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La Rotariana

Rochester Latino Rotary Club

The year that was

As we start a new year it is appropriate to take a quick look at what was accomplished in 2010 and then take a look ahead to 2011.

The Four-Way Test:

*Of the things we think,
say or do:*

1. *Is it the TRUTH?*

2. *Is it FAIR to all
concerned?*

3. *Will it build
GOODWILL and
BETTER
FRIENDSHIPS?*

4. *Will it be
BENEFICIAL to all
concerned?*

January

Several projects were undertaken at the end of December and beginning of January: Toy Drive for children residing at PathStone housing; Adopt-A-Family with gift cards; Gift Baskets for women in shelters for victims of domestic violence; Bilingual Dictionary Project at Eugenio María de Hostos Charter School., hosting by club members of the Governor Elect of Argentina and the Dominican Republic. They visited the club and a holiday dinner was served. Diana Irizarry, Lori Nolasco, and Carlos Torres were inducted as members.

February

District Governor Mark Wyse and Tim King visited the club to talk about the District conference to be held in Albany. Pablo Henríquez was inducted as member by Mark and Roberto. Elie Garbanzo was chosen to participate in the Oratorical Contest.

March

Members were involved in the organization of the First Anniversary celebration. Several members attended the District Assembly. An international literacy project took place and school supplies were sent to El Sauce, Nicaragua.

April

The grand day arrived on April 10th when over 200 persons gathered at St. Michael Church Hall to dance and eat delicious food. The Antonetti Orchestra provided the dancing music making the event a huge success. We were joined by the members of the Group Study Exchange Team from Finland. They were hosted by club members and one by Relton Roland of the Rochester Northwest Club.

May

It was decided to sponsor a team in the Rochester Hispanic Youth Baseball League and to co-sponsor a 5K race in conjunction with the Puerto Rican Festival. The Blue Book Shelf was placed at a health clinic on Clinton Avenue.

June

The change of officers took place and Elisa Dejesús assumed the presidency. Planning for participation in the 5K race and the Puerto Rican Festival Parade continued. Raquel Pedraza, Alex Pichardo were inducted to club.

July

A beautiful float decorated by club members, friends, and relatives was prepared. The Burgos brothers donated the use of the truck, platform,, and most of the decorations. The message was about literacy, as was the 5K race and the materials distributed during the Puerto Rican Festival.

August

Catherine Pulver spoke about her experience in Finland as part of the GSE team. Garage sale was held on 8/29 at the Public Market. Proceeds were dedicated to polio.



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The Rest of the Year

September

Plans for the Three Kings Day began to take shape. Yesenia is in charge of the project. Club members read to Kindergarteners at the Charter School.

October

We were visited by DG Jeff Krans, his wife Diane, and GED Gaven Hurly. Jeff talked about the theme for the year Building Communities/Bridging Continents the Polio Campaign and other international projects carried out by the Rotary Foundation., as well as the GSE that will be with Mexico in April, 2011.

November

:Lillian Torres, Evelyn Carrasquillo,, and José Cruz made a presentation on the services for individuals with disabilities offered by the Ibero American Action League. Diana Hernández has been very active recruiting students to participate in the Oratorical Contest. Five students from different High Schools have expressed interest. Club members are scheduled to read to kindergarteners at the EMH Charter School.

December

Toy drive for PathStone children residing in PathStone Housing was done. Toys were delivered during PathStone open house celebration. Toys donated by the Marine's Toys for Tots began to be wrapped by club members.

January

The long waited for Three Kings Day arrived. Roberto Burgos, Wim Baars, and Martin Pedraza (Raquel's husband) dressed in full regalia as the kings and distributed toys to over 100 children at Ibero's Day Care Center. This was a very exciting activity for all concerned: children, staff, family members and club members. Each child received at least three toys. Yesenia Ramos and Angel Torres were recognized by the club for their excellent work to make this activity a great success. They received a Certificate of Appreciation. Toys were donated by the Marine's Toys for Tots Program.

Recognition for Club Members

Members of the club were recognized by different organizations, as follows:

Yesenia Ramos, for volunteer work at Ibero's Day Care Center

Diana Irizarry, by Latinas Unidas for her volunteer work

Luisa Baars, by United Way Círculo Latino for volunteer work

Wim and Luisa Baars, by Ibero American Action League for volunteer work



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The Pictures



Abe, Diana, Wim, and Luisa attended the Foundation Brunch. It was a fun, informative event .

Fourth graders at Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School receive bilingual dictionaries donated by the RLRC.



DGE Oscar Marelli and wife Nivia from Argentina were hosted by Megg Huff and her husband and Wim and Luisa. The Marellis were in the Rochester area for 1 week on their way to DGE's training in San Diego.



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More Pictures



DGE Oscar Ma-relli exchanges club banner with President Elisa during his visit to the RLRC.



Below: Miriam, Roberto, Diana H., Lori, Wim , and Luisa posed after reading to Kindergarteners at EMH Charter School.

The Pictures Continue



Fourth graders at EMH Charter School proudly display their new dictionaries.

Below, Right:

Miriam, Literacy Chair, is in charge of the Dictionary Project. She was the Principal of the EMH since its beginnings and for 10 years thereafter.

Below, Left:

President Elisa also distributed dictionaries.



The Dictionary Project of the Rochester Latino Rotary Club

The Club decided to support the Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School that provides a dual language curriculum in English and Spanish. Thus, this is the second year that it has provided bilingual dictionaries to students in the fourth grade. Literacy Chair, Dr. Miriam Vazquez is a strong supporter of literacy initiatives undertaken by the Club under her direction. Among other projects, there is the blue box with donated books at a health clinic, an international project providing school supplies to a school in El Sauce, Nicaragua, and reading to kindergarten kids.

The Three Kings (Los Tres Reyes Magos) Celebration

Perhaps one of the most cherished traditions of Latin countries is the celebration of the Three Kings Day on January 6th. The Club's members do not want this tradition to be lost. Thus, Yesenia Ramos, Service Projects Chair, approached the Marine's Toys for Tots program and requested toys for the children attending Ibero American Action League Day Care Center. As a result, over 100 children ranging in age from 5 months to 4 years old received gifts on the 6th of January.



Martin (Melchior), Roberto (Gaspar), and Wim (Balthazar) with toddler as they begin to distribute toys.

Below: The children examine and enjoy their new toys as Roberto observes.



Upcoming Events and Announcements

January 26 — Regular Club Meeting—12:00 Noon—PathStone

Oratorical Contest Contestants to Present to Club—5:00 PM @ 817 Main Street, Ibero

January 27— Club members depart for Veracruz to attend Project Fair by Rotary District 4190

February 1— No Club Meeting

February 9— Club members will make presentation about Mexican experience @ 12:00 Noon at PathStone

February 16— Dr. Miriam Vázquez will make presentation on the EMH Charter School @ 7:30 AM @ PathStone

February 23— Luisa Baars will make presentation on Nutrition and Health @ 12:00 Noon @ PathStone

March 2— Esq. Diana Irizarry will make presentation on Responsibilities of Board of Directors @ 7:30 AM @ PathStone

March 9— Wim Baars will make presentation on the Role of the School Psychologist @ 12:00 Noon at PathStone

March 11-13 — PE Diana Hernández will attend PETS in Syracuse

March 16— Dr. Constantino Fernández will make presentation on Health and the Latino Woman @ 7:30 AM @ PathStone

MAY 14, 2011

SECOND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE.THERE IS MUCH TO CELEBRATE AND WE WANT EVERY CLUB MEMBER
TO ATTEND.AND BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Elisa Dejesús President

Maribel Torres Membership

Diana Hernández Vice President/PE

Yesenia Ramos Service Projects

Diana Irizarry Secretaries

Raquel Pedraza Public Relations

José Santana

Wim Baars Treasurer

Roberto Burgos Administration

Miriam Vázquez Literacy

Liliana Crane Program

Abe Hernandez Fund-raising

Miriam Rivera Club Service

Pablo Henríquez Sergeant-at-Arms