



Service Above Self

## Rotary Club of Anchorage Gateway eBulletin Gateway

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### President Corner 1022

by Vittorio Montemezzani

#### Future Speakers

**Nov 12 2010**

Northrim Health Program

**Nov 19 2010**

Christiana Flessner  
"Wheelchair Foundation Canada"

**Nov 23 2010**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING

Regular meeting 10/22/10

#### President's comments, notes and announcements.

**Turkeys giveaway.** The board had approved to increase the quantity of food baskets up to 16 (8 for each school). The proposal was presented and there was no objection from the members presents. The demand is definitely for more than what we are offering and if our members will be able to supply more than the trimmings necessary for 16 baskets, the Club certainly will provide the extra turkeys for additional baskets.

**Club awards:** I have asked for a volunteer to help me to keep track of dead lines for awards applications given either by RI or by our District. Jacquee offered her help and I will forward to her the list of awards available. Not only we need to apply on time but also Jacquee and I have to make sure that our Club accomplishes the things necessary in order to qualify for the awards. **THANKS Jacquee!!!**

**Wearing the Rotary pin.** I was wearing the Rotary pin in one of my class and a student asked me about Rotary and what we do. We talked about Polio Plus and the huge investment of money and labor which are bringing Polio to an end. Thursday evening she gave me a check of \$100 to be donated to Polio Plus with a card saying "thank you Rotarian for the beautiful things you do." It made me very proud and happy to be in Rotary, so happy to justify a \$5 happy dollar!

**Board Meeting:** below is the link for the approved minutes of the Board of Director meeting of September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010. ALL the minutes are available on the "downloads" tab of our Club Website. As usual, let me know if you have questions and / or reasons to appeal any decision made by the Board.

<http://www.clubrunner.ca/Data/5010/2440/HTML/107068/AnchorageGatewayBOD0928minutes.pdf>

**"Thank you" letters.** Mitzi shared with the members the content of two letters received from two recipients of funds from our donations distribution. YMCA and the AlaskaNaturalMuseum were very thankful for the donation our Club sent their way.

**Speaker:** our own Dave Sheffrey was our speaker. As a commercial kitchen designer (Anchorage Restaurant Supply) he explained to us what is necessary to run a commercial kitchen. For our good behavior he handed out a gift (a food spatula) to each member present.

### Members Happy Moments 1022

by Vittorio Montemezzani

#### MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPY MOMENTS .

Dru, was happy for her trip to NJ, visiting old friends and also for her anniversary which happened to be last week.

Owen was happy to have been "called to order" while visiting the Bank where Sylv works. Our Membership Chair did not hesitate to call Owen attention on his attendance.

Ken was more than happy to have had the opportunity to spend a day with her elderly mother on her birthday. (For the lady respect, no age was mentioned)

Jay is an "Official" now, which is a Basketball Official. He overcame a serious test with 100

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questions of which 80 he managed to give the right answer. Good job Jay Official!

**BEST WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS :**

**Birthday & Anniversary Report**

Date Range : October 23 to October 29

Sort By: [Member Name](#) | [Date](#)

**Birthdays**

Member Name

Birthday

No member(s) have birthdays within this range.

**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)

No member(s) have club anniversaries within this range.

**Rotary District 5010 corner**

*by Vittorio Montemezzani*

**District Conference & Assembly 2011 in Homer, Alaska**

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT for Registration by December 31, 2010**

**Motivational speakers** share information on the latest Rotary programs.

**Have Fun!** The perfect time and place to get to know Rotarians from other district clubs and reconnect with old friends!

**Enjoy the location!** 'Halibut capital of the world' and 'arts community by the sea' are just two namesakes for homer's unlimited recreation and adventure opportunities.

**Save the Dates: June 16 - 19, 2011**  
**Please join us for Summer in Homer!**

Register Online: <http://homer.rotary5010conference.org/>

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**Rotary International Corner**

*by Vittorio Montemezzani*

**World Polio Day inspires push to end the disease**

By Dan Nixon  
 Rotary International News -- 25 October 2010

**R**otarians walked, ran, and sold everything from hot dogs to flower bulbs to celebrate World Polio Day, 24

## October, in support of the global effort to eradicate the disease.

Led by RI President Ray Klinginsmith, an estimated 3,000 Rotarians and supporters walked along San Francisco's Embarcadero waterfront on World Polio Day. The walk culminated in the illumination of the FerryBuilding with the words "End Polio Now."

In the Netherlands, Rotary clubs launched a national polio eradication fundraising and awareness campaign, with the goal of netting US\$2.5 million for PolioPlus.

Rotarians in District 7230 (Bermuda; part of New York, USA) sponsored World Polio Week in Bermuda with Purple Pinkie Day fundraisers and a dinner in recognition of Past District Governor Walter Maddocks, the first director of the PolioPlus fundraising campaign.

In Kentucky, USA, Rotary clubs partnered with the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, held from 25 September to 10 October, in support of Rotary's [US\\$200 Million Challenge](#) and The Rotary Foundation's [Annual Programs Fund](#) . Through an agreement with the concession company for the games, a volunteer force of more than 2,000 Rotarians, family members, and friends sold food and refreshments, with a percentage of the profits going to the two causes. Equestrian athletes from 58 countries participated in the event, which drew more than 500,000 people. "We were very busy the entire time, but it wasn't a burden," says Sara Callaway, a member of the Rotary Club of Frankfort. "I like to do volunteer work for things I believe in."

An estimated 460 Rotarians and friends ran and walked the Eurasia Marathon in Istanbul on 17 October, raising about US \$8,000. The race course included the BosphorusBridge, which connects Europe and Asia.

On 11 November, Hong Kong Rotarians will hold their annual 10K race for elite and recreational runners and a 3K race for children.

Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland has partnered with the Eden Project in England and the International Flower Bulb Centre in the Netherlands to sell and plant 4.6 million crocus bulbs across the United Kingdom and Ireland. The effort is part of RIBI's Thanks for Life project, which raises funds for polio eradication and awareness about the disease.

"The color purple is a vibrant [element], as purple dye is used to mark children's fingers after immunization against polio," says Alan Wilding, president of the Rotary Club of Shrewsbury, Shropshire, England. "The bulbs we plant in October will flower in time to mark Rotary's birthday on 23 February," which will also coincide with End Polio Now lightings and events around the world.

- [Watch a video of Rotary's progress in eradicating polio](#)
- [Help End Polio Now](#)