyed homes and buildings clogs the streets of Port-au-Prince.

Rotarians have contributed more than US\$2 million to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, a donor advised fund set up by The Rotary Foundation.

"By beginning the work on many of the projects, we anticipate that additional funds will be contributed by Rotarians who are motivated to continue that help," says Past RI Vice President Eric E. Lacoste Adamson, an account holder and member of the Rotary Club of Front Royal, Virginia, USA. "We also hope to encourage other partners and NGOs

[nongovernmental organizations] to match these funds so that we can double or triple the impact of the funds in Haiti."

Local Rotarians, the Haiti Task Force, established two years ago to administer financial aid to the nation, and District 7020 (Haiti and parts of the Caribbean) review and coordinate every project. Some of the initiatives include:

- District 6990 (Grand Bahama Island; part of Florida, USA) will raise \$40,000 to help rebuild a medical clinic in Kenscoff. The Haiti fund will provide the balance of the \$80,000 project.
- District 7570 (parts of Tennessee and Virginia, USA) will rebuild Catherine Flon College in Carrefour with help from the Haiti fund.
- Rotarians in Canada has gathered school supplies and furniture. The Haiti fund will allocate \$21,000 to ship the items to Haiti.
- The Haiti fund will contribute \$10,000 toward a vehicle to serve as transportation for midwives.
- The Rotary Club of Tortola, British Virgin Islands, and the Good Samaritan Foundation began construction on a new school in Île à Vache, an island off the southern coast of Haiti. About \$50,000 from the Haiti fund has been allocated to the school.

Emergency aid still needed

The Tortola club also has provided \$25,000 in emergency food aid to Île à Vache, which has been overwhelmed by the mass migration of quake victims from mainland Haiti. The island's population doubled to nearly 30,000 in the last three months, says club member Stephen Cooper.

"This increase in population has put immense pressure on the fishing- and farming-based community, where food and resources were already scarce before the earthquake," Cooper says.

Rotarians in the British Virgin Islands have links with Île à Vache that predate the disaster, he says. they appealed to District 7020 for help after community leaders on the island described the situation.

The first of what will be a series of \$5,000 food distributions took place in June, with the Rotary Club of Cayes, Haiti, overseeing the project. The rice, beans, and cooking oil were all purchased locally.

"The food was carefully portioned out and distributed fairly among those in need," Cooper says. "Rotarians should feel proud of the contribution they have made to ease the suffering of the people of Haiti. I saw with my own eyes that this food is making the difference between life and death for many people."