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Program

Posted by Brad Rosenbaum

This Week's Program

Midterm Planning



We have reached the half-way point in the year, and it is time to review accomplishments of the first six months and some of the club members who have worked hard to make a difference along with plans for the second six months.

President Pete Sumey will be making the presentation to club members during club assembly on January 3rd. The presentation will be short, probably no longer than 15 minutes, followed by an opportunity for club members to provide input to assist the club board in planning. The board will be participating in a planning retreat later in January followed by a planning session to update the club strategic plan later in the spring.

Thank you for helping us with this process.

A Letter from Outgoing Exchange Student Lauren Igel

Posted by Brad Rosenbaum

Dear Mrs. Widawski,

Yes, I am very excited to be going to Ecuador! This is the official country assignment, and I am very happy!

The meeting was great. We went up that morning, and were a little worried about the fire- but all was good, it didn't end up coming close to our house, thank goodness! I got fitted for my blue

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Jan 03, 2013
Pete Sumey
Club Assembly

Jan 10, 2013
Terry Rizzuti
Vietnam, 2nd Tour of Duty

Jan 17, 2013
Jack Endacott
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Brian Werner
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blazer, and got to meet so many wonderful people! I really connected with the other students that will be leaving for a year, alongside myself. I got to hang out and talk to the inbound students that are currently here. They had a lot of good information, and were a really good resource- as well as a bunch of fun to chat with. I learned so much from them- and got to get a more personal look at what their countries are like. They were from all over: Italy, France, Ecuador, India, Mexico (I never knew that they exchanged!), Germany, Brazil, Thailand and Sweden. I talked to the students from India, and they were really nice people, but my initial thoughts of going to India weren't what I was expecting. I believe that it would make for a wonderful exchange- but I could see myself fitting better in a place such as Ecuador. Meaning, somewhere with that 'South American feel'- vibrant people that always have a mile wide smile across their face.

We spent the morning going from station to station and they asked us all sorts of questions about what we would do in different situations during an exchange. It was really good to think about different things that could happen and come up to solutions to these things.

It was wonderful talking to the Ecuador students- I really connected with them and they were so happy, and had a great outlook on life as well as a very attractive attitude. My first thoughts about going to Ecuador were wondering if it would be a different enough experience, but after chatting with the students it alleviated my concerns and confirmed my choice and made me want to go there even more! I feel that their attitude was what locked my choice in. I love people with peppy type attitudes, and these students definitely had it! I am very excited to be able to be surrounded with these people for a whole year, and I'm hoping I will be able to pick up on their good spirits, and bring this attribute home with me to share with those around me. My parents and I really enjoyed the Ecuadorian boy, Pedro, so we ended up taking him out for lunch. He had a lot to say, and shared lots of information about his country that made me more and more excited to go there!

Before lunch we updated our country preference sheets- my choices were 1.Ecuador, 2.India, 3.Italy. I put Italy down because the inbound students from there were really outgoing, nice, fun guys. They did a great job of making me want to go to their country. We all turned our sheets in and the board talked over the outbound students country preferences during the lunch period. I wasn't expecting to hear what country I was going to be assigned until that next week- but after my dad smiled a lot and asked if there was any way we could "secretly" see our country, they said 'why not?' So we got to find out that afternoon! When they told me I got Ecuador I was (and still am) overjoyed! I was super excited that I got my first choice, and I am ready to pack up my bags!

My parents are (almost) as excited as I am for this trip! They made friends with some other parents and really enjoyed the meeting. They were also impressed with Pedro's attitude, and can't wait for my journey to Ecuador.

This experience is so amazing, and I just want to thank all of you for giving me this experience of a lifetime! I can't wait to live in Ecuador and discover a completely new world! Looking towards when I will leave, it feels like an eternity- but I'm sure it will be here before I know it. If I can tell you anything more about the conference, or if you're curious about anything else let me know! I am more than happy to talk all day about it!

Thanks again,

Lauren Igel

Letter From Francesco's Father Vittorio Lo Russo

Posted by Brad Rosenbaum

Dear Mr Thomas Anderson,

I have been silent until now and I hope you have not believed ingratitude on my part. Your letter of last June is for me a great satisfaction. Thank you so much to you and all components of Rotary Club Of Estes Park.

I'm very happy for my son and I'm very proud of him. This experience turned Francesco in better, he left boy and returned man.

Many times he talks about you and all people that he has known. He want's come back in the U.S. Naturally Colorado is in his heart.



Club Board Meeting

George Hix Room, USBank
Jan 03, 2013 08:00 AM

Fund Development Committee

Wasson Room, Library
Jan 08, 2013 05:00 PM

Showtime Committee

Presbyterian Community Church
Jan 10, 2013 01:30 PM

Duck Race Committee Meeting

Nicky's Restaurant
Jan 10, 2013 05:00 PM

Youth Exchange Committee

Optical Perspectives Office
Jan 24, 2013 05:30 PM

Foundation Board Meeting

Wasson Room, Library
Jan 28, 2013 05:00 PM

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His return in Italy had not problems. The school started in September and he obtained good grades. Last week asked me if it is possible to come in Colorado, next August. He want's to find a little work and so to cover his expenses. He would like to come with his brother Daniele and I'm sure that will be a great experience for him too.



I hope you may help me and I hope in a year suggest.

The occasion is welcome to send in the whole club my most sincere wishes and affectionate Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Vittorio Lo Russo

COMMUNITY CORNER CAFE

Posted by Brad Rosenbaum

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The noon Rotary Club is scheduled to provide the help at the Community Corner Cafe, located at Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Church, on Friday, January 11. We need volunteers for the following:

In the kitchen

- 2:30 - Food preparation - (need 2)
- 4:15 - 6:30 - Food Plating - (need 2)
- 4:30 - 7:00 - Dishwashers - need 2

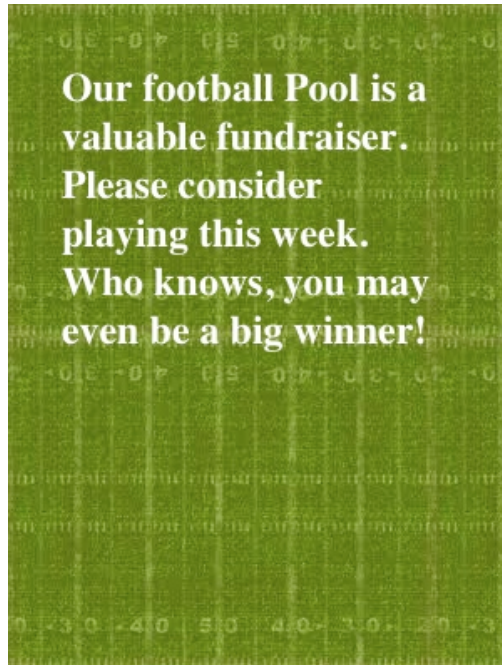
In the dining room

- 3:30 - 4:15 - Dining room set - (need 2)
(persons doing this can also be servers)
- 4:00 - 6:30 - Dining Room servers - (need 8)
- 4:15 - 6:30 - Greeter - (need 1)
- 4:00 - 6:30 - Drinks - (need 1)
- 3:45 - 6:30 - Desserts - (need 1)
- 5:30 - 7:00 - Clean up - (need 2 to 4)

If you are willing to serve in any of these positions, Earl Matson will have a sign up sheet at our Thursday meetings. You may also call him at 586-2369.

Football Pool

Posted by Brad Rosenbaum

**2012 Incoming Exchange Student Faustine Delebarre**

Posted by Brad Rosenbaum

Faustine Delebarre is our incoming exchange student from Bruay la Buissière,



France. Bruay la Buissière is in the extreme north of France, very near Belgium and the English Channel. Her first host family is Dawn and Ed Shields. The Shields live near the top of Pole Hill; poor Faustine comes from a fairly flat landscape near sea level, so her first experience in Estes Park was an eye-opener!

At home, Faustine took seven years of English, three years of Spanish,

and one year of Chinese. We can learn a lot from her! She is the third of three children in her family. She took the initiative by herself to contact her local Rotary club to become an exchange student to the United States.



"No, I don't think I will kiss you, although you need kissing, badly. That's what's wrong with you. You should be kissed and often, and by someone who knows how."

-Clark Gable, Gone With The Wind.

Anniversaries!

Celebrated on the 3rd Thursday of January

Bryon and Debbie Holmes on the 6th

Claudine Perrault and Todd Burke on the 16th



Birthdays!

Celebrated on the 1st Thursday of January

We don't grow old. When we cease
to grow, we become old. ~Ralph
Waldo Emerson

Jon Sypher on the 15th

Reuben Bergsten on the 20th
Jack Endacott on the 22nd

Next Week

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Meeting Highlights

Meeting Notes for December 20

Our Club members and guests celebrated the Grand Finale Meeting of the Year with a fine roast beef luncheon on Thursday, the 20th, at our usual Other Side meeting spot.

President Pete's all-fun-fest had been meticulously programmed by social leader Dana Fritz, who came through in fine fashion with a pre-luncheon string trio playing a selection of classical numbers for our entertainment, a special appearance by "the" Four Tenors with more fine arrangements, several challenging "mixer" games, a good old fashioned "sing along" of Christmas carols, and this reporter's first-ever round of "Pass the Poinsettia". Near as I could tell, about the only things missing were a light Red and a sprig of mistletoe!

Jill Anderson offered the invocation on this special day, followed by Mark Richards with the song (a carol) and pledge. With only a few brief announcements, President Pete segued right into his call for visiting Rotarians (none in attendance), and guests of

Rotarians (too many for me to keep up with the names), nearly all sixteen of whom were spouses of members.

Moving right along as they say in show-biz, Pete next summoned the three other members of the Four Tenors (Dick Broman, Dave Evans, and Mark Richards), who quickly joined in harmony to render several carols for our listening pleasure. Just like "down home", we were invited several times to join in, and we willingly did so with ever-popular favorites that included "Come All Ye Faithful" and finishing, naturally, with "We Wish You a Merry Christmas".

Ms Fritz then magically appeared, leading us through the "maze" of her challenging "Pic-to-Quiz" Senior IQ test (which I believe was "borrowed" from the pages of Child Guide Magazine! All the clues were cartoon sketches of various figures which represented Christmas subjects: The word NIGHT was shown in big thick black letters that looked like they had been shot through several times, so the answer was "Holy Night". Great fun, but no prizes! Even more exciting was the chance to take home a nice Poinsettia with a round of "Pass the Flower Pot" -- just like musical chairs, but with Stop-Start accompanied by our Four Tenors. When the music stopped, the holder of the pot was the lucky winner of the nice flowers. (I sat at a table with 9 other members, so we had a lot more fun than those at smaller tables.)

Perhaps the outstanding part of the celebration was a solo from Bert Bergland with his guitar arrangement of "My Colorado", a lovely Western lyric that seemed a fitting finale to the special occasion -- if you missed it, you really did miss a fine close to our Rotary year. We closed with President Pete's reminder that there will be no meeting next week and our traditional 4-Way Test.

Harry Hutcherson