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President Corner 1217

by *Vittorio Montemezzani*

Regular meeting 12/17/10

President's comments, notes and announcements.

Christmas Donation to Boys and Girls Club (Muldoon).

The Board at the December 15 meeting had pre-approved a donation of \$1,000 to the above Club for Christmas gifts to the children. Even though the procedure was not up to specs, due to the short time notice, the members present at the meeting had no objection to the donation and Ron was authorized to issue the check.

Rotary Cook Books.

They are in. Ron has few copies available for sale (\$20), beside the copies which were pre-ordered by 3 of our members. Ron will bring the books at the next few meetings.

President duties.

I will go to take care of my duties (as grandpa of the little boy in Italy). I will be missing the next 3 meetings, but Mitzi and our VP Jim were happy to fulfill the duty of presiding while I am out of tow.

Happy Holidays and best wishes for the New Year!

Members Happy Moments 1217

by *Vittorio Montemezzani*

MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPY MOMENTS

Ron used his "No Fine" button to announce the fun program going on at the Northway Mall, the "Christmas Angels". Get touched by an angel while you paying at any store and your purchase will be free. How fun!

Time of new births :

Mitzi is a new grandma and our Owen is a new father, as we know. Both the new babies are girls.

Mary Belanger was preoccupied on the priority list of what to replace after the "save energy" audit of her house. She was "happy" because the garage door broke and so necessity made her choice easy.

Jacquee was simply ecstatic about "no babysitting". We are not sure how long this situation will last.

BEST WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS :

Birthday & Anniversary Report

Date Range : December 18 to
December 31

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

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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

Club Anniversaries

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

Rotary International Corner

by Vittorio Montemezzani

Historic Moments:

Rotary at the Rose Parade

By Susan Hanf and Maureen Vaught
Rotary International News -- 14 December 2010

Since 1890, the Tournament of Roses has been ushering in the new year with a parade of spectacular floats and enthusiastic marching bands down the streets of Pasadena, California, USA.

Rotary became a part of the pageantry in 1923, when the Rotary Club of Pasadena entered a float in the 34th annual Rose Parade.

The club participated in three more Rose Parades - 1927, 1946, and 1966 - before making it an annual tradition in 1980. That year, recognizing the parade's potential for promoting Rotary to an audience of millions worldwide, clubs in the western United States decided to sponsor a float in honor of the organization's 75th anniversary. The Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee was later formed and continues

to coordinate the fundraising for and construction of the float today.

Putting together a float is an ambitious undertaking, not least because parade rules dictate that the entire surface be covered with organic materials such as flowers, fruits and vegetables, or seeds. Hundreds of Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact club members from the United States, as well as Canada and Mexico, donate their time to build and decorate the float.

Float themes have reflected Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio, its commitment to service, and its humanitarian programs. The theme of the 1998 float, "Bringing the World Together," celebrated the 50th anniversary of Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships and highlighted the Foundation's work to build peace.

The 2001 theme, "Recognizing Tomorrow's Leaders," celebrated the many young people Rotary has channeled into positive leadership roles through the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards program.

On 1 January, the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee will celebrate 32 consecutive years in the parade with a float proclaiming the 2010-11 RI theme, *Building Communities -- Bridging Continents* .

Rotary International does not fund the float; the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee receives donations from individual clubs and Rotarians.