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August is

by Max Bridges

Membership and Extension Month

August is Membership and Extension Month, a special time each year when the entire Rotary family gets a chance to focus on the heart of the organization and what makes it great.



Share your motivation and enthusiasm!

Nothing could be more important to prospective members than the level of energy they feel during a club visit. Prospective members need to see and feel your enthusiasm as well as your pride for your membership in Rotary. When club members are friendly, inviting, and inclusive, a potential Rotarian receives the most important message: You are welcome here and will have the opportunity to participate in something important.

Our Program for August 14th

by Max Bridges



Larry Martin - "Cuba in Transition"

In May Larry had the privilege of visiting Cuba. He was traveling with "Salve Regina" under one of the few Humanitarian Licenses still issued by the United States Treasury Department. Although one reads of Cuba's progress, it is important to remember that this country has been isolated by the US and much of the West for over 40 years and still experiences severe poverty and shortages of many things that we take for granted.

During his trip Larry distributed medical and school supplies at churches and synagogues, making this trip consistent with Rotary's international mission.

Larry will be providing us with a multi-media presentation of "how I spent my summer vacation".

RI President's Message

by Bridges, Max

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August 2008 Message from RI President Dong Kurn Lee



Dear fellow Rotarians,

This year, we have set ourselves an ambitious goal: to *Make Dreams Real* for the world's children by reducing child mortality. I believe we can achieve this goal, if we focus our efforts and work together. But I also know that at the end of this year, there will be a great deal left for us to do to bring health and hope to all of the world's children.

If we are to reduce child mortality, in this Rotary year and for many years to come, we need to have Rotarians to do it. Every project we do in water, health and hunger, and literacy helps create a better world. Every project helps change the world, a little bit at a time.

And every project needs caring and capable Rotarians.

Each new Rotarian we bring into our clubs helps to *Make Dreams Real*. That is why, this year, I am asking Rotarians everywhere to meet bold membership goals: first, to increase membership by 10 percent and, second, to create two new clubs per district.

Like the goal of reducing child mortality, these are ambitious goals that we can achieve - if we set our minds to them. If we look for new Rotarians only among our friends and family, we may not be able to find enough qualified new members. But if we reach out to community leaders who are of a different profession, or a different generation, we will find many potential Rotarians.

It is natural to want to invite people into our clubs who are like ourselves, but that limits the diversity and talent of each club. We must welcome younger members to our clubs, or we will have not only lost an important source of energy and expertise but also failed in our duty to our organization to train the next generation of club presidents, district governors, and senior RI leaders.

Remember: Membership is the responsibility of each of us. Every one of us has an obligation to keep Rotary strong, active, and growing. If we hope to *Make Dreams Real* for the world's children in a meaningful and lasting way, we must ensure a new generation of Rotarians to continue our work.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee
President, Rotary International

New Paul Harris Fellows by Bridges, Max



Sunrisers Welcome Two New Paul Harris Fellows

Austin and Robert Balduc join brother James and proud mom Penny as Paul Harris Fellows.

Sunshine Report

by Max Bridges

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Steve Worthen is home recovering from an emergency appendectomy.



Change of Venue

by Max Bridges



September 11, 2008 meeting will not be at Equis!

President Flo announced that there will be a change of venue for our September 11th regular meeting. Although the alternate location was not divulged, Max Childs was overheard describing the location as "a very nice place". Additional information will follow on a need to know basis.

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Youth Exchange

by Penny Millar

Thank you Harry and Judy Coffey!



Harry and Judy Coffey have offered up their home for Marwann's third host family. Way to go Harry! Dave and Shauna are breaking him into the American culture, Jim and Melinda are going to share the highs and lows of the holidays in a new place, and Harry and Judy will be doing the great send off. It is all good stuff! Thank you to all of you for stepping up.

Any Rotarian can invite Marwann to share activities with them, such as going to see the Giants, spend a day at the beach, go the movies. We are all hosting him, really. Marwann will be joining us on the 7th at our regular meeting. Please say hello to him.

Rose Shannon got off to a rocky start. Her flight was delayed in Memphis, so she missed her connection to Sweden. With only one flight per day, she was stuck in Memphis for 24 hours. Does that make a parent's heart stop or what! She met another outbound student at the San Francisco airport, also going to Sweden, so the two of them at least had each other to pass the time with. What a way to start the adventure!

If you would like to learn more about the District supported Student Exchange Program, go to their web page at <http://www.youthexchange5130.org/>

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Arriving Kagoshima

From Rotary's Press Release Center

by Dave Lorenzen

From Rotary's Press Release Center - Historic moments -- Rotary mottoes



Rotary's official mottoes, Service Above Self and They Profit Most Who Serve Best, trace back to the early days of the organization.

In 1911, He Profits Most Who Serves Best was approved as the Rotary motto at the second convention of the National Association of Rotary Clubs of America, in Portland, Oregon. It was adapted from a speech made by Rotarian Arthur Frederick Sheldon to the first convention, held in Chicago the previous year. Sheldon declared that "only the science of right conduct toward others pays. Business is the science of human services. He profits most who serves his fellows best."

The Portland convention also inspired the motto Service Above Self. During a convention outing on the Columbia River, Ben Collins, president of the Rotary Club of Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, talked with Seattle Rotarian J.E. Pinkham about the proper way to organize a Rotary club, offering the principle his club had adopted: Service, Not Self. Pinkham invited Paul P. Harris, who also was on the boat trip, to join their conversation. Harris asked Collins to address the convention, and the phrase Service, Not Self was met with great enthusiasm.

At the 1950 RI Convention in Detroit, slightly modified versions of the two slogans were formally approved as the official mottoes of Rotary: He Profits Most Who Serves Best and Service Above Self. The 1989 [Council on Legislation](#) established Service Above Self as the principal motto of Rotary, because it best conveys the philosophy of unselfish volunteer service. He Profits Most Who Serves Best was modified by the 2004 Council to its current wording, They Profit Most Who Serve Best.

For more historical information about Rotary, visit [Rotary History and Archives](#) or the [Rotary Global History Fellowship](#) .

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Melinda Moir - "Children's Village of Santa Rosa"



Melinda will provide the latest information regarding this unique foster care facility. The mission of Children's Village of Santa Rosa is to provide nurturing, stable homes in a multi-generational, enriched environment for children and their siblings.

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Selection of RI President for 2010-2011

by Max Bridges

Ray Klingensmith is choice for 2010-2011 RI President



Ray Klingensmith of the Rotary Club of Kirksville, Missouri, USA, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2010-11. Klingensmith will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.

Klingensmith earned degrees in business and law at the University of Missouri and completed graduate studies at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar. He was general counsel and professor of business at Northeast Missouri State University in Kirksville (now Truman State University) from 1973 until his retirement in 1995, and also held the post of dean of administration for five years.

Klingensmith, who now operates a law office, served as an elected county commissioner from 2001 to 2004. He has been a director of the Macon Atlanta State Bank since 1971 and president of the Chariton Valley Association for Handicapped Citizens since 1982. He and his wife, Judie, have two children and three grandchildren.

A Rotarian since 1961, Klingensmith has served Rotary as district governor and as chair of

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the 1998 Council on Legislation in New Delhi and the 2008 Los Angeles Convention Committee. He was a member of the RI Board of Directors for 1985-87 and chaired its executive committee in 1986-87. Klinginsmith joined The Rotary Foundation Trustees in 2002, serving as vice chair in 2005-06, and was a member of the Future Vision Committee from 2005 to 2008. Klinginsmith, a Major Donor, is a recipient of the Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award.

In addition, Klinginsmith has earned many honors in his community, including the Parent/Caretaker Award from the Missouri Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities; the Thomas D. Cochran Award for Community Service, an annual statewide award by the Young Lawyers Section of the Missouri Bar; and the Silver Beaver Award from the Great Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts of America, of which he is a former member of the executive board.

Klinginsmith believes that Rotary's best days are still ahead.

"The reputation and ability of Rotarians to impact the world positively is better than ever, and the future of Rotary is bright," he says. "The RI Strategic Plan and The Rotary Foundation Future Vision Plan are good roadmaps to the future. However, the decisions about the selection of strategic partners, the recruitment of younger members, and the facilitation of district change to enable younger leaders to serve as district governors will continue to require leaders of uncommon vision and wisdom."

The 2008 nominating committee members are: Jack Forrest (chair), USA; Sudarshan Agarwal, India; Keith Barnard-Jones, England; Jacques Berthet, France; Irving J. Brown, USA; Peter Bundgaard, Denmark; John C. Carrick, Australia; Kenneth E. Collins, Australia; John Eberhard, Canada; Noel Fryer, England; Samuel L. Greene, USA; Theodore D. Griley II, USA; Jerry L. Hall, USA; Horst Heiner Hellge, Germany; Umberto Laffi, Italy; Jorma Lampn, Finland; David Linett, USA; Michael D. McCullough, USA; Gerald A. Meigs, USA; Yoshikazu Minamisono, Japan; Daniel W. Mooers, USA; G. Kenneth Morgan, USA; Jiichiro Nakajima, Japan; Noraseth Pathmanand, Thailand; Jose Alfredo Pretoni, Brazil; J. David Roper, USA; Jos Antonio Salazar Cruz, Colombia; Masanobu Shigeta, Japan; Julio Sorjs, Spain; Carlos E. Speroni, Argentina; Robert A. Stuart Jr., USA; Sakuji Tanaka, Japan; and Stan Tempelaars, The Netherlands.

By Jennifer Lee Atkin
Rotary International News -- 13 August 2008

From District Web Site
by Max Bridges



From District 5130 Web Site: *We are Making Dreams Real!*

Rotary Leaders,

In 2008-2009, the Rotary fleet sails under the command of Rotary International President D. K. Lee. We are 32,000 ships, flying the Rotary flag, manned by eager crews of dedicated Rotarians. Our destination is World Peace through understanding. Our mission; to relieve human suffering with opportunity and hope for those in need. Under the banners of Health, Hunger, Clean Water and Literacy we will endeavor to conquer poverty, ignorance, malnutrition and disease. . . to Make Dreams Real.

We're making progress. Last year, 30,000 children, under the age of 5, died every day, from preventable causes. This year we begin with 26,000 children at risk. That leaves a lot of work yet to be done.

Each year, Rotary clubs begin new projects to meet this challenge. In order to support the growing demand for matching grants, by our clubs, we must raise the bar for the Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund. Therefore, I'm asking each Rotarian to contribute \$200 to the Rotary Foundation this year. The yet-unnamed club and district leaders of 2012-2013 will thank you.

I look forward to sharing this adventure with you. Our course may be challenging but you need only look back to see how far we've come. Polio is fading in our wake. ***We are Making Dreams Real!***

Ed Fullerton
DG 2008-2009

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Headed up by Steve Amend, the students have had a great time visiting Northern California. On August 14 they joined the Sunrisers for breakfast and each gave us a brief description of the highlights of their trip thus far.

Their remaining schedule is:

August 20, Wednesday
Leave Santa Rosa for Yosemite

August 22, Friday
Leave Yosemite for Anaheim

August 25, Monday
Leave Los Angeles for Kagoshima

August 26, Tuesday
Arriving Kagoshima

Skunk Train Trip
by Max Bridges



SRKSEP Group Rides the Skunk

On August 15 the SRKSEP exchange students accompanied by a few chaperones and Rotarians had a chance to experience the history of the North Coast first hand with a trip on the California Western Railroad (Skunk Train) from Willits westerly to the remote railroad community of Northspur.

Along the route the group encountered deer, grouse, wild turkeys as well as some of the planets tallest and oldest living trees.

A great time was had by all!

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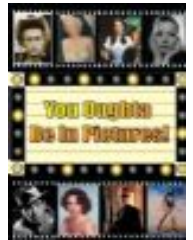
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John Dolinsek - "Environmental Projects Update - Project Papa Tortuga"



In his 20s, Fernando Monsanto saw a Jacques Cousteau documentary on the conservation of sea turtles. He had seen turtles on the beach of his own little village, Tecolutla, on the Gulf coast of Mexico, in the state of Veracruz. That first year, he found three nests. He took the eggs, protected them, and then released hatched turtles back to the sea. With little government aid, Monsanto has used his own money and the donations of friends to grow the program. After three decades, "Papa Tortuga" now has 300 nests, which produce about 30,000 turtles each year. Poaching almost doesn't exist in the area, because so many townspeople have themselves released the turtles into ocean.

John will provide current information on this fascinating project.

Easter Seals

by Max Bridges

Rotary and Easter Seals renew connections.



By Brad Weber

Rotary International News -- 15 August 2008

F. Timothy Muri, president and CEO of Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago, and District Governor Michael Slevnik, at the Therapeutic School and Center for Autism Research. *Photo courtesy Rotary District 6450.*

Easter Seals and Rotary share more than a devotion to improving the lives of the disabled and disadvantaged.

The heritages of the two organizations are intertwined: Easter Seals' founder, Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen, was a Rotarian. Rotary founder Paul P. Harris was the charity's first chairman, and one of The Rotary Foundation's first grants, in 1930, went to the International Society for Crippled Children, Easter Seals' precursor.

Now, District 6450 (Illinois, USA), which covers part of the Chicago area, is reuniting with an old friend by pledging US\$2.5 million over three to five years toward programs and materials for Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago's Therapeutic School and Center for Autism Research .

Part of the center's first phase, a research wing scheduled to be completed later this year, will be named in Rotary's honor. The \$32-million facility will be built in four phases over the next four to six years.

"I approached Rotary because we had lost connection," says F. Timothy Muri, president and CEO of Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago. "I said, 'Rotary's into big things. You are

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trying to eradicate polio, and we are trying to eradicate autism. Why don't we unite again to change the world?"

White Sox night

On 7 August, the district sponsored a night at U.S. Cellular Field, home of the Chicago White Sox, where a portion of tickets bought by Rotarians went to Easter Seals. Irv Kaplan, past district governor, said 836 tickets were sold, netting \$10,000 for Easter Seals. Rotarians and their guests were paraded around the warning track prior to the game, and a Rotary public service announcement appeared on the big screen.

Rotary's ongoing support for Easter Seals has often come from individual clubs, but with the growing number of reported cases of autism-spectrum disorder - 1 in 150 eight-year-olds has it, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - the need for care is greater than ever.

"It just came to me that we could do something with this," says Past District Governor Art Davis. "With the history Rotary has, it would be fabulous to have a Rotary wheel on the wing of a hospital."

The center, which will tap expertise from the nearby University of Illinois at ChicagoMedicalCenter and RushUniversityMedicalCenter, will offer a research facility, classrooms, gymnasium, swimming pool, and independent living space for 30 people, with room to grow.

"For the first time, we will have the facility where we'll be able to observe patients year round," says Muri. "There's none other like it in the country."

Rotary Travel Adventure

by Max Bridges

Man Peddles Around the World

By Donna Polydoros
Rotary International News - 19 August 2008



Jean-Gabriel Chelala is out to set a record as the first person to circumnavigate the globe using human power - and he is sharing his inspiration with Rotarians along the way.

Braving 17-foot waves, 35-knot winds, and an encounter with a whale that destroyed his rudder, the 27-year-old **civil engineer** (*emphasis added by your editor for obvious reasons*) journeyed 65 days across the Atlantic Ocean in a 27-foot pedal boat. Landing on the Caribbean island of Saint Martin, Chelala was short on funds and looking for friends. A director of a marina referred him to the Rotary Club of Saint-Martin Nord, Guadeloupe, French West Indies.

"I am really proud to talk with people like Rotarians because they think with their hearts, and they use their hands to make the world better," Chelala said.

Chelala spoke to the club, describing his journey and message of the strength of the human body and spirit. Rotarians were so impressed, they named him an ambassador of their club.

Chelala continued on his journey to Puerto Rico, where he met John Richardson, assistant governor of District 7000 (Puerto Rico), who was also inspired by Chelala's determination and positive message.

"After spending a couple of hours with Jean-Gabriel talking about his quest, we concluded that he should connect to [Rotary's] global network and share his message, which is so much like our own," said Richardson. "An ordinary person armed with the strength of his

conviction can pedal around the globe in much the same way as, [with] Rotary, ordinary people do extraordinary things."

Chelala has since added stops at several U.S. Rotary clubs to his itinerary, including the Rotary Club of Chicago. He plans to begin the next 22,000-mile leg of his journey by bicycle from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to Alaska on 11 September.

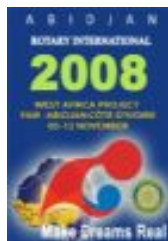
Chelala began his journey in Paris on 13 January, bicycling 1,375 miles to the South of Portugal. He continued by pedal boat to Morocco and the Canary Islands, eventually crossing the Atlantic and landing in Saint Martin.

He will complete his journey by cycling through the contiguous United States, Canada, and Alaska, crossing the Bering Sea and Siberia, and returning to Paris.

Richardson reports that Chelala now carries a *Make Dreams Real* pin with him. "To say the least, he is a very special guy," said Richardson.

[Link to Chelala's web site.](#)

Ivory Coast Opportunity *by Max Bridges*



2008 West Africa Project Fair and National Immunization Day

November 4 - 13, 2008, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire

On Thursday President Flo provided information regarding a trip to West Africa offering the opportunity to participate in the [2008 West African Project Fair and National Immunization Day](#) activities in Abidjan. Additional information can be found at the links provided.

Seniors Event *by Max Bridges*

Senior Otoberfest will be on September 26, 2008

This year's Senior Oktoberfest will take place on September 26th from 11:00-2:00 at the Finley Center, 2060 W. College Avenue.

Eloise Tweeten and Stacy Drucker-Andress are the new co-chairs for senior events.

Please see Stacy to sign up to help with this event.

Sunshine Report *by Max Bridges*





Sunshine Report

Steve Worthen returned to Sunrise from his emergency appendectomy. Great to have you Back Steve!

Eloise Tweeten announced her engagement to Jack Strange. Wedding bells are planned for a yet to be announced date in the summer of 2009. Congratulations Eloise!

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Santa Rosa Youth Orchestra - "Community Musicians Series"



This week will be a presentation by the Santa Rosa Youth Orchestra. They will be sending one adult who will describe the program and they will be bringing 3 members of the Youth Orchestra who will perform as a trio on Flute, Oboe, and Clarinet. We are supporting them with a \$250 check to add to their effort to send some kids to Europe to play and study. The Youth Orchestra is a part of the Santa Rosa Symphony, which we are very lucky to have in little old SonomaCounty.

RI Presidents Message for September, 2008

by Max Bridges



Attend the RI Convention

Dear fellow Rotarians,

In Rotary, we know that planning ahead and planning wisely are the keys to successful service. This is why I urge all of you to plan ahead - and plan wisely - by registering now for the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England.

If you have been to a convention before, you already know how wonderful this annual event can be. And if you have never been to a Rotary convention, Birmingham is the perfect place to start.

Like Rotary, Birmingham is a mix of the old and the new. With a pedestrian-friendly downtown area and excellent public transportation, the city offers diverse neighborhoods, historical interests, great dining, and ample shopping. And Britain's extensive rail network makes it easy to get to many sites in less than an hour. The excitement of London, the natural beauty of Wales, and all the charms of the English countryside are close enough for a daytrip - and engaging enough for a postconvention vacation.

With its own airport and rapid rail links to London, Birmingham is an easy destination from anywhere in the world. And once you're in Birmingham, your stay will be more than worth the trip. There, you will join thousands of Rotarians from dozens of countries as you celebrate a year in which we have worked together to *Make Dreams Real* for the world's children.

It is impossible to describe the energy and excitement of a Rotary convention. It is the highlight of the Rotary year and an event that I look forward to from the end of each convention until the beginning of the next. I know I will see old friends and make new

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ones, learn about Rotary projects throughout the world, and find new ways that my club can put Service Above Self.

Each convention is different, but each one promises the same friendship, fellowship, and inspiration. Each one is unique, and each one is memorable. Each one is an opportunity that will not come again.

I strongly believe that every Rotarian should experience a Rotary convention at least once. It will forever change how you see Rotary. And after you leave, you'll find that you are already planning for the next convention. Young and I look forward to seeing you in Birmingham for the 100th convention of Rotary International.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee
President, Rotary International

Colgan Creek Fitness Stations
by Max Bridges

Sunrise, Interact and YMCA combine efforts for healthy community.



Dicksie provided information on a project that will provide fitness stations on the Colgan Creek Trail. These stations are for use by the children and families of Southwest Santa Rosa and surrounding communities to support health and fitness lifestyle activities for current and future generations.

Partially funded by a HEAL (Healthy Eating Active Living) Grant, the project will utilize the combined efforts of Interact, Rotary and Sonoma County Family YMCA.

Ivan Chan, a recipient of our Michael Scott Desheids Scholarship remains active in Interact, attends SRJC and has been named as the Project Coordinator.

Earle Baum Center
by Max Bridges



Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary provides support to the blind and visually impaired

Steve Amend presents a check in the amount of \$1000 from the Club to Christina Brennan of the Earle Baum Center.

Providing service since 1999, the Earle Baum Center is a non-profit regional community center serving the blind and visually impaired.

The Center's signature special event and Sonoma County's first annual Americana music festival, **EarleFest**, will take place on September 27, 2008 on the beautiful grounds of the Earle Baum Center, at 4539 Occidental Road in Santa Rosa.

[Use this link to get tickets and event details.](#)

YE River Rafting and Orientation

by Penny Millar

Wild ride on the Trinity River and a fun time had by all!



The inbound Youth Exchange students, their host families, and the YE counselors, all had a fun time up in Arcata over the weekend of August 22-24. Penny Millar, YE Counselor, and Marwann Benjalloun, our inbound student from France, went up north Friday night. This was the first opportunity for all 26 inbound YE students in our district to meet and share stories. They stayed up until the wee hours of the morning just talking and sharing.

After the morning hours for orientation, we all headed east to the drop in spot on the river. Eleven rafts quickly filled up and began the rafting, and it wasn't two minutes before everyone was soaking wet from some major splashing, water canons, skirt guns, and just pulling people overboard into the water. One of the eleven rafts dumped all riders (except one) on a tricky rapid, and from time to time a few others bounced out in a rapid. Smiles all around; a very fun weekend.

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[Rotary Foundation Thought](#) is about the founder of our Foundation, Arch C. Klumph.

A member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland, Ohio, USA, Klumph served as the RI president in the 1913-14 Rotary year. In 1917, Klumph declared that "we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world in charitable, educational, and other avenues of community service." His vision and a contribution of US \$26 left over from the RI Convention helped to establish the charitable and humanitarian arm of our organization, The Rotary Foundation.

Due to the hard work and generosity of Rotarians worldwide, The Rotary Foundation has improved lives for over 90 years. With ongoing financial support, our Foundation will continue to carry on Klumph's dream well into our second century of service.

September is

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New Generations Month

The Rotary Bunch

Alice C. Chen
The Rotarian



Judith Lorigan, a past assistant district governor, has been recruiting new Rotary club members for years without even knowing it.

"I've spent a lot of life as a Rotarian" says Lorigan, of the Rotary Club of Bethel Park, Pa., USA. She adds that her family is always asking her, What's going on?

The answer usually leads to some of her three children or seven grandchildren getting involved in service. That includes Lorigan's 14 year-old granddaughter Carly Zalenski, who has organized drives to send supplies and toys to Vietnam and helped raise \$50,000 to build a school.

"It's incredible that Carly's been able to do this, to stay with it," says Lorigan, a 65-year-old retired bank manager, who has been a Rotarian since 1988. "When she started this, I thought, this is going to be difficult."

Lorigan's family, along with others who can list Rotary affiliations through the years, serves as a reminder during **New Generations Month** that when seeking out potential club members, we shouldn't forget those who are right under our noses: our own children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

It only makes sense. After watching and perhaps helping their Rotarian family members dish out spaghetti in soup kitchens, give dictionaries to third graders, and raise money to drill wells in Africa, these potential recruits have come to personally understand the importance of volunteering and its ability to put smiles on the faces of both givers and receivers.

So just how can you get younger family members involved? It's quite simple, really.

"Invite them to the things you do," Lorigan says. Introduce them to Interact, Rotary's service program for people ages 14-18, and Rotaract, for those ages 18-30.

"My family always supported any function my Rotary club had," she adds. "They'd always come, be a part of it, donate, and buy raffle tickets."

It also helps to bring back photos. After distributing the items Carly helped provide to children in Vietnam, "I came back with pictures of the supplies and toys given to the kids," Lorigan recalls. "It was an incredible experience. They were thrilled. They had reconditioned Barbies. These little girls in Vietnam were smiling from ear to ear. Some had never had a toy."

Because of her influence, Lorigan's son-in-law Frederick Zalenski joined the Rotary Club of Canton, Ohio, about two hours away from Lorigan's home.

The Rotary service bug spread to his daughter, Carly, who was in third grade when she initiated a project at her school to collect supplies and toys to send overseas. She amassed 10 suitcases of materials, which her grandmother and other Rotarians took to Vietnam in 2002 for a school they'd helped build.

But Carly, who became a Paul Harris Fellow in April, didn't stop there. In 2006, she launched an effort to raise \$50,000 to cover half the cost of constructing another school in Vietnam. (The other half was to come from the Vietnam Children's Fund, whose co-

chair is Ohio born Terry Anderson, a journalist who was held hostage in Beirut, Lebanon, from 1985 to 1991.) Carly has been speaking to Rotary clubs about the project, and as of June had rounded up enough money to meet her goal. To help raise funds, Anderson, who has met with Carly, spoke at a March benefit dinner in Canton.

"It's exciting," says Carly, who wants to become a Rotarian someday. "It's been such a surreal experience. Everything's been happening so fast."

Carly is starting high school this fall and plans to join an Interact club. She hopes to eventually become a Rotary Youth Exchange student, Rotaractor, and Group Study Exchange participant.

Vital signs

Fostering such fresh, energetic recruits is crucial to keeping clubs alive, according to Niki Zohrab, the young vice president of the Rotary Club of Chicago Lakeview, Ill., USA. Without new members, she points out, "Rotary is an organization that will die."

Like many other Rotarians, Zohrab was introduced to Rotary through her father, Gain. However, she's unusual because of her age: 33. (Rotary clubs tend not to have many members under age 40; a 2006 survey reveals that 89 percent of Rotarians are 40 or older.)

A transplanted native of New Zealand, Zohrab was an adolescent when her father joined the Rotary Club of St. Johns in Auckland. He served for more than 10 years, eventually becoming its 1998-99 president. She occasionally accompanied him to meetings and helped assemble food baskets for needy families during Christmas. At age 16, she spoke to the club about a tall ship voyage she took.

After moving to Chicago, Zohrab wanted to meet people, make business connections, and help the community. Because of her exposure to Rotary, she decided to join a club in 2005.

"It's important to have younger members so we're staying with the changing trends," she says. "If someone's retired, they're not so much in touch with people of my own age group. We've got to keep it fresh with new, young blood all the time."

New worldview

"Young people bring a different perspective and energy," says Stephanie Ursini, president of the provisional Rotary Club of Denver Northwest, Sky High, Colo., USA.

She points out that once they join Rotary, young members recruit others to keep the organization vibrant.

President of a public relations and marketing firm, Ursini, 48, chairs the public relations and RI Convention promotion committees for District 5450. She received a 2005-06 Citation of Public Image Achievement from then RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar.

Perhaps even more impressive is her record of perfect meeting attendance since joining Rotary in August 1998. And many times, she doesn't arrive alone. Ursini's 18-year-old daughter, Vanessa, typically attends about 10 meetings a year with her mother.

Vanessa admits that at the beginning she went because they had breakfast. Then she started listening at the meetings and heard how Rotarians want to help eradicate polio, she says. "I helped deliver food baskets and attended fundraisers and charity events. It made me feel good. I made lots of friends."

At the age of 14, Vanessa went to Italy for six weeks as a Youth Exchange student. The next year, she traveled to Peru, where she and her Rotarian host family handed out Christmas presents to disadvantaged children. Two months later, her mom visited and delivered about \$3,500 worth of supplies for a free medical clinic.

"I love learning about new cultures and people", says Vanessa, adding that she "became so thankful for what I have because I could see how people with nothing could still put a smile on every day."

Besides offering "a world of opportunity" not available through education alone, Ursini says Rotary has helped her daughter avoid taking things for granted as she did before: "She doesn't let the water run in the sink to brush her teeth. She doesn't take hourlong showers. When she spends money, she considers what else it could've bought. It's amazing, her perspective. It definitely changed her life."

And the experience has instilled a desire to join Rotary. "I will keep the legacy going," says Vanessa, who plans to become a Rotaractor in college and apply for a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship to study abroad.

Lasting legacy

Vanessa is continuing a legacy by following in her mother's footsteps. Every summer throughout grade school and high school, Ursini used to accompany her grandfather Carl Powell to meetings of the Rotary Club of Delta, Colo., USA. She doesn't remember many details except that the club members were men who wore suits, seemed to eat a lot of chicken, and held picnics in the park. One thing that stands out in Ursini's mind, though, is the friendship that sprouted within the close-knit group. When her grandfather, a Rotarian for more than 50 years, was in the hospital, club members sent cards to him and food to her grandmother. If there was a funeral or a life-changing event, the Rotarians were always providing support.

"Everyone seemed like family," Ursini says. "We were always helping each other."

Ursini says keeping that fellowship alive is a primary reason why she became a Rotarian the year her grandfather died. "They just take care of each other. That's what made me a Rotarian."

New Paul Harris Fellow

by Max Bridges



Sunrisers Welcome New Paul Harris Fellow

Dave Lorenzen presents Kelly Waggner as the Club's newest Paul Harris Fellow.

Marwann

by Penny Millar

Marwann's presentation



Marwann gave a wonderful 5 minute presentation to the club on Thursday, talking about himself, his family, his school and his home in France. He did a great job. He's taking some serious classes at Maria Carrillo HS as he advances his course of study in science and math.

Please consider inviting Marwann to share activities with you and your family, such as going to see a ball game, spending a day at the beach, going the movies, going out to dinner. We are all hosting him, really.

If you would like to learn more about the District supported Student Exchange Program, go to their web page at <http://www.youthexchange5130.org/>

Youth Orchestra

by Max Bridges



Sunrisers Entertained by Santa Rosa Symphony Youth Orchestra

Founded in 1959 by a group of educators and prominent citizens who wanted to supplement the musical training offered by Santa Rosa Schools, the Youth Orchestra (YO) was originally named the Junior Symphony. The YO has had a consistent performance schedule, has been featured in side-by-side concerts with the professional Santa Rosa Symphony and debuted at Carnegie Hall in 2002.

Three members of the Youth Orchestra provided Santa Rosa Sunrise with a fine sample of their music to get our day off to a great start.

To celebrate their 50th anniversary, the Youth Orchestra will embark on a nine day tour of Eastern Europe that will include performances in Prague, Leipzig and Potsdam in June, 2009. They need to raise over \$225,000 to complete the trip.

Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary presented them with a check for \$250.

Information on how you can help send the Youth Orchestra to Europe can be found at the [Santa Rosa Symphony Web Site](#).

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Vicki Lockner continues to do well with her recovery from hip replacement surgery. She would love to have visitors and indicated the need to borrow a recliner to help with her recovery.



In the true spirit of Sunshine Rotary, Ezbon Jen offered his recliner and Jeff Gomer agreed to use his truck to deliver it. Nice work Gentlemen!

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Our Program for September 18th

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Mo Mcelroy - "Santa Rosa Visitors Center"

Our speaker is Mo Mcelroy, Executive Director of the Santa Rosa Convention and Visitors Bureau talking about the Santa Rosa Visitors Center.

The Santa Rosa Convention and Visitors Bureau is a division of the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce. Of the more than 1,100 Chamber Members, 350 are "hospitality" members who interface with visitors and meeting planners. The Bureau serves its members by operating an Official State of California Welcome Center, generating sales leads for group business and events, and bringing major events to Santa Rosa such as the Amgen Tour of California. Visit there [web site](#).



Weekly Rotary Foundation Thoughts

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[Rotary Foundation Thought is about PolioPlus](#)

In 1985, Rotarians made a promise to the children of the world to eradicate polio. Since PolioPlus began, the number of polio cases worldwide has declined by 99 percent, thanks largely to the efforts of Rotarians around the world. Rotarians have committed nearly US \$650 million toward global polio eradication efforts. Already, five million children are walking who would have been paralyzed, and more than 1.5 million lives have been saved. None of this would be possible if it weren't for Rotary's leadership and vision. What a wonderful legacy we are leaving to the children of the world. Goodbye Polio. Thank you, Rotary.

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IMPORTANT GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

by *Dave Lorenzen*

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Letter from Michael Juric, District 5130 GSE Program Chair

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Dear District 5130 Club Presidents and Assistant Governors:

Team Leader Interviews -

As you are aware, we are currently in the process of selecting a Team Leader for our Group Study Exchange to Brazil. I have been contacted by a Rotarian who indicated that a member was not notified of the ability to apply. In a district as large as 5130, that may be a possibility. If you are aware of any member who has a question regarding the Team Leader application process even though the deadline has passed please do not hesitate to give that member my personal phone or email information below. I'd be happy to speak to them to determine if they should still submit an application.

Team Member Interviews -

Team Members are actively being recruited to participate. The deadline for applications is September 19th. Please make an announcement a priority this week encouraging members to seek out local community leaders to apply. A PDF flyer is attached for your convenience and distribution.

On behalf of the GSE Program and District 5130, thank you in advance for your support of the GSE Program.

Sincerely,

Michael Juric

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News from Rotary International

by *Max Bridges*



New Country Added to Rotary Map

By Ryan Hyland
Rotary International News -- 11 September 2008

Governor Jack Davies of District 9220 presents the Rotary Club of Kiritimati charter certificate to club president Ruta Uatioa. *Photo by Sharon Maybee*

Members of the first Rotary club in the island nation of Kiribati spent a week in August celebrating its charter.

On 11 August, RI General Secretary Ed Futa, on behalf of the RI Board, approved a charter for the Rotary Club of Kiritimati, Line Islands, Republic of Kiribati, adding another nation to the more than 200 countries and geographical areas on the Rotary map.

"Rotary will have an important and positive impact on improving the lives of people in Kiritimati (formerly Christmas Island)," says club president Ruta Uatioa. "Rotary represents leadership, something we are excited to adopt here."

The 35-member club, along with guest Rotarians from District 9920 and the United States, held its first official club meeting on 23 August, the kickoff to the weeklong festivities. As part of the week's programming, Kiritimati club members visited schools and hospitals to assess potential projects.

Participating in the activities were members of the Rotary Club of Commerce City, Colorado, USA, who led multiple World Community Service (WCS) projects on Kiritimati and were instrumental in introducing Rotary to the islands.

George Maybee, a member of the Commerce City club, has vacationed with his wife, Sharon, on the island for years. During a trip in 2006, Maybee became convinced his club should get involved with helping people there.

A year later, the club launched a multiphase WCS project consisting of improved medical care, water quality, and educational opportunities.

The club then joined efforts with Past District 9220 Governor Warwick Pleass, who was already working with RI to get a club chartered in Kiribati. Maybee and members from the Rotary Club of Suva East, Fiji, made several trips to Kiritimati to help a provisional club.

Island nation

[Kiribati](#) (pronounced KEER-ah-bhass) consists of 33 islands scattered across 2,400 miles of the Pacific Ocean, with a population of more than 105,000. The three main groupings are the Gilbert Islands, Phoenix Islands, and Line Islands.

In 1995, Kiribati drew international attention when it petitioned to change the [International Date Line](#), which divided the nation into two time zones. The entire nation now lies west of the date line, which zigzags around the easternmost islands.

Kiribati gets a large portion of its income from overseas, including fishing licenses, development assistance, and tourism.

"Our people are used to being on the receiving end of help," says Uatioa. "With the first Rotary club here, our members can now be on the giving end."

Projects in the works for the Kiritimati club include completion of upgrades to the Banana Village Medical Clinic; construction of working toilets for all six

schools on the island; distribution of dictionaries provided by the Rotary Club of Brighton Early, Colorado; and distribution of toothbrushes and toothpaste.

"The future is bright; Rotary can surely look forward to a glowing success with the Kiritimati club, as well as an additional club in Kiribati," says Maybee. "I'm very much looking forward to seeing the Kiribati flag at the [RI Convention](#) in Birmingham."

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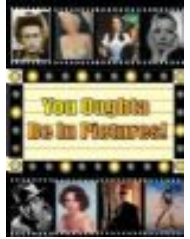
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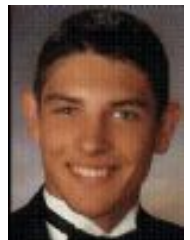
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Our Program for September 25th

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Chris Messina - "Santa Rosa Main Street"

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by *Dave Lorenzen*

EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR This week's Rotary Foundation Thought is about Every Rotarian, Every Year

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Seniors Event

by *Max Bridges*



Senior Oktoberfest will be on September 26, 2008

Del, Dan and Keith enjoy their participation in last year's Oktoberfest.

This year's Senior Oktoberfest will take place on September 26th from 11:00 to 2:00 at the Finley Center, 2060 W. College Avenue.

Eloise Tweeten and Stacy Drucker-Andress are the new co-chairs for Senior Events.

Please see Stacy to sign up for this event.

2008 Culinary Classic

by *Dave Lorenzen*

2008 Culinary Classic Announced: "You Oughta Be In Pictures"



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San Felipe Rotary visitor

by *Peter Hoberg*



San Felipe visitor donates Culinary auction item...

A visitor from the Rotary Club of San Felipe in Baja Mexico joined our meeting. He told us about the 53-member English-speaking club, and their big orphanage project. And... he agreed to donate to the Culinary a stay in a 3 bedroom condo in San Felipe! Details forthcoming.

Robin Abramson's recognition

by *Peter Hoberg*

Robin Abramson celebrates birthday with Al, in Antigua...



Al Abramson and his wife Robin celebrated her birthday with a trip to Antigua. He was recognized by acting president Steve Worthen, despite the attempted bribe.

Randy's new job

by *Peter Hoberg*

Randy Seelye coming out of retirement, sort of...

Randy took a part-time IT job with his daughter's organization, the Sonoma Ecology Center. This will keep him off the golf course about one day per week.

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Lance Armstrong?

by Peter Hoberg



Will Lance Armstrong ride in the Amgen Tour of California?

According to our speaker on September 18, Mo McElroy, it is a definite possibility. The internet is abuzz with this rumour. What it means to Santa Rosa is that if he does ride, the Santa Rosa portion of the race could have a really big crowd, several times bigger than if he doesn't. Either way, the race organizers are looking for volunteers to direct traffic if anyone is interested. The Second Stage is from Davis to Santa Rosa on Sunday February 15th.



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DG Ed Fullerton - "State of The District"

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We're making progress. Last year, 30,000 children, under the age of 5, died every day, from preventable causes. This year we begin with 26,000 children at risk. That leaves a lot of work yet to be done.

Each year, Rotary clubs begin new projects to meet this challenge. In order to support the growing demand for matching grants, by our clubs, we must raise the bar for the Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund. Therefore, I'm asking each Rotarian to contribute \$200 to the Rotary Foundation this year. The yet-unnamed club and district leaders of 2012-2013 will thank you.

I look forward to sharing this adventure with you. Our course may be challenging but you need only look back to see how far we've come. Polio is fading in our wake. ***We are Making Dreams Real!***

Ed Fullerton
DG 2008-2009

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Weekly Rotary Foundation Thoughts

by *Dave Lorenzen*



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District Simplified Grants allow Rotary clubs to identify, plan, and fund worthy projects in their own communities or internationally. Grants can fund improvements such as kitchen equipment for a food pantry, assistance for after-school programs, dictionaries or encyclopedias for primary school children, or renovations to a playground. The more we contribute to our Foundation's Annual Programs Fund, the more opportunities and funding we will have for such projects.

The Rotary Foundation allows us to "do good in the world" here in our own community, as well as internationally.

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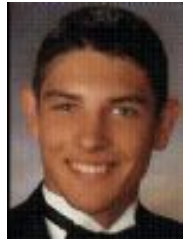
You jumped? Out of a perfectly good airplane?

Nancy celebrated recently by skydiving from 13,000 feet. It was an excellent experience which she highly recommends. Wow!

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Leroy arranges donation to Kid Street

by Peter Hoberg



\$900 worth of boulders donated to Kid Street

Thanks to Leroy's rolodex of useful phone numbers, and his power of persuasion, Kid Street is the happy recipient of over \$900 worth of boulders for use in their landscaping.

Check out the photo. Good job Leroy!



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Our Program for October 9th

by *Dave Lorenzen*

Planning for "You Oughta Be In Pictures"

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Our program this week is a chance for the committee review all the planned festivities, as well as a chance to ask questions about each of our jobs on the event to assure that we have a successful, fun event.

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This week's

Rotary Foundation Thought is about a World Peace Fellow at work on the frontlines

Izabela Pereira, a 2007 graduate of the Rotary Center for International Studies at Universidad del Salvador in Argentina, helped monitor Nicaragua's recent election as part of an Organization of American States (OAS) mission to the country. Izabela says her experience as a Rotary World Peace Fellow and an OAS observer gave her a firsthand understanding of how democracy is being promoted and strengthened in Nicaragua. She has also conducted fieldwork in Senegal and Cte d'Ivoire for the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

Izabela is one of hundreds of Rotary World Peace Fellows who have received the training and field experience necessary to work for lasting peace and stability throughout the world.

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Child mortality conference draws 10,000 in Korea

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Rotarians pledge their commitment to reducing child mortality



RI President Dong Kurn Lee presents a check on behalf of Korean Rotarians for W500 million (US\$431,890) to two organizations working to reduce childhood mortality. *Photo courtesy of Rotary Korea*

Nearly 10,000 Korean Rotarians gathered on 2 September to pledge their commitment to reducing child mortality, the focus of RI President Dong Kurn Lee's service emphases for 2008-09.

"Together, we can save a child who is at the threshold of death," Lee told the audience at the Kintex convention center in Ilsan, Korea.

On behalf of the gathered Rotarians, Lee presented a check for W500 million (US\$431,890) to two Korean organizations working to reduce child mortality, Korea Foundation for International Healthcare and Community Chest of Korea. The groups will match the funds with the goal of building a small hospital dedicated to mother and child care in Africa.

Conference attendees spent the morning in a symposium on child mortality with medical and academic experts and a UNICEF representative. In the afternoon, Rotarians heard from the heads of several nongovernmental organizations, such as World Vision Korea.

"It was awesome to see 10,000 Rotarians gathered in one place to get energized and educated about reducing child mortality," said Past District Governor Sang Koo Yun.

Korean President Myung-bak Lee, a Rotarian, and UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon sent video messages to the gathering. Reducing child mortality is one of the UN's Millennium Development Goals.

"I am heartened that President D.K. Lee and Rotary International have also taken up this issue," Ban said. "I am sure this will bring the same energy and dedication as Rotary [has] marshaled in the fight against polio."

At the end of the event, Rotarians adopted a statement on child mortality.

A second presidential conference on child mortality will be held in Singapore on 6 March.

Annual Visit

by Max Bridges



District Governor Ed Fullerton Speaks to Sunrise

Assistant District Governor Debi Zaft accompanied DG Ed Fullerton and first lady Carol to Sunrise for the annual visit on October 2, preceded by a Board meeting and fireside at the Floriani residence the prior evening. Ed gave us some insight into his flying career with the military and TWA as well as his vision for the Rotary year.

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Sunrisers Welcome New Paul Harris Fellow



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RI President addresses UN

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Dong Kurn Lee addresses government and civic leaders during September 25 forum convened by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon in New York



RI President Dong Kurn Lee praised the 20-year partnership between Rotary and the United Nations in fighting polio during a 25 September forum convened by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

At the forum in New York, attended by top government and civic leaders, Lee reaffirmed Rotary's commitment to working with the UN to eradicate polio and build a healthier, more peaceful world.

"We have brought the world closer to the end of a disease and to the achievement of the fourth Millennium Development Goal: reducing child mortality," Lee said in a speech during a breakout session on health and education. "We have created partnerships that will endure and will yield benefits far beyond the elimination of one disease."

Lee and other RI leaders spent four days in New York in September participating in several forums, convened to assess progress made toward achieving the [Millennium Development Goals](#) adopted by world leaders in 2000.

The forum brought together a broad coalition of government leaders, philanthropists, and development agencies who recommitted to slashing poverty, hunger, and disease by 2015.

Speakers included Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation co-chair Bill Gates, UNESCO Director-General Kiochiro Matsuura, WHO Director-General Margaret Chan, and other philanthropists and government leaders.

"Rotary's agenda addresses all of the millennium goals: health, hunger, cleaner environment, and education," says Sylvan Barnett, RI representative to the United Nations. "This event was a useful way to promote Rotary to

different world leaders and organizations."

RI General Secretary Ed Futa said the meeting he attended was a high-powered event.

"The thing that impressed me the most was that everyone -- heads of state and CEOs -- recognized Rotary International and the work we are doing," Futa said.

By Ryan Hyland, Rotary International News, 9 October 2008. Photo courtesy of UN Photo Library

Quarters for Kenya helps orphans

by Max Bridges



A project begun by a Rotarian to honor the memory of his friend is now helping Kenyan orphans who've lost their parents to aids

Quarters for Kenya honors the memory of Rotarian Charles Kean (above) who died of a bacterial infection of the blood in 2004. Below: students at an orphanage in Sidona, Kenya. *Photos courtesy of David Armstrong*



David Maupin, a member of the Rotary Club of Redlands, California, USA, launched Quarters for Kenya in the spring of 2004 to honor the memory of his friend and fellow Rotarian Charles Kean, who died that year of a bacterial infection of the blood.

The project helps raise funds to build orphanages in Kenya through The Shepherd's Homes. Donations have helped feed, house, and educate orphans in the small town of Gilgil, a suburb of Nairobi where Kean went to primary school, and in nearby Sigona.

The project is sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Downey, Redlands, Redlands Sunrise, and San Bernardino Crossroads, California, USA. In addition, students from local elementary schools and universities in California raise money for the orphanages through various fundraisers.

Maupin modeled his project after Joseph Pulitzer's Pennies for Liberty campaign to bring the Statue of Liberty from France to the United States in the 1880s. He reasoned a quarter, with inflation, was the current equivalent of Pulitzer's penny, and set out to raise \$250,000, quarter by quarter.

Students became involved in the drive when a five-year-old agreed to raise \$50 in exchange for having his name painted on a Cessna that Maupin chartered for a fundraising flight to Kenya. The boy's teacher took notice, and

began planning fundraisers at his school.

Global business professor Jack Osborn, a member of the Redlands club and a friend of Kean, also introduced the program to his students at the University of Redlands

Student-run

Four years later, a Quarters for Kenya group on the campus is almost entirely student-run and has raised more than \$35,000. David Armstrong, who coleads the group with Kaitlin Moore, spent two weeks visiting the orphanages.

"They're so happy to be where they are, with the shelter they have and the love they're given," he says. "They're living comfortably and safely and are given a high-quality education. That makes every ounce of effort worthwhile."

Rotarians and Redlands students have worked side by side on the project. Students have held silent auctions, benefit concerts, and forums with local AIDS experts. Rotarians have used their connections to secure large raffle prizes. Maupin and Armstrong have visited church groups, Kiwanis clubs, women's groups, high schools, and universities seeking donations.

"Students can reach a different type of people than Rotarians can," said Moore. "Maybe they don't have the money that Rotarians do, but now Quarters for Kenya is recognized by the Redlands community."

"It's a fantastic tribute to Charles," says his widow, Susan. "He would be amazed. It wouldn't have occurred to him that people would be working so hard in his name."

Find more on Quarters for Kenya or make a donation at www.quartersforkenya.org.

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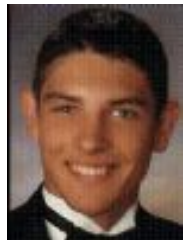
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Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail for Polio

by Max Bridges



Right; Cris Wallace flashes a thumbs up after completing the last stretch of the 2,658 mile Pacific Crest Trail in August. Left; Wallace at the start of the trail. *Photo courtesy of Cris Wallace*

Wallace hiked more than 2,400 miles along the Pacific Crest Trail in the western United States last year before early snowfall ended her drive to complete the entire route.

Determined to finish, the adventurous Rotarian from Lake Elsinore, California, USA, packed up her gear again in August of this year and completed the remaining 263 miles from Snoqualmie Pass, Washington, to the Manning Provincial Park, British Columbia, Canada, as part of a project to raise funds for PolioPlus.

"I decided that I would do a fundraiser to help eradicate polio, to inspire people to give to PolioPlus, and to remind them that together we can accomplish anything, including safeguarding our children and future generations against the poliovirus," Wallace says.

As part of PCT 4 Polio, a project sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lake Elsinore, Wallace solicited donations to The Rotary Foundation's PolioPlus Fund, visiting more than two dozen clubs in Southern California before taking a single step on the trail. She conducted television and newspaper interviews, visited even more clubs during her hike, and had a booth at the 2007 RI Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Her efforts raised at least \$70,000 for PolioPlus, according to donations

through her Web site, <http://www.pct4poliofreeworld.com/>, and spread awareness of Rotary's campaign to eradicate polio.

Public Relations Award

The Lake Elsinore Rotary club received an RI Public Relations Award for the project.

Wallace's parents, both Rotarians, are active in the Lake Elsinore club and played a major role in the project. Her father helped with publicity and promotion, while her mother set up many of the logistics of the hike itself, including mail drops of food and clothing.

Wallace first came up with the idea while spending a year in Europe following her graduation from the University of California, Irvine, in 2005. Sitting in an apartment in Scotland, she read about the [Pacific Crest Trail](#) in a British outdoor magazine.

"I said, 'Hey, that's in California! That sounds like a great idea,'" Wallace recalls. "So I talked to my parents and decided, after a little bit of conversation, that polio would be a great thing to walk for."

Her decision was cemented when she took part in a polio immunization trip to Kano, Nigeria, in February 2007.

Life changing

"It was life-changing," Wallace recalls. "I met a young child who was just experiencing polio within the last three weeks [of my trip], and it was really heartbreaking because his neighbor would not allow his child to be immunized. That really changed my opinion on everything and definitely reinforced my reasons for doing the walk."

Wallace now lives in Whitefish, Montana, and is a member of the Rotary club there. She works as a case manager at [Hope Ranch/Star Meadows Academy](#), a private boarding school for troubled girls ages 13 to 17.

Her mission has increased her commitment to Rotary.

"I didn't know too much about Rotary until I decided to do this project," Wallace says. "I learned a lot about Rotary. My family is Rotary crazy, and now I am Rotary crazy."

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Dick Perman's Craft Talk

by Peter Hoberg

Dick Perman craft talk .. some highlights

At the October 23rd meeting, Dick Perman gave a craft talk, and here are some of the highlights:

- Dick has been married for 40 years to his wife Ellen.
- They have two sons, 34 and 23.
- Dick's career includes many corporate positions, including Mobil, Pfizer, and several years in Hong Kong.
- Dick entered the wine business by purchasing a business in Naples Florida. It went well, until the big box stores caused price pressure and devalued the services they provided.
- They moved to Sonoma recently. Dick works at Chateau St. Jean as the retail sales manager. They have over 6500 members and some quality wines.
- Dick has made generous wine donations to Rotary events.
- He invites Rotarians to visit the winery and also to consider having events there.

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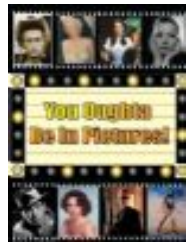
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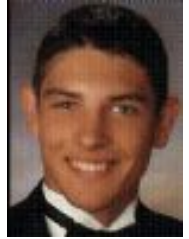
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Rotarian Effort in Afghanistan

by Max Bridges

Rotarians meet Taliban supporter of Afghan polio immunization drive



From left, Fary Moini, Past District Governor Stephen Brown, National PolioPlus Committee Chair Dr. Ajmal Pardis, Imam Abdul Wakil, former Rotary Scholar Mohib ullah Israr, and Dr. Qahar Ludien gather after the meeting of Islamic leaders promoting Afghanistan's NIDs. Photo courtesy of Stephen Brown

On the eve of Afghanistan's 19-21 October National Immunization Days, Stephen Brown, past governor of District 5340 (California, USA), had an extraordinary opportunity to witness the country's drive to end polio in action.

Brown and Fary Moini, a fellow member of the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle, were in Afghanistan to help develop Rotary humanitarian and educational projects. They were invited by Dr. Ajmal Pardis, chair of the country's National PolioPlus Committee and a member of the Rotary Club of Jalalabad, to attend a 15 October meeting of Islamic leaders, or mullahs, in Jalalabad.

The meeting emphasized the importance of the polio eradication initiative and linked immunization against the disease to the duties of parents to protect their children, as explained in the Quran.

"The most interesting speech, to us, was from a powerful Taliban mullah, Imam Abdul Wakil, who talked very passionately about the importance of this effort," Brown reported in his online journal. "He was clearly very well spoken, and everyone was on the edge of their seats listening to him. There were about 40 mullahs present, about 30 elders, about 10 students from the Taliban madras [Islamic] school, and local and national media."

On 18 October, Brown and Moini attended a kickoff event for the NIDs, attended by Nangarhar provincial officials, immunization supervisors, and the media. Brown gave a short speech and administered oral polio vaccine to a child.

Briefing

Pardis also invited Brown to a 20 October briefing on the status of polio eradication in Afghanistan. The briefing, which included two medical officers from the World Health Organization, covered the NIDs underway, aimed at reaching 7.5 million children under age five.

"Approximately 50,000 workers [public health staff and volunteers] are involved. It is a massive undertaking," Brown reported.

According to WHO, a major focus of the country's polio eradication effort is the security-compromised southern region.

"There is no evidence of poliovirus transmission in all areas in Afghanistan that have been safely accessed by polio vaccinators," said Dr. Tahir Mir, a WHO

medical officer for the polio eradication initiative, at a September press conference in Kabul. "Only areas that are inaccessible to our teams have reported polio cases."

In addition to participating in NIDs, Brown and Moini have led several Rotary efforts in Afghanistan since 2002, including helping to establish and equip schools and to coordinate Rotary Foundation scholarships and Group Study Exchange teams.

During their October visit, they briefed USAID staff in Afghanistan "about efforts of Rotary that tend not to show up on our government's radar," Brown reported. "I think those attending were surprised at how much we have been able to accomplish primarily through a volunteer network."

By Dan Nixon
Rotary International News -- 7 November 2008

Kid Street Benefit

by Dave Lorenzen



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Today, we are in what we hope will be the last stages of the fight against polio. All of you have helped through your support of our Foundation. Through the Foundation, we are able to be part of the day-to-day work of polio eradication by helping supply the transportation, the fliers, the advertisements, and even the lollipops to ensure we reach all children with the essential oral polio vaccine and make each round of immunization a success.

Those of you who have participated in a National Immunization Day know exactly what I'm talking about when I say there's nothing like it - nothing like knowing you're being a part of saving lives and making history. And if you can't be there yourself, then being part of the work through our Foundation is the next best thing.

Why do we have a Foundation? We have a Foundation because our Foundation lifts Rotary up. It lets every club and every district do the most it possibly can. It allows every one of us to be part of all of Rotary's work, and it brings that

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As we celebrate Rotary Foundation Month, we should all remember that The Rotary Foundation is *our* Foundation. It's here for us and because of us; it allows us to do more, to be more, and to bring more hope to the world. The responsibility for keeping our Foundation strong lies with each of us.

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November is

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Rotary Foundation Month

November 2008

Dear fellow Rotarians,

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

It sounds so simple, yet it means so much.

It means so much to every one of the people touched by Foundation-supported programs every year - the children too poor to go to school, the families who have lost everything in a disaster, the communities that lack sanitation, clean water, and medical care.

It means so much to the two billion children now living lives free from polio. Because of the work that the Foundation has helped support, five million cases of paralysis and more than 250,000 deaths from polio have been prevented.

Today, we are in what we hope will be the last stages of the fight against polio. All of you have helped through your support of our Foundation. Through the Foundation, we are able to be part of the day-to-day work of polio eradication by helping supply the transportation, the fliers, the advertisements, and even the lollipops to ensure we reach all children with the essential oral polio vaccine and make each round of immunization a success.

Those of you who have participated in a National Immunization Day know exactly what I'm talking about when I say there's nothing like it - nothing like knowing you're being a part of saving lives and making history. And if you can't be there yourself, then being part of the work through our Foundation is the next best thing.

Why do we have a Foundation? We have a Foundation because our Foundation lifts Rotary up. It lets every club and every district do the most it possibly can.



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It allows every one of us to be part of all of Rotary's work, and it brings that work to greater and greater heights.

As we celebrate Rotary Foundation Month, we should all remember that The Rotary Foundation is *our* Foundation. It's here for us and because of us; it allows us to do more, to be more, and to bring more hope to the world. The responsibility for keeping our Foundation strong lies with each of us.

Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee
President, Rotary International

Weekly Rotary Foundation Thoughts

by Dave Lorenzen

This week's

Rotary Foundation Thought is about bridging the worlds needs.



During the rainy season in Ethiopia many rural communities are isolated by fast flowing flooded rivers that separate them from vital aspects of life. With support from a Rotary Foundation Matching grant eight foot bridges were built to alleviate these villages isolation. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and the Rotary Club of Gloucester, Virginia, USA these bridges will improve the living conditions of local communities and provide them with access to life's daily needs. So even during the rainy season in Ethiopia, Rotarians will know that through contributions to The Rotary Foundation they helped provide a bridge out of isolation for these eight communities.

Rotary UN Day

by Max Bridges

Hundreds attend Rotary United Nations Day



RI President Dong Kurn Lee meets Jonathan Olunga of Uganda, the 10,000th Gift of Life patient. *Rotary Images/Alyce Henson*

More than 900 people, including Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors from

more than 44 countries, attended Rotary International Day at the United Nations in New York City on 8 November.

The day featured panel discussions on water, literacy, health, and hunger. Speakers came from within Rotary, the UN, and other partner nongovernmental organizations, illustrating how organizations can work together to tackle these challenging issues.

Speaking on one of the panels, Martin Silink, president of the [International Diabetes Federation](#)(IDF), said that half of the 440,000 children with diabetes worldwide lack access to the insulin they need to live.

Silink encouraged Rotarians to undertake diabetes projects and noted that the UN passed a resolution in 2006 creating [World Diabetes Day](#), observed on 14 November.

C. Wayne Edwards, a past district governor and member of the Rotary Club of Tallahassee, Florida, USA, described how he was inspired by his diabetic wife to raise money for diabetes causes during his year as governor. The result was a \$106,000 project that, with help from IDF, provided a diabetes camp for children and established seven clinics in Bolivia.

Other highlights of the day included an address by Grace Agwaru of Uganda, who in 1975 was the first heart surgery patient treated under the [Gift of Life](#) program, a Rotarian-supported initiative.

"By saving my life, you have enabled me to reach out to so many people in other communities and help them," said Agwaru, who works for the [Teso Foundation for Sustainable Development](#). Agwaru also introduced the 10,000th Gift of Life patient, 11-year-old Jonathan Olunga of Uganda.

Some of the loudest applause of the day went to Anand Balachandran, interagency coordinator of the World Health Organization, who cited the effectiveness of the [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#) by contrasting today's four remaining polio-endemic countries with the more than 125 that existed when the initiative was launched in 1988.

"This work could not have happened without Rotary," Balachandran said.

Projects in the spotlight

Other Rotary service projects spotlighted during the day included [Adopt-a-Village](#), which addresses health, hunger, and education needs in impoverished communities in Africa; [Reach Out and Read](#), which makes literacy promotion a standard part of pediatric care; [Rotary Books for the World](#), which collects and sends books to impoverished communities in southern Africa; and [The Seed Program](#), which sends vegetable seeds to people in the developing world and teaches them to grow their own food.

First-time Rotary-UN Day attendees Thomas and Rosenia Devine of Emmaus, Pennsylvania, said the day's program had given them many ideas to take back to their club.

"Our club wants to do more international projects, so I was very interested in learning more," said Rosenia, president of the Rotary Club of Emmaus.

Peter Marshall, a member of the Rotary Club of Mineola-Garden City, New York, said he has attended the event for the past 12 years but this year's program "was even better than I expected."

"Every year, I come with an empty briefcase and leave with one that's full of great ideas," Marshall added, showing a portfolio stuffed with notes and brochures.

A youth program aimed at high school-age students ran concurrently during the morning session.

Summing up the significance of the day, RI President-elect John Kenny said: "If we look sensibly at the problems and work together toward the solutions, our world will be better than it was before. All of us are here today because we want to be the ones to work toward the solutions."

H. Bradley Jenkins, RI's representative to the United Nations in New York, was lead organizer of the event, along with alternate RI representatives Sylvan M. Barnet Jr., Robert A. Coultas, William A. Miller, and Helen B. Reisler.

Kid Street Benefit

by Dave Lorenzen

DECOMPRESS BEFORE THE STRESS!

A fun benefit for The Kid Street Learning center

***MOMMY COMES HOME FOR THE
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***THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 20th***

***Kid Street Learning Center
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8:00PM



Before you bake those yams; before you re-gift those presents; before the holidays make you sentimental and stressed out, come laugh with Marilyn Kentz - the feisty brunette of the Bay Area's comedy duo "The Mommies". In the

90s Marilyn and next-door-neighbor Caryl Kristensen put together a stage show about what real moms think and do, advertised it as "a show for women who don't want sex more than once a month" and the packed minivans came in droves. Through many crazy circumstances the best friends turned their stage show into an NBC sitcom, a Showtime Special and an ABC Talkshow. Marilyn is coming home for the holidays with her humorous take on how it all happened. Laugh with her as she recounts how Drew Carey hated the Mommies; how she made the Pet Psychic cry and what a dork she was when Rosa Parks came on the Talkshow. Her stories are fascinating, inspiring and hilarious.

Get tickets at www.themommies.com
Or by calling (707) 321-3707

Home Exchange

by Max Bridges



Rotary Home Exchange Fellowship

At our November 13th meeting Past President Penny told us that she utilized the Rotary Home Exchange program for her recent trip to Australia.

The RI Home Exchange Fellowship was established in 1977 and comprises a group of Rotarians dedicated to promoting *Home Exchange* between individual Rotarians as an opportunity for fellowship and service.

For more than thirty years The Rotary Home Exchange Fellowship has assisted Rotarians throughout the world in arranging an exchange of their own home with other Rotarians for brief periods solely for vacation purposes.

During that time there have been several thousand Rotarians who have participated in this very popular and successful Rotary program which has provided opportunities for exchanges between Rotarians in many fascinating parts of the world--including Hong Kong, Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, India, Korea, Brazil, Colombia, Honduras, Venezuela, Mexico, the West Indies, Kenya, Egypt, Tunisia, together with most parts of the U.S., Canada, U.K., Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and several countries in Continental Europe.

With the recent downturn in the world economy, the *Fellowship* has experienced in the number of enquiries from Rotarians regarding the program.

You may wish to consider membership in the Rotary Home Exchange Fellowship as part of your future vacation planning. Additional information may be obtained on the [Rotary Home Exchange Fellowship website](#).

Marwann

by Penny Millar

Marwann is everyone's exchange student!



Marwann is our club's exchange student, not just the Lorenzen's. Please think of Marwann when you are going somewhere, such as going to see a ball game, spending a day at the beach, going the movies, going out to dinner. Or just invite him over to your house for dinner. It's all part of sharing our families and our culture.

If you would like to learn more about the District supported Student Exchange Program, go to their web page at <http://www.youthexchange5130.org/>

2008-09 Outbound

by Penny Millar



Do you know an Outbound candidate?

Now is the time to find a student for the 2009-2010 school year to study abroad. The student can come from Santa Rosa or any surrounding community, such as Windsor, Sebastopol or Rohnert Park. The ideal candidate would a sophomore now so that they are a junior when they travel. If anyone can take some time to go to various high schools and talk with foreign language teachers or counselors, I could really use your help. I will give you information about the program and some materials to leave at the schools.

The experience of going to another country, immersing yourself in another culture and language, making new friends, doing a lot of growing up is an opportunity that should not be missed. The cost is mostly just airfare. Rotary has decades of experience with the program, so students are well cared for.

If you have a son or daughter, neighbor or friend, who would like to be an exchange student next fall, please contact me, Penny Millar, as soon as possible to get the application process started. If you can spare some time in the next couple of weeks to help find a candidate, please let me know. I could really use your help.

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by Max Bridges

Santa Rosa High School Chamber Singers - "Annual Holiday Program"



The Santa Rosa High School Chamber Singers will perform a special program of holiday carols at this week's Rotary meeting. It's a good opportunity to bring family and friends!

December is

by Max Bridges



Family Month

December 2008

Dear fellow Rotarians,

As a father of four and grandfather of five, I have been fortunate to have spent many years in the company of children. When raising our own children, my wife, Young, and I worked hard to give them what all children need most: a loving, safe, and stable home. Our children were our first priority, and we made sure that they always had nutritious food, appropriate clothing, quality medical care, and a good education. We knew very well how fortunate we were to be able to do this. We were grateful that we never had to say to our children, "I'm sorry, but there's nothing to eat tonight," or "I'm sorry, but we can't pay your school fees."

When I was a child, Korea was a poor country, and there were many children who went to bed hungry at night and had no school to go to in the morning. As a Rotarian, I know only too well that there are still far too many children in the world without the absolute essentials: food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and education. And as a Rotarian who is also a father, I consider all of the world's children to be my responsibility.

When I see my own grandchildren - happy, healthy, and enrolled in good schools - I cannot help but think of the millions of children who do not have so many advantages. I think of the children who have too little to eat and only dirty water to drink. I think of the children who are sick with diseases that could have been prevented and those who will have nowhere safe to sleep tonight. And I think of the children, millions of them every year, who won't live to see their fifth birthday.

December is Family Month. It is a time to focus on our families, to involve them in our Rotary service, and to challenge ourselves to do even more for

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those in need. Because there are so many families and so many children waiting for our help, we, as Rotarians, cannot look away. We cannot and will not rest until all children, everywhere, have the chance for a long and healthy life. We will not rest until we *Make Dreams Real* for every child in every home where there is hunger, sickness, and want. As Rotarians, we can do no less.

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President, Rotary International

Weekly Rotary Foundation Thoughts

by *Dave Lorenzen*

This week's

Rotary Foundation Thought is about being a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member.



What can you get for US\$100 dollars these days? A pair of shoes, a nice dinner for two or a stove for a needy family in rural Guatemala, A contribution of \$100 to the Annual Programs Fund will make you a Sustaining Member of The Rotary Foundation but it also provides life-changing opportunities for those in need.

When you choose to support our Rotary Foundation you are making a difference in two ways: you are changing lives and you are literally saving lives. What an amazing thing to be able to say!

Thank you's

by *Max Bridges*



For Sunrise Donations

At our November 20, 2008 meeting Max Childs read "Thank You" letters and cards from the following groups and individuals who received donations from Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary during President Flo's year:

- The Children's Village of Sonoma County for their support of children in foster care
- Tomorrow's Leaders Today for scholarship for students as part of the Bob Blanchard Scholarship Fund
- Hope Works Santa Rosa for assistance to young men disassociating from gangs and criminal activity
- Ana and Mina Salabasheva for scholarship assistance with their college education

It was most gratifying to learn of the benefits of Sunrise donations from those directly involved with the use of the funding that we have been able to provide.

Guardian Angel

by Max Bridges

For 50 years, Rotarian Sir Nicholas Winton kept his wartime story to himself. But in 1988, details of how the young British stockbroker helped almost 700 Czech children flee the Nazis came to light when his wife found a briefcase detailing the evacuations.



Left: Sir Nicholas Winton at the Prague station where the children embarked for England. Photo by CTK/Tomas Turek. Right: Sir Nicholas with Hanus Grosz's granddaughter. Winton saved Grosz in 1939.

Inside the lounge at White Waltham Airfield in Berkshire, UK, earlier this year, 99-year-old Sir Nicholas Winton waited for the arrival of a microlight, a small aircraft open to the elements. He was about to indulge his lifelong passion for flying. This was no ordinary flight, and he's no ordinary Rotarian. Judy Leden, MBE, a world champion hang-glider and microlight pilot, flew from Derbyshire to make the flight, which has become a traditional birthday treat for the man she refers to as Sir Nicky. Her father, Thomas Leden, was one of nearly 700 children - most of them Jewish - who Sir Nicholas helped to flee Prague on eight *kindertransport* trains between 13 March and 2 August 1939, ahead of the Nazi invasion. A ninth train with 250 children was due to depart on the day war was declared, 3 September 1939. None of those children survived.

In 1938, Winton, a young stockbroker, had been planning a ski holiday in Switzerland, but a friend suggested he travel to Prague instead, where he experienced the danger posed to Jews and others by the advancing Nazis.

"It was a very cold winter, and all the people who had fled from Sudetenland into Czechoslovakia [and] who didn't have relatives or friends were in Nissen

huts, and conditions were very bad. There were five committees in Prague looking after the various . people who were in danger: the Jews, the communists, the writers in the PEN club, and other people on Hitler's blacklist. There wasn't any organization dealing specifically with children who had been orphaned or whose parents were missing. At the same time, parents were desperate to get their children to safety, even if they themselves were unable to leave. In order to help, we had to coordinate these committees and then see if the home office in England would let the children in."

"In 1938, there were 10,000 children who came into the UK from Germany under a mass arrangement with the home office. They were put into camps, and then homes were found for them. However, the conditions for bringing children in from Czechoslovakia were different. I wasn't allowed to bring in any children unless I already had a home that would look after them. I also had to raise the 50 required for each child to be able to return home after the war. I saw some of the children when I was in Prague and saw all the children when they arrived at the Liverpool Street station [in London]. At the end of the war, I assumed that none of the children were still in England. I didn't meet any of them again until 50 years later."

Sir Nicholas celebrated his birthday in May by being flown over the Thames Valley before attending his Rotary club lunch meeting in Maidenhead with Judy Leden. He said, "My first microlight flight was in 2003, and on that occasion, sponsors raised 5,000 (US\$8,900) toward a new Abbeyfield home for the elderly. I should have worn bicycle clips, [because] the wind blows straight up your trouser legs."

A Rotarian for more than 40 years, Winton served as a club president in 1973-74 and continues as a member of the community service committee for the Maidenhead club. He is still actively involved and is also the president of three local charities.

His wartime story only emerged in 1988 when his wife, Grete, came across a leather briefcase in the attic and found a scrapbook detailing the evacuations, complete with lists and photographs of the children and letters from their parents. He had put the briefcase with his working documents away after the children had been placed with their families. He never told anyone about what he had achieved. For 50 years, most of the children didn't know the person they owed their lives to. He hadn't even told his wife, but she persuaded him to have his efforts documented officially. Since then, his story has spread around the world. Today, there are more than 5,000 descendants of the Winton children in the United Kingdom, Canada, the Czech Republic, and the United States.

In 2003, Winton was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II. In November 2007, he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by the Czech Republic. And at the 2007-2008 RIBI Conference, he was named a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow by RIBI President Allan Jagger. Sir Nicholas said, "Rotary means a great deal to me; it encapsulates the various principles by which I live."

At the event, Lady Milena Grenville-Baines, one of the Czech children he saved, explained how she found Sir Nicholas 20 years ago through a chance comment at an Abbeyfield meeting in London. Another survivor, Rudi Wessely, was sitting next to Sir Nicholas, who noticed his accent and asked where he was from. Wessely replied, "I was brought to London on a kindertrain in 1939." Sir Nicholas told him that he helped organize that train, to which Wessely said, "You are the man who saved my life."

Lady Milena showed delegates the label that was around her neck when she arrived at Liverpool Street station in 1939, together with her permit and the list of children on her train. She said, "In 1939, as you scrambled to save hundreds of lives, Nicholas, you wrote in a letter: 'There is a difference between passive goodness and active goodness, which is, in my opinion, the giving of one's time and energy in the alleviation of pain and suffering. It entails going out, finding, and helping those who are suffering and in danger, and not merely in leading an exemplary life in a purely passive way by doing no wrong.'"

by Judith Diment
The Rotarian -- December 2008

Festival of Brotherhood - 2008

by Max Bridges



District 5130's 2008 Festival of Brotherhood team has just returned from the 13th annual project fair in central Mexico. We saw lots of outstanding projects and enjoyed 10 days of fellowship with the Rotarians of District 4150 in Culiacan and Guadalajara.

We have a number of great projects available for clubs in our district. If your club is interested in partnering in one or more of these projects, please contact Dale Knight or other members of the FOB team.

This was the first year for the International Golf Tournament, a fundraiser for the "Mano Amiga" shelter for children and families undergoing cancer treatment, (the original project of the Festival of Brotherhood.) It was an outstanding tournament played on a championship golf course, sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Zapopan Las Fuentes and Southwest Eureka. Dean Charlton of Southwest Eureka represented our district this year.

We were delighted to have a number of Rotarians and family members on their first visit and others returning to enjoy fellowship with festival friends in Mexico. We all had a great time.

Thanks, Ed

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Eric McHenry - "City of Santa Rosa Technology Strategy and Services"



Eric McHenry is the Chief Technology Officer for the City of Santa Rosa. He will present an overview of technology services and new trends and directions for the city. We will have a chance to see what is happening in areas such as cable TV services, wireless infrastructure, video surveillance, and Geographical Information Services.

This and That.....

by *Dave Lorenzen*



This and That

This weeks meeting included the Annual visit by the Santa Rosa High School Chamber Singers. They presented us a great selection of holiday season favorites. Thanks to **Steve Herron** for arranging.

Golf Tourney Chair **Steve Worthen** announced that the next meeting of the Golf Tourney Committee is on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at NOON, at Interiors Inc., 1325 North Dutton.

Sunshine Report

by *Dave Lorenzen*

Sunshine Report

Jim Moir is home recovering from double hernia surgery. Everything went well, and he just needs a little time reclining.



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Mid-career professionals from around the world, representing a wide variety of fields, participate in an intensive three month course at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. RPCS Program alumnus Richelieu Allison, Regional Director of the West African Youth Network, says, "This course has been the missing link in my [ability] to contribute to the resolution of the numerous problems confronting my region. If I had had the knowledge I am gaining now I would have been in a better position to adequately analyze the conflicts, map out the various actors, go the extra mile, and play a major role in helping to restore peace." This sentiment has stuck with him, as he wrote in a recent email, "The changes [the program] made in my life cannot be overemphasized." Create awareness. Take action. Make your annual gift today!

From Rotary's Press Release Center

by Dave Lorenzen



From Rotary's Press Release Center - Father-daughter team makes peace a family affair

Brian Farr expected to hear inspiring speakers at the Rotary World Peace Symposium last year in Salt Lake City, Utah, USA -- among them, his daughter Jana, a Rotary World Peace Fellow, who was delivering the invocation.

What he didn't expect was to be so motivated by what he heard that he would enroll in a peace studies program himself. In April, Farr, assistant attorney general for the State of Utah, graduated from the three-month peace and conflict studies program at the RotaryCenter at ChulalongkornUniversity in Bangkok, Thailand.

He credits Past RI President Charles C. Keller's "visionary" speech for providing the key inspiration. Keller talked of the need to seek more peaceful means of conflict resolution and "emphasized that peace-

building is not a spectator sport," Farr says.

Neither he nor his daughter could be accused of standing on the sidelines as far as peace is concerned. They helped build international goodwill before the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City and worked on developing the Global Mediation Project, a component of the city's future vision.

"It's been fun to see how our lives continue to cross paths in our work," says Jana, who will graduate from the University of Bradford in December. "Our conversations have become richer during my study in England and his in Thailand. We enjoyed bouncing ideas off each other."

Spending time with Rotarians has been a highlight of Jana's experience, just as it was for her father during the 2007 RI Convention. "It was that international spirit of Rotary that pulled me toward Chulalongkorn nearly as much as Keller's speech," he says.

The father-daughter team is exploring how best to use a combined body of knowledge and passion to meaningfully contribute to building peace. "And we're also looking forward to continued interactions with Rotary," Jana says.

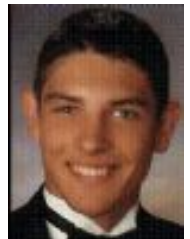
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"Happy New Year"

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Jan 5 2009

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Jan 30 2009 - Feb 1 2009

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Our Program for Dec. 18th

by *Bridges, Max*

Chris Jones - "Electric Vehicles: The benefits and the challenges"



Chris Jones is the president of the North Bay Chapter of the Electric Auto Association. Chris' talk will discuss an overview of electric vehicles, the history, the challenges, and what we can look for in the future.

Chris converted his 1966 Mustang to electric in 2006, using lithium iron phosphate batteries.

New Member

by *Max Bridges*



Member Coming

At the last week's meeting we welcomed our newest member **Rich Randolph**. Rich is sponsored by Del Raby and takes the classification of "Health Admin".

Rich was born and raised in the Bay Area, and has spent most of his life there. After going to UC Santa Barbara where he received a BA, he did graduate studies in Business attending California Lutheran College in Thousand Oaks . At this point he chose to go to work in the healthcare field where he has spent most of his career. Rich first directed several nursing homes and retirement communities in Contra Costa and Santa Clara Counties . He later embarked on his most challenging appointment as Executive Director of San Jose Care and Guidance Center, a large locked psychiatric hospital. Observing patients and families deal with chronic mental illness contributed to his now daily "smell the roses" outlook and prepared him to eagerly anticipate life after intense employment. In 2004 he left healthcare administration and obtained both Adult and Vocational Education Credentials. Teaching, mentoring and community building have become the domains of this new period in life where he is expanding his time in more enriching pursuits.

Rich has also been a Rotarian in the Bay Area since 1990. He clearly was an active Rotarian involved in many club activities with an emphasis on international service including GSE hosting and being involved with exchange students. He served as president of his club in 1996-7. In addition to Rotary he has been involved in blood drives, was a State Park Docent at Big Basin Redwoods and mentored elementary students. He has also helped coordinate a homeless shelter

Rich and Betsy have recently relocated to Santa Rosa. Please take a moment

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an introduce yourself and welcome Rich to Santa Rosa Sunrise.

Santa Rosa Sunrise Officers

by Max Bridges

On December 11 Sunrise Rotary Elected the following Board Members for 2009-2010 (dates corrected from an earlier version that was in error).....



President, Peter Hoberg



President Elect, Ken Petro



Treasurer, Shauna Lorenzen



International Service, Steve Zwick



President Nominee, Jim Kirkbride

Weekly Rotary Foundation Thoughts

by Dave Lorenzen



This week's

Rotary Foundation Thought is about Club Goal Setting

Clubs are asked to set annual giving goals for the **Every Rotarian, Every Year** effort. We're asking every Rotarian to support our Foundation with a minimum US\$100 contribution. At the President-elect Training Seminar (PETS) this spring, our club president-elect will be asked to submit an annual giving goal for the upcoming year. History has proven that clubs that set goals follow through with them. Many clubs are exceeding that goal now. "We decided to try for a total of \$600,000 or \$200 per capita in our district," says PDG Holly Callen, D5950. "It seemed like a real stretch and it took us three years to get there, but by setting an ambitious goal, we were able to achieve it. This year we have raised the goal to \$1million - \$300 per Rotarian!" As our club sets its goal for the coming year, we should also remember to measure our success by the number of lives we've saved and changed.

From Rotary's Press Release Center

by Max Bridges

Walking Among the Planets



In Anchorage, Alaska, USA, you don't need a telescope to look at the planets -- you can walk to them.

The secret is a scale-model planet walk created by the Rotary Club of Anchorage and amateur astronomer Eli Menaker. Interested trekkers start in downtown Anchorage at a 3-ton model of the sun and encounter each of the planets along a 10-mile route ending at a ski chalet.

Every step equals 186,000 miles, and heading to Jupiter from Earth is a little more than a half-hour stroll.

Menaker introduced the idea for a temporary walk to city officials in 2003 while a student at Service High School in Anchorage. Before heading off to Middlebury College in Vermont, he was approached by Anchorage Rotarians with the idea of making permanent planet displays, as part of the club's centennial project.

"We ended up drawing from people in different walks of life. We had fundraisers, we had engineers and people with science backgrounds," says club member Julius Brecht, an attorney and former NASA physicist.

The Anchorage club raised more than \$620,000 to enhance Menaker's plan.

Stepping it up

Menaker says his original Sun was a circular tarp covered with yellow adhesive tape. "I quickly realized we had to step that up," he said.

A local artist used over 2,400 ceramic tiles to craft a 12-foot-by-6-foot hemispherical model of the sun and sculpted sunspots to scale.

Menaker wrote text describing the planets and consulted with an artist and a contractor to configure the planet kiosks. Brecht and others worked to create a digital display for the Sun station at the start of the walk.

"I told our committee that what would really add some zing would be to make it interactive," says Brecht.

Rotarians designed the three-sided, 9-foot-tall Sun station with three screens on which participants can view Native American sun stories and NASA images.

Before the club dedicated the walk to the city in August 2006, members reached out to the city's school district and to the Imaginarium Science Center to incorporate the project into their curriculums. Additionally, Rotarians have pushed the fitness aspect of the walk through events like the Run/Walk Winter Solstice Challenge on 21 December.

"Early on we resolved to involve other organizations so that this thing will have life not because of individuals, but because of the ties we made with local institutions," Brecht says.

[Learn more about the planet walk](#) .

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From The Rotarian

by Max Bridges



Carbon Offsets Benefit Rotary Projects

Airlines such as Continental, Delta, and British Airways offer passengers the chance to buy carbon credits to offset the carbon dioxide generated by their travel. So do rental car companies and credit card companies - even eBay offers carbon credits for sale. The *New York Times* reported that in 2007, people and companies in the United States bought US\$54 million in carbon offset credits.

Christine Sephton recalls reading news reports about consumers not knowing where all that green money ends up. "I got to thinking, Rotary could be doing this," says Sephton, a member of the Rotary Club of East Hampton, N.Y., USA. "We could have our own offset trust, and the money could go to Rotary projects."

The result was a joint project between the Rotary clubs of East Hampton and Sheffield, England, where Sephton's husband, Peter, is a member (the couple divides their time between England and the United States). The CO2 Offset

Trust - Rotarians for CO2 Reduction now includes nine clubs on four continents.

Here's how it works: Visitors to the trust's Web site, <http://www.co2offsettrust.org/>, can calculate the amount of carbon dioxide generated from an airplane flight. They can then donate to the trust through the Web site using a credit card; the amount is calculated based on the amount of carbon dioxide produced. The trust is a registered charity in the United Kingdom.

The money raised helps fund Rotary projects that remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere or that teach people how to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Money has gone toward a forest replanting project by the Rotary Club of Harrogate, England, and a solar oven project by the Rotary Club of Fresno, Calif., USA.

Lorna Milligan, a member of the Fresno club, is working with her club's environmental committee to involve Rotarians in generating funds for CO2 offsets. "We find that most people believe it is important for us to do something, and this is a way to get started," she says.

The Sephtons also see the project as a forum for Rotarians to share ideas. Information on the trust's Web site emphasizes things Rotarians can do to conserve energy and educate themselves and the public about climate change.

"Everything is connected," Sephton says. "It's joining up the dots. Rotary does so much with disease and poverty, but it's all connected."

Read more stories from *The Rotarian*.

Remember the Pictures

by Max Bridges

Check out the Pictures from the Weekly Meetings!

On a regular basis, our resident photo pros **Warren Smith** and **Steve Davis** submit pictures of what is going on at the weekly meetings. You can always find the most recent pictures at the websites photo journal called "**Meeting Sightings**"



Thanks for all the great pictures Warren and Steve!

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