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UPCOMING

January 13 Chuck Bill, CEO Bartlett Regional Hospital

January 20Ryan Scott, State
Wildlife Biologist

January 27 Jim Calvin, McDowell Group

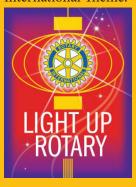
GREETERS

January 6
Charles Ward
Stacy Grummett

January 13Barbara Sheinberg
Clark Gruening



2014-2015 Rotary International Theme:



This Week's Program: Hal Hart, CBJ Community Dev. Director What's Happening in Juneau's Future?

Hal is the Community
Development Director
for the City and Borough
of Juneau since August of
2012. When he arrived Hal
said, "Juneau is its own
community. I think it's one
of a kind. I think what really
impressed me was the sense
of community I got when I
was walking around, talking
to local business owners
and engaging people in the
community."



The Community Development Director provides leadership across planning, community development, permitting, and building teams. He coordinates with Lands, Economic Development, Docks and Harbor, Aviation, Parks and Recreation, Engineering, Public Works and others. Hal works in concert with area private sector interests, institutions and non-profits to implement the community plan through a wide variety of means.

Hal Hart enjoys team building, finding solutions to complex problems and working with a wide range of interest groups. Hal's experience in land use, transportation, housing, capital facility investments, economic development, and natural resource management has taught him the values of listening, patience and group goal setting.

Hal Hart is part of the Downtown Improvement Group (DIG) that was created to for foster the conversation on Downtown Revitalization in Juneau.

Hart has previously worked in planning and development at the city, county and state level in Washington and moved to Juneau from Bothell, Washington.

LAST WEEK MEETING (IN PICTURES)







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TODAY'S LUNCH MENU

- Caesar Salad
- Roasted broccoli and potato hash
- Grilled Tri-Tip

CULTURE: HOPE IS NOT ENOUGH

DEALING WITH CHALLENGES MAKES US MORE RESILIENT.



A few years ago, I was passing through the northern Nigerian city of Kano when I stopped at a roadside stall for some tea. The proprietor asked me where I was from. I told him.

"I want to go to America!" he told me, smiling. "We are just suffering here in Nigeria. If I go to America, I will not come back to Nigeria again."

"Not even to see your mother?" I asked.

He laughed. "I will send her some money."

I thanked him and drank my tea. After I left, I wondered if he was serious or just talking.

As I traveled through the region, I met several people headed north, on their way to Europe. It was a difficult and dangerous journey that tens of thousands of people set out on each year, many of them never reaching their destination. I often marveled at the confidence a person must have to embark on a trip like that, to leave everything behind, to be certain of somehow making it.

Like most people, I'd always assumed these travelers were the most poverty-stricken, the most hopeless. But now I can see that this isn't the case – at least not entirely. Often, the people who leave their villages are the brightest and most ambitious ones, the ones with the biggest dreams. As one poet from Cameroun wrote after arriving in Spain, "No money in the pockets/But hope in the heart." Hope, as much as anything else, drives them.

Hope may be our most important asset as a species. Hope is the thing that drew us out of our caves and around the world. Hope is what gets us out of bed in the morning. Hope lets us imagine our lives as more than they are. Yet when we talk about hope, we usually mean the vague feeling that things will get better. But that is not hope.

Read the rest of this story online at http://therotarianmagazine.com/culture-hope-is-not-enough/

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