



Service Above Self

Rotary Club of Anchorage Gateway

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Future Speakers

Oct 15 2010
GOVERNOR JANE LITTLE
"District Governor visit"

Nov 19 2010
Christiana Flessner
"Wheelchair Foundation Canada"

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President Corner 0924

by *Vittorio Montemezzani*

Regular meeting 09/24/10

President's comments, notes and announcements.

Somehow I am happy to be back after 2 weeks of vacation and my most thoughtful thanks to our VP Jim, who held the fort and skillfully, I was told, conducted two meetings during my absence.

NO Fine button!

Mary B. was not able to use her final opportunity for her September No-Fine button. At the next meeting be prepared to acquire such precious button (with a decent bid)

First \$100 draw: Larry Parker was the name selected (on September 03) from all the active members to receive the first \$100 from "empty your pocket" jar. Coins collection is somewhat behind statistical amount for this month. Please remember not to leave home without coins in your pocket before you come to the meeting.

Speakers: Our own Linda K. was the speaker on behalf of The Service YMCA of Alaska. She explained how our club \$2,500 grant was used.

We are lacking on scheduling speakers into the future and our calendar is just about filled with empty spaces. Our VP Jim has promised to take care of this situation. He did not specify the specifics of "taking care of".

Gateway Reading at School Program: The reading program will begin on October 6th. Sign up sheet for our Club readers will be circulated at our next regular meeting. Reading activities will take place on Wednesdays, 4:40 to 5:30 pm. Last year 12 children have enjoyed this fun activity. Mary Jo said that the Service YMCA will provide the snacks. Thanks Mary Jo.

Proposed New Members: Dave and Heidi (who were supposedly presented by Jim C.) gave a brief introduction of themselves. They have attended 4 meetings and the Board of Directors will vote on accepting them into the Club at the next BOD Meeting on 09/29.

Members Happy Moments 0924

by Vittorio Montemezzani

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPY MOMENTS .

Mitzi paid happy dollars thanking our waitress on recovering and protecting the missing "empty your pockets" jar.

Mary Jo was elated that her "right hand" was the one giving the presentation / speech on The Service YMCA instead of herself.

Dru was happy that her husband was "on the road" (???)

Jim C. did not waste time underlying the fact that HIS guests were there (Dave and Heidi).

Victor was simply happy to be back to somehow protect the Club from the VP.

BEST WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS :

Birthday & Anniversary Report

Date Range : September 25 to
October 1

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Birthdays

Member Name	Birthday
Fassett, Ronald	September 30

Anniversaries

Member Name	Anniversary / Spouse Name
No member(s) have anniversaries within this range.	

Club Anniversaries

Member Name	Induction Date / Number of Years (Effective the day of induction this year)
Mishler, Mitzi	September 28 2001 (9 years)
Gilbert, Douglas	October 1 1998 (12 years)

Rotary International Corner 0924

by Vittorio Montemezzani

What is your club known for?

Rotary International News -- 24 September 2010

The Rotary Club of Greater Lake Charles, Louisiana, USA, holds an auction every year, raising money for scholarships to local universities and for The Rotary Foundation. For the past 20 years, the auction has been the activity that defines the club in the community.

The Rotary Club of Malone, New York, USA, has built a reputation out of its spaghetti dinners. "They always have a huge turnout and significant merchant support," notes Martha Weaver, a member of the club. "More than once, we have run out of spaghetti sauce."

For the Rotary Club of Calcutta Uptown, West Bengal, India, Rotary Foundation Matching Grant projects have been its signature in the rural areas of the Bengal region, helping provide eye care, computer centers for youth, and improved sanitation.

Developing signature activities that are visible in the community helps enhance the public image and awareness of Rotary, one of the priorities of the RI Strategic Plan. To encourage clubs to promote their own defining activities and to gather input from Rotarians, RI Vice President Thomas M. Thorfinnson recently moderated a discussion on Rotary International's official LinkedIn group.

RI directors will be moderating more discussions in the coming weeks, giving clubs a chance to share how their activities are helping to support the RI Strategic Plan. [Join the discussion on LinkedIn](#) .

"Surveys of Rotarians have made it clear to the Board that the vast majority of Rotarians want to be known for the good that we do. Signature activities or projects are a great way to make that happen," Thorfinnson says.

Mark Meyers, of the Rotary Club of Croydon South, Greater London, England, notes on LinkedIn that his club is known for its Christmas charity collection. "We organize a trailer with a sled on it and a public address system playing Christmas carols. Father Christmas encourages people to come out and greet their neighbors while club members circulate, asking for donations."

The Rotary Club of Strongsville, Ohio, USA, is known for its golf outing held in the middle of winter -- ice, snow, and all -- says club member Joseph Dzurilla. The Rotary Club of Delhi Vasant Valley, Delhi, India, creates awareness of Rotary through blood donation camps.

The Rotary clubs of Churchland-Portsmouth and Portsmouth, Virginia, USA, hold a barbecue networking event full of food, refreshments, and live entertainment. According to Bill Pollard, a member of the Churchland-Portsmouth club, about 3,000 people attend the event, with each club netting about \$10,000 to support local projects and programs.

How does your club help support the goals of the strategic plan? Join the LinkedIn discussion.

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