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UPCOMING

November 18
Rotary Foundation
Auction Lunch

November 22
Family Action
Committee: Fireside

November 25
Sharon Lobaugh,
Juneau artist

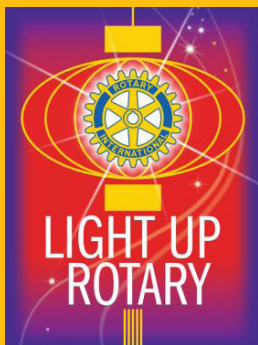
GREETERS

November 11
Bruce Weyhrauch
Lynne Johnson

November 18
Winthrop Gruening
Louis Bandirola



2014-2015 Rotary
International Theme:



This Week's Program: Kevin Ritchie Juneau Suicide Prevention Coalition

Kevin started his career in public service as a VISTA Volunteer. He has an MPA degree from UAS. He has been Juneau's City and Borough Manager, Director of the Alaska State Division of Personnel/EEO, and Executive Director of the Alaska Municipal League/Alaska Conference of Mayors.

He is a member of the Catholic Community Service Board of Directors and the Juneau Afterschool Coalition. He has participated in the Juneau Suicide Prevention Coalition since 2008. He co-authored a pamphlet on community action for suicide prevention for the Tlingit and Haida Central Council, and has helped train citizens in basic suicide prevention.



Find more information online at www.juneausuicideprevention.org

Recap of Last Week



Jason Amundson, Geology professor at UAF shared a collection of photos, data and a deeper understanding of what makes glaciers advance and recede. Jason is a member of the International Glaciological Society and American Geophysical Union. He has won numerous awards, research grants and a long list of notable publications.

At the same meeting our club was pleased to present the United Way of Southeast Alaska, our very own Wayne Stevens and several members of that organization, with a check for \$5,060 for their amazing assistance and support as the 2014 Capital Brewfest charity partner.



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Rotarian: Life After Disaster



In the wake of catastrophe, Rotarians are there for the long haul.

HAITI EARTHQUAKE

ON 12 JANUARY 2010, a 7.0-magnitude earthquake devastated the Maryland-size country of Haiti, causing at least 230,000 deaths, injuring about 300,000 people, and initially displacing 1.5 million.

The response from Rotarians matched the natural disaster in its immediacy and, some might say, in its intensity. Within hours of the quake, Barry Rassin – a past RI director based in the Bahamas and past governor of District 7020, which covers parts of the Caribbean, including Haiti – had accepted the current district governor’s request to coordinate a disaster relief effort, and was in direct contact with assistant governors throughout the district. “All assistant governors in our two zones are equipped with satellite phones,” Rassin says. “That enabled us to communicate right away and find out what was needed.”

EAST COAST HURRICANE

“I would estimate the Rotary impact to be more than \$3 million in District 7500 in terms of service, money, and goods that we have provided,” Vinton says. That is an “impressive” amount, she notes, but “it’s a drop in the bucket compared with the billions of dollars in damage that occurred.” Although Vinton says Foundation grants can help with recovery projects, she advises clubs and districts to get creative and look for other sources of support as well, given the high cost of repairing and rebuilding in the United States.

SRI LANKA TSUNAMI

FEW PEOPLE HAVE GREATER APPRECIATION for what Rotarians can bring to a region ravaged by disaster than RI President-elect K.R. “Ravi” Ravindran. Nearly 10 years have passed since his country, Sri Lanka, was devastated by what may have been the most destructive tsunami of all time. The tsunami, which also affected 10 other nations, was triggered by a 9.0-magnitude quake under the Indian Ocean that the U.S. Geological Survey estimates was equal to the energy of 23,000 Hiroshima-type atomic bombs.

Full story online at www.therotarianmagazine.com/life-after-disaster/

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