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Rotary 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
FRIENDSHIP?
4. Will it be
BENEFICIAL
to
all concerned?

May brought a great celebration

May came roaring with the excitement of the Second Anniversary Celebration of the Club. Over 280 people joined in support of the Club at the Diplomat Banquet Center for a night of music, good food, great conversations and many fun-filled moments. Abe and Yesenia outdid themselves once more. They carried the bulk of the organizing work and were able to obtain many donations for the cause. Victor and his band together with DJ Hernández provided the entertainment. We saw many good dancers on the dance floor moving to the sounds of salsa. There was recognition for the work done by Abe, Yesenia, Miriam, club members, and for Michael McDermott and Mr. Escher, from Dale Carnegie for

their cooperation with the Oratorical Contest. Leila Bocanegra, in an elegant black long gown, said the speech that won her the fifth place in the Oratorical Contest. Elisa and Jeff presented Luisa with a Paul Harris Award. Jeff informed the Club had been awarded a matching grant from the Rotary Foundation to equip a school for indigenous children in Tuxtepec, Mexico. The grant will allow for the purchase of sewing machines, woodworking saw, and computers. Besides the awards, there were raffles and 50/50 sale of tickets. Numerous items ranging from a week—long vacation in Florida to pictures and gift certificates and baskets filled with goodies were raffled. All in all, it was a great evening.

The Club is indebted to the many Rotarians, family members, and friends from all over Greater Rochester who came to celebrate, bought advertisements in the program book, donated raffle items, printing, paid for the music, bought tables and cooperated in so many other ways. This article would be incomplete if we do not recognize the presence of current, past, and future District Governors and their families. Past DG and “father” of the Club Mike Leon, and wife Jillian Past DG Mark Wyse, current DG Jeff Krans and wife Diane and incoming DG Norma Reilly and husband Gary with their presence conveyed the support and esteem in which they hold the club. THANKS!

District 7120 Conference in Gettysburg

President Elisa and hubby Abdiel and Luisa and Wim were at the conference in Gettysburg. The setting was magnificent and the plenary sessions as well as the breakout sessions were informative and interesting as well as inspiring. It was a great opportunity to share with Rotarians from the District and to compare projects, renew friendships, and enjoy the camaraderie and the sights of Gettysburg. Many clubs donated baskets that were raffled for the Rotary Foundation and a pretty large amount was raised. There were very nice selections. The Club received an award for literacy and Wim and Luisa received Paul Harris Awards presented by Jeff Krans for the work at the District level.

**Rotary is not
an
obligation, it
is a privilege.**

RI meets in New Orleans

Over 50 Rotarians and their families from District 7120 attended the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans. Over 18,000 people from more than 150 countries attended the event at the huge Convention Center. There were several plenary sessions as well as breakout sessions on a wide range of topics. Bill Gates, whose commitment to the eradication of polio is unquestionable was one of the speakers. The following is an actualization of the progress on this issue:

As of 31 May, Rotarians have [raised about \\$174.7 million](#) for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. These contributions will help Rotary raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The resulting \$555 million will directly support immunization campaigns in developing countries, where polio continues to infect and paralyze children, robbing them of their futures and compounding the hardships faced by their families.

As long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere remain at risk. The stakes are that high. It was informed that in the first 5 months of the year there was one case of new polio in India. Also, polio has been eradicated 99%. Yet, the struggle goes on.

Inspiring messages from the current and incoming President of RI, Ray Klinginsmith and Kalyan Banerjee, respectively, were highlights of the convention.

The House of Friendship had numerous booths where clubs from all over the world presented their projects and where vendors displayed tantalizing arrangements of jewelry, clothing, perfume, and different types of equipment for massages, foot support, etc.

And the Mexicans came

After the Convention, twenty Mexican Rotarians and their families traveled to Rochester to enjoy the sights of the Finger Lakes and Niagara Falls. They stayed with Rotarians in Rochester, Clyde, and Pen Yan. As usual the Rochester Latino rotary Club members were very generous hosting ten of the 20 members of the delegation. Ray Holla from the Irondequoit Club hosted two young men and Megan, who had just returned from her trip to Mexico as a member of the GES team, hosted two others. Elisa and Abdiel (one), Diana and José (one), Diana and Abe (4) and Luisa and Wim (2 and 2 others for the last two days) also hosted. Jeff and Diane hosted three and Barbara Harper (Clyde club) hosted two and Dave and Rebecca (Clyde) hosted two. A huge debt of gratitude to the host families.

The activities ranged from a visit to the Public Market in Rochester and the gardens in the Marketview neighborhood guided by Megan, visit to the Eastman House, a wonderful picnic in Canandaigua (home of Gary, GES team leader) with food provided by the Red Jacket Club after spending time at an interesting market with all types of articles including art work. It was an interesting afternoon. A trip to Niagara Falls by bus, provided by the District, was really fun. The weather was fairly good and our guests enjoyed the view.

Unfortunately, a few members of the delegation as well as of the host families were very sick. Some with the flu, others with salmonella and other intestinal illnesses. In spite of this, it is our hope that they enjoyed the visit and got a nice impression of our beautiful area.



Jeff leads the delegation receiving the Mexicans at the Rochester Airport



Jeff, Diane and Vicente Arbezú, DG District 4190 at the arrival of the latter at the Rochester Airport.



Wim and Luisa with Pres. Lincoln in Gettysburg



Elisa received Literacy Award for the Club in Gettysburg



Mexicans on their way back home posed at the Rochester Airport

Upcoming Events and Announcements

June 29 — District Governor Elect Norma Reilly Exchange Dinner

July 10 — Picnic and Presentation of incoming Board of Directors and awards

Details for this activity will be provided soon. Please save the date. The activity begins at 1:00 PM and will be held at Hilda's home by the lake.

Board of Directors

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