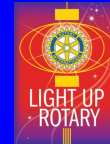


First City Rotary

Family Month



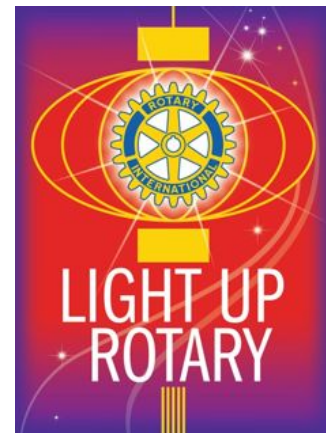
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December/Jan. 2014-15

Chartered 1988, District
5010
2014-15 District
Remembering District
Governor:
Dick Sutliff



President Chris Baca (President 2014-15)



Upcoming Activities and Speakers

1.2.2015 Happy New Year...no club
1.7 Board meeting
"Point" 7 a.m.
1.8 Speaker: Jake Beattie: Wooden Boat Race
Tentative:
1.9 Social Creek Street Cabaret
1.13 Kristen YE arrives from Africa
3:15 ferry
1.15 1st Language
1.22 Hospital update
1. 29 Performing Arts...Cabaret and Wearable Arts.

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First City Rotary Election 2015-16

President: Sue Bethel.
Past President: Chris Baca
President Elect: Steve Rydeen
Secretary: Ben Hoffmeister
Treasurer: Cynna Gubatayao
Members at Large: Bruce King and Lois Munch



Programs/Speakers Chairs:

*Thank you Monthly chairs!!
Please send information to these chairs if you have an idea for a speaker! And please volunteer...call Licha*
Dec. Family – Bethel
Jan. Rot. Awareness – Bess Clark
Feb. World Understanding – Licha K, Mary Kowalczyk
March Literacy – George Pasley? Open
April Magazine –? Open
May – International conv. ?
June – Rotary Fellowship – Bethel
July – New Year beginnings – Sue Bethel

Board: Pres. Chris Baca; PPres and AGE: Rosie Roppel; PElect: Sue Bethel; Sec: Margaret Custer; Treas: Cynna Gubatayao; Mbs at Large: Steve Rydeen and George Pasley; Foundation: Jim Dahl; Dist. Grants Friendship Exchange and International project chair: Mary Kowalczyk; Membership: Helen Mickel; Sgt Arms and District New Gens: Dave Owings; Social: Kalbaugh and Mike Wilson; Recognition: Chere Klein; Projects: Steve Rydeen; PRelations: RRoppel photographer and MO'brien; Interact: Cathy Gucker, YEO: Cynna Gubatayao. DGN: O'Brien, District Leadership Instructors: Bethel and Roppel,
News writer: Roppel

Rotary International (RI) Monthly Themes Change

At its October meeting , the RI Board of Directors modified Rotary's calendar of special observances to designate specific months to highlight the Areas of Focus. As a result, Rotary's special observances are:

January: Vocational Service
February: Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
March: Water and Sanitation
April: Maternal and Child Health
May: Youth Services
June: Rotary Fellowships
July: Start of New Rotary Year
September: Basic Education & Literacy
October: Economic & Community Development
November: The Rotary Foundation
December: Disease Prevention and Treatment

Other Announcements:

1. **First City Gaming Permit** applied secured
2. **UAA Scholarship Applications** are out and will be ready to score...see Margaret Custer
3. **Kayhi Vocational Scholarships Applications** are ready for kids...see Rosie Roppel
4. **Prospective Club 2015-16 Project Suggestions**...give to Steve Rydeen or Sue Bethel. We will vote on your favorite choices
5. **Reporting to RI changing:** A reminder to you all that as of January 1 the way that we report our members, as well as the manner in which we are billed is changing. Many clubs will not be able to operate in the manner in which they have, meaning carrying nonactive members, etc. We will be billed for every member listed and there will be no adjustments as I understand. We should make sure to familiarize ourselves with this and make sure we are prepared if we are not already. Basically, this is an effort to accurately forecast finances and membership from RI because the previous method allowed for great shifts for a long period of time. From DGN O'Brien
Here's a helpful link:

<http://echo4.bluehornet.com/hostedemail/email.htm?CID=28758527346&ch=876820D3F7DFBCC7173BE2477FE3A29D&h=79dca6e87ea433543c23b363783cb421&ei=T4wiTImN0>

Rotarian Dave and Karen Owings Save Blind Dog!!!

Halo is one of several abandoned and neglected senior dogs taken in by the Ketchikan Humane Society this year. Born with no eyes, she arrived at the Ketchikan Humane Society ill and severely underweight at age eleven after being offered up on social media to the first taker. Despite being tiny, fragile, and blind, she had been forced to live outside for most of her life. Her diet and living conditions were poor. She was anxious and sad. Thanks to good nutrition, medical attention, a warm bed, and a loving foster family who helped her heal and gain confidence, both her health and emotional state improved. Thanks to her new adoptive family, the Owings, whose hearts were touched by her story and who offered her a permanent home, Halo will spend her remaining days in security and comfort. We are grateful to the Owings and to the other foster and adoptive families in Ketchikan who have such compassion that they are willing to take in the ones they know may not be with them for a lifetime, but who are still committed to making the last years of their lives the very best that they can be. *Helen Muench, Ketchikan Humane Society.*

Read more here:

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/news/article/Blind-dog-finds-new-home-in-Ketchikan-5988930.php>



Halo



Dave Owings

Interact



Rendezvous

Kayhi photo



Interact Socks to Rendezvous Sr. Center



Hunter Davis and the American
Legion



Interact and Youth Exchange and Advisors and Shinn



Interact delivering their \$2807.00 check to Pioneer Home

Dictionary Crew – Chair Alan Rockwood
Holy Name with Lita, Lois, and Rosie
Below Crew to Point Higgins school.





Lita and Licha's grandchild making cookies!



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Rotary exchange brings 'life-changing' experience

By MEGAN PETERSEN
Daily News Staff Writer

Students in the international Rotary high school exchange program have a specific set of rules to follow called "the Five Ds" — no drinking, dating, driving or doing drugs. But, according to First City Rotary's youth exchange officer Cynthia Gubasayo, Alaska Rotary Clubs require another, more vague rule of their exchange students: No dumb things.

"I always tell the kids [in the program] being a Rotary exchange student is like having 40 parents," Gubasayo said.

Each year, Rotary Clubs across the world, including Ketchikan's Rotary 2000 and First City Rotary, sponsor a high school student exchange. In Ketchikan, two local students, typically juniors, are sent to a foreign country, and two foreign students move to Ketchikan to live with a handful of families throughout the school year, said Chris Newbill, the youth exchange officer for Rotary 2000.

"The reasoning behind that is because we want to have them see different parts of our culture. If they stay with only one family, they'll get

to see only one type of how a family lives," she said.

This school year's first exchange student is Lita Permatsari from Indonesia, who arrived over the summer and has so far been hosted by the King and Kline families. The second student, Kirsten Streefkerk from South Africa, will arrive next month to coincide with the start of the South African school year, according to Newbill.

They take the place of Morgan Wyatt and Neva Garner, who are going to school in Germany and Mexico, respectively. Both students left Ketchikan before September and are scheduled to return over the summer.

The two exchange students for the next school year, Ada Castle and Lily Foster, will be "placed," or assigned to a rotary club in a foreign country, at the winter orientation on Jan. 17 in Anchorage, Newbill said.

The students go through a series of orientations throughout the exchange process, Newbill said. The inbound (foreign) students, outbound (local) students and rebound (returned) students all gather for fall, winter and spring orientations where they share their experiences and their ad-

vice and strategies to have a successful exchange.

As for placement, students don't get to pick which country will host them — a panel of Rotary judges decide which country and culture they think will fit a student best, based on interviews and the student's interests, Newbill said.

"Sometimes a kid is really disappointed they got [assigned to a certain] country and then they get over there and just have the best time of their lives," she said.

That was certainly the case for rebound student Brandon Castle, who spent the 2013-14 school year in South Africa. He said he liked it so well that he plans to return to the country after he graduates this year.

"Going on exchange was the best experience of my life. It's definitely changed the way I think about things," Castle said.

Brandon won't be the only Castle going abroad this summer — his younger sister Ada was accepted into the exchange program for the 2015-16 school year. Though she won't know where she's going for another six weeks, she'll be settling into a new life in a different country before September 2015.

"It's a wonderful experience at this age, and I'm really excited my sister gets to do it," Brandon said.

"I think it's kind of hard on my mom though," he added.

Colleen Castle, their mother, said the positive impact on Brandon influenced her decision to let Ada apply for the exchange program.

"It was a life-changing experience for my oldest child, and I didn't really want my daughter to go, but seeing the benefit for him, it's hard to say no," she said.

Colleen couldn't say so again when Brandon asked that the family volunteer to host Kirsten Streefkerk, this year's exchange student from South Africa, for a few months.

"It'll be a little crowded, and I'll have three teenagers in the house," Colleen said.

But Colleen said it's all worth it, though the efforts of living abroad can be subtle in a teenage-

"It's just amazing, the little things you see in them — changes in their behavior and their attitude and their maturity. ... They grow up a lot," she said.

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SCHOOL GREENHOUSE AT NIGHT



Mary Kowalczyk being home the flags!!!



Rotarian Dr. Mangis gets engaged!!! Congrats!!!

*If you would like one of our vests, we will be ordering again. The vests will cost you approximately \$47...all inclusive. I am going to see if there are fleece shirts that one might like later on! Thank you all to Marsha Erichsen "Top Stitch Embroidery" for helping us with our vest project. Ben would like one and who else? Email me: Rosie.roppel@gmail.com



Morgan having fun in Germany



Michelle O'Brien and Rosie Roppel receive flowers from District Governor Dick Sutliff for Firing up the Spam Can (District Newsletter)!!!



Rotary Float in Rose Parade!



Christmas Party Big Hit with Santa and Toys for Salvation Army

Below: Mike Wilson, Dave our server, Bess and Licha, YE Lilly and Lita



Two Kalbaughs and one Valentine, Salvation Army, President Baca, Interact
Gucker, President Baca, Bess Clark



**Lois, Helen, Licha, YE Sarah and Mom Gucker, Cynna,
and Dave Owings**



Welcome New Member Kevinn Smith, USCG (Baca, Mickel, Smith, Rydeen (sponsor)



Below: Scott BE, Kalbaughs, Shoot em up Tatsuda, and Sis Coenen





The rest of the Christmas pictures are on the next issue...no more memory!

Left to right: K/Carley's, Rydeen, and Diane Gubatayao!