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January is Rotary Awareness Month. What could be a better than to kick the year off with each club offering activities that promote the service of Rotary. I encourage you to use social media and more traditional newslike programs to showcase Rotary and to demonstrate that Rotary is making a difference.

Your website is another venue you can use to establish awareness about who you are and what you are doing. If you were an outsider looking to become a Rotarian, would your current web page entice you to join? All of you are doing great things. Tell everyone what you are doing to make a difference both within the district and internationally.

January is also a great time to raise awareness among members of your club. How about a **Rotary Awareness Quiz** at one or more of your weekly **meetings** to increase awareness among your members? Anchorage Gateway has been including Rotary Awareness at their weekly meetings since they were chartered. Rotarian Doug Gilbert has been masterminding the weekly questions

(See Quiz on p. 2)

### Rotary Club of Fairbanks packs supplies for Food Bank

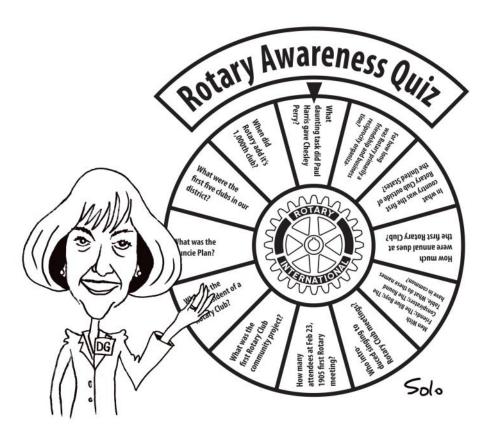
The Rotary Club of Fairbanks helped make the holiday season a little merrier for many in the Fairbanks area by packing Thanksgiving boxes for the Food Bank.



Nancy and Pat sling turkeys



Roger B.—Too hungry to wait?
(More photos on p. 12)



#### (Cont'd from p. 1)

that often come from the latest issue of The Rotarian. Members pay a dollar for each wrong answer.

The members really engage, work together to come up with the answer and have a good time avoiding a penalty for a wrong answer. Some sample of questions might be:

- 1. How many people attended the first Rotary meeting on Thursday evening, February 23, 1905?
- 2. What was the first Rotary Club community project?
- 3. Who can you blame for introducing singing to Rotary Club meetings and what was his profession?
- 4. Men With Friends; The Blue Boys; The Conspirators; The Round Table. What do these names have in common?
- 5. Who was the first president of a Rotary Club?

- 6. How much were annual dues at the first Rotary Club?
- 7. For how long was Rotary primarily a friendship and business reciprocity organization?
- 8. At the first Rotary Convention in 1910, keynote speaker Daniel Cady of the Rotary Club of New York told the audience that Rotary, then with 16 clubs, would have 1,000 clubs around the world within 80 years. When would Rotary add it's 1,000th club?
- 9. In 1911 Paul Harris gave Chesley Perry a budget of \$25.44 to complete a daunting task. What was the task?
- 10. The first five Rotary Clubs were Chicago, San Francisco, Oakland, Seattle and Los Angeles. What were the first five clubs in our district?
- 11. In what country was the first Rotary Club outside

- of the United States?
- 12. During the Great Depression the Rotary Club of Muncie, Indiana, helped launch The Muncie Plan. What was it?
- 13. Where and when did Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) begin?
- 14. Young Exchange is one of Rotary's most popular and successful programs. When and where was the first ex change?
- 15. The 4-Way Test was created in 1932. Who created it? The test, which has been translated into more than 100 languages, asks the fol lowing questions: Of the things we think, say or do, is it the TRUTH? Is it FAIR to all concerned? Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Think of some club specific facts that you would like your members to know. How about the number of scholarships you have given, the biggest project you club has taken on or the total contributions by club Rotarians and non-Rotarians to The Rotary Foundation?

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

Cartoon by PP Greg Soloman Anchorage East Rotary



## Rotary International Officer to speak at May District Conference in Anchorage

Michaell Colasurdo Sr., who will present at the May District 5010 Conference in Anchorage, was born and raised in Jersey City, New Jersey and graduated from New Jersey City University in 1967 with a degree in Political Science.

He taught American history, economic and international studies in high school before he and his wife, Ann, became owners of Mulberry Street Italian Food Centers in Ocean County, New Jersey.

Michaell has been a member of the Rotary Club of Brick Township for 29 years. He has served in all positions of leadership and was 1993-94 club president.

At the Zone level, Michaell served as a faculty member of several Rotary Institutes and was selected as Chair of the Centennial Institute in Cambridge, Maryland. He was also Representative to the Nominations Committee for selection of RI Director as well as serving as his District's Representative to the Council on Legislation in 2001, 2004 and 2007.

At the international level, Michael has served as RI

Membership Coordinator, RI Poverty Alleviation Task Force Coordinator and RI Foundation Strategic Advisor of Annual Giving. Since 2004, he has been assigned annually as the Representative for the RI President to District Conferences throughout the Rotary world.

Michael is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a Level II Major Donor, Benefactor of the Permanent Fund, Charter Member of the Bequest Society and a recipient of the Meritorious Service Award.

In 2006, Michael was selected as an RI Director for the 2008-2010 Rotary year. In his first year on the board, RI President DK Lee appointed him Liaison Director of the RI Finance Committee, the RI Rotary Action Groups committee and the Administration Committee.

During his second year on the board, RI President John Kenny appointed him RI Treasurer. Michael is presently serving a three-year term on the RI Finance Committee and is Vice Chair. He will serve a twoyear term on the Rotary International Convention committee for Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Michael and Ann have three sons. Michael Jr. and Ralph share ownership and operation of the family business. Mark is a Jet Blue Airlines captain.

Michael's commitment to The Rotary Foundation is "from the heart" as evidenced by the fact that his entire family—wife, parents, children, daughters-in-law and grandchildren—are all Paul Harris Fellows.

#### Conference volunteer opportunities

The Dinner in the Home committee is looking for volunteers in the Anchorage area to host visiting Rotarians the evening of Friday, May 16. Contact Kathleen Madden. kathmadden1@juno.com

If you would like to help with the conference theme decorations and special Saturday night dinner and dance, please contact Alice Federenko. afederenko@yahoo.com

### Attention!!



# Last chance to save on District Conference Registration fee

### Register by December 30

December 30 is the final Early Bird registration deadline for the May 16-18 District Conference at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage. To register, go to the District 5010 web site and click on the registration link or go directly to

Rotary5010conference.com

### Problems with the web site?

Hitting some bumps while you're trying to use the conference web site to register? Contact friendly, capable, Rotary geek Micah Shilansky, who will be glad to walk you through the procedure: *micah.rotary@gmail.com* 

### Registered but didn't pay?

Mail a check to dependable Russ Minkermann, 4300 B #308, Anchorage, AK 99503. He'll make sure the money gets into to the right account.



The District is still down 25 members for the year. We had a net increase of zero members for the month of November.

Those clubs that increased membership—good job—those of you that lost members, make sure you find out why the members left and if they can suggest replacements.

We have a way to go to meet

### Membership - Try "One and Done"

by PDG Bill Hopper, District 5010 Membership Chair

DG Foley's goal of a three percent net gain for the year. Presidents, review your goals and your plan and make it happen. I know we can do it but we have to work at it. For all the clubs that inducted members this last month, make sure you make your new members feel welcome and get them involved.

"Each Rotarian: Reach One - Keep One."

One thing some districts have implemented is "One and Done." The concept is that each Rotarian is challenged to bring a guest who is a potential Rotarian some time during the year. Then the

member is done. The Membership Committee takes it from there and tracks and follows up on recruiting the new members.

Once the guest has experienced Rotary, he or she will be moved by the men and women of Rotary who live out "Service Above Self."

You might want to try this concept and see if it works.



### Active Rotary Clubs in District 5010 - Membership as of 10-31-013

Club Name	June 1, <u>2013</u>	Net <u>Change</u>		Member <u>Count</u>
			<u>% + -</u>	
Anchorage	247	3	1%	250
Anchorage East	127	4	3%	131
Anchorage Gateway	22		0%	22
Anchorage Hillside	30	-2	-7%	28
Anchorage International	80	-4	-5%	76
Anchorage Mid Town	17	-1	-6%	16
Anchorage Russian Jack	19	3	16%	22
Anchorage South	88	-6	-7%	82
Barrow (Nuvuk)	19		0%	19
College	47	-3	-6%	44
Eagle River Area	43	3	7%	44
Fairbanks	158	-2	-1%	156

(Membership chart cont'd. p. 6)

Active Rotary Clubs in District 5010 - Membership as of 10-31-2013 (Cont'd from p. 4)

Club Name	June 1,	Net		Member
	<u>2013</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% + -</u>	<u>Count</u>
Fairbanks Golden Heart	9	3	33%	12
Fairbanks Sunrisers	55	1	2%	56
Girdwood	23		0%	23
Homer Downtown	15	-2	-13%	13
Homer-Kachemak Bay	55	-2	-4%	53
Juneau	76	-3	-4%	73
Juneau-Gastineau	55	3	5%	58
Juneau-Glacier Valley	62	-2	-3%	60
Kenai	22	5	23%	27
Kenai River-Soldotna	17	-1	-6%	16
Ketchikan	32	-7	-22%	25
Ketchikan (The First City)	37	7	19%	44
Kodiak	36	-1	-3%	35
Kodiak Morning	22	3	14%	25
Nome	26	-2	0%	26
North Pole	13	1	8%	14
Palmer	24	-2	-8%	22
Petersburg	31	-5	-16%	26
Seward	24	-1	-4%	23
Sitka	33	-3	-9%	30
Soldotna	64		0%	64
Susitna	28	-3	-11%	25
Wasilla	40	-3	-8%	37
Wasilla Sunrise	35		0%	35
Whitehorse	32	-2	-6%	30
Whitehorse Midnight Sun	12	-2	-17%	10
Whitehorse-Rendezvous	15	2	13%	17
Totals	1790	-25	-1%	1765
2013-2014 3% net gain goal		54		



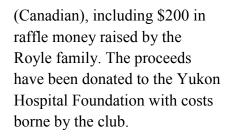
### Santa's Pancake Breakfast raises \$2,300 for Yukon Hospital Foundation

On Saturday, November 23, the Rotary Club of Whitehorse hosted its annual Santa's Pancake Breakfast at the Yukon Territorial Government main administration building. We were inundated with customers and rushed off our feet right from the opening. Despite the valiant efforts of cooks Reub Fendrick, Gary Annau and Randy Moore (a client of Challenge Disability support group), we were unable to satisfy demand. Frank Curlew and the cooks at the Westmark came to our rescue



and ended up cooking about half of the pancakes and sausages that were dished up.

In the end, we served 431 people and took in about \$2,300



...Story from The Rotator Weekly eBulletin of the Rotary Club of Whitehorse. Roderic Hill, Editor

Photos: Upper left: Mr. & Mrs. Claus meet Mallory; Middle: Santa's elves Allan Chisholm & Ian Baker; Bottom: Oh Christmas Tree—I'm seeing double!



Signed up yet for the June 1-4, 2014 Rotary International Conference in Sydney, Australia?

To register, go to www.rotary2014 .com.au/



### Multi-club movie night raises \$26,000 for The Rotary Foundation



November was Rotary Foundation Month and for the fourth year, the five clubs of the Mat-Su Valley and Eagle River Rotary areas (Eagle River, Wasilla Noon, Wasilla Sunrise, Palmer and Susitna) worked together to host a fund raiser for the Foundation.

This year we changed things up a bit and moved from a traditional sit-down dinner with the "Time, Talent & Treasure" (silent & live) auction to a "Let's go to the movies" theme. John Schweiger, CEO of Coming Attractions Theatres, is a passionate Rotarian from Ashland, Oregon. John spends a great deal of time in Wasilla and views Alaska as his second home. When he heard about our idea for a new theme, he generously offered to sponsor the event at The Valley Cinema in Wasilla.

The Backstage Bistro restaurant was closed to the public for the evening. The Valley Cinema sponsored all of the food, the party room for auction check-in/check-out, and allowed auction items to be displayed in the theatre and Bistro. Brad Webb from Webb Auctioneers donated his talent for the evening and facilitated the live auction.

The event ticket price included a private premier showing of the newly released (that day) film, "Last Vegas." A theatre of over 200 people laughed out loud during "Last Vegas, the perfect movie for a group of Rotarians!

Like all events, some aspects went extremely well and we also had a few glitches, but we'll fix the glitches and have even more fun next November.

The Good News is that we raised \$26,000 for The Rotary Foundation. Our goal next year is \$30,000 and we hope you will join us!

...Cheryl Metiva, Deputy District Governor Member, Rotary Club of Susitna

### 30th annual Homer-Kachemak Bay Rotary health fair attracts 1,248

"We did over 1013 blood draws. We gave out 205 free flue shots," says Homer-Kachemak Bay Rotary Club member Heather Beggs.

The annual fair, which has adopted the theme, "Take a day to be well," is sponsored by Rotary in cooperation with South Peninsula Hospital. Besides low-cost blood tests and flu shots, the fair offers information about federal health programs such as the Affordable Care Act insurance exchanges, Medicaid and veterans health services.

Fair goers can also learn about dental care, speech pathology, hospice services, nursing education, exercise, Vitamin D supplements and substance abuse treatment at the various

booths.

...Information from Heather Beggs and from an article in the Homer News by Michael Armstrong

Nurse clip art from DMCA

### Anchorage South raises \$3260 for typhoon victims

Anchorage South Rotary scrambled to put together a fundraiser for Philippine typhoon victims and succeeded in getting the job done in just 12 days. The event, which



raised \$3260, was held Friday evening, December 6, at Chilkoot Charlies in Anchorage.

The Anchorage Cabaret, Hotel, Restaurant and Retailers Association (CHARR) supplied all the food and beverages. Twelve restaurants contributed dishes. Radio station KZND was the main media sponsor.

All proceeds from the dinner, the door and the auction went to the relief fund.

...Information provided by Doran Powell





### Fairbanks Golden Heart sells cut wood to help Brazilian Orphanage buy bus

After a visit to Brazil, Sean Barry saw a need and brought it to the Fairbanks Golden Heart Club. Money raised from selling cut wood will be used to purchase a new bus for an orphanage in Brazil. The \$600 we hope to raise will turn into \$2,000 with matching grants from Rotary International.



...Story and photo posted on the club's web site by Susan Kramer

### Anchorage East provides vehicles for Guatemalan invalids



Anchorage East Rotary received fa District Grant to provide Personal Energy Transports for four invalids in Antigua, Guatemala. Anchorage East Rotarians Sandra Wicks and Bruce Phelps traveled from Alaska recently help distribute these vehicles.

The project proposal for \$1,000, read, "Due to the lack of adequate means of transportation, these 3-wheel vehicles costing \$250 each, will be provided to residents of Antigua, Guatemala with the as-

sistance of members in the local Rotary Club. This is part of a much larger project that enables disabled individuals the opportunity to transport themselves and their goods to their destination. The project will be led by an Anchorage East Rotarian, Sandra Wicks. This project will provide for the purchase of 4 vehicles..."

"Great project," noted District Grants Co-Chair Will Files. "Well executed."



Information provided by Will Files; Photos provided by Sandra Wicks

### Rotary Club of Juneau recognizes individuals and organizations for vocational service

If your club is wondering how to amp up Rotary's presence in your community, you might take a tip from the Rotary Club of Juneau. Each year, the club recognizes those in the community who exemplify "The Object of Rotary" - encouraging and fostering service, especially in personal, business and community life.

October is Rotary International Vocational Service month and this last October 29, at one of its regular noon meetings at the Baranof Hotel, the club presented awards in four categories:

**Non-Profit** – Girls on the Run (GOTR) International, an empowerment program for girls aged 8-14 that uses a fun, experience-based curriculum to instill self-esteem and self-respect in young girls at a critical time in their development.

**Business** – Behrends Mechanical for its extraordinary business practices and for the community service the company provides.

**Public Sector** – The University of Alaska Southeast Center for Mine Training, especially for its successful Introduction to Mining Occupations and Operations program, a course offered to high school students.

*Individual* – Pastor Tari Stage-Harvey for her work to feed the hungry in Juneau and for serving as an inspiration to many.

...Information provided by Sharon Gaiptman Rotary Club of Juneau

Want to see <u>your</u> club's activities in the District 5010 Bulletin? E-mail photos and news items by the last day of the month to:

impact@ak.net



AWARE/Girls on the Run: From left, Julie Walker & Ati Nesiah, AWARE; Rotary Cub President Brenda Hewitt & Rotarian Caitlyn McLaughlin, who nominated the organization



*UAS Center for Mine Training*, from left: Provost Rick Caulfield, student Thelea Savlick, Rotary Club of Juneau President Brenda Hewitt



Behrends Mechanical: From left, Rotary Club President Brenda Hewitt, recipient Candy Behrends, Vocational Service Awards Committee Chair Sally Smith ....Photos by J. Allen MacKinnon

### Ketchikan US Coast Guard Base and Island to Island Veterinarian Clinic honored with Rotary Vocational Service Awards

On October 23, First City Rotary, Rotary 2000 and the Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce held their second joint Vocational Awards Banquet at Ted Ferry Convention Center in Ketchikan on October 23.

#### United States Coast Guard Ketchikan Base - Excellence in Customer Satisfaction Award

The first award, for "Excellence in Customer Satisfaction," went to the United States Coast Guard Ketchikan Base. Chris Baca, President-Elect of First City Rotary, who nominated the USCG, wrote, "The members of our local base are our Local Heroes, and are engaged in multiple community projects each year." He mentioned highway clean up, placing flags at the graves of fallen heroes each



Left to right: Rotary 2000 President Marc Guevarra, First City Rotary President Rosie Roppel, Senator Bert Stedman, USCG Commander Jackson, Commander of the Naushon Jennifer Wescott of First City Rotary, Sr. Chief Demello, Sr. Chief Smith, Christ Taylor of First City Rotary

year for national holidays, donating uncounted hours to public school programs and daily rescue of local and tourism industry people on the water and land as emergencies emerge, among many other public services.

#### Dr. Marna Hall - Excellence in Entrepreneurism Award

The second award, for "Excellence in Entrepreneurism" went to Dr. Marna Hall of Island to Island Veterinarian Clinic, who was nominated by Heather Muench of the Ketchikan Humane Society. Muench's nomina tion recounted Dr. Hall's dream of starting her own veterinary clinic, offering clients and patients the experience of top-notch, compassionate veterinary care combined with an atmosphere more homey and soothing

than the stark and cold standard of the past.

ENGAGE ROTARY

CHANGE LIVES

Left to Right: Heather Muench of the Ketchikan Humane Society, Senator Bert Stedman, Dr. Marna Hall, First City Rotary President Rosie Roppel, Rotary 2000 President Marc Guevarra

With her husband, Dr. Hall started a clinic in Craig in an airstream trailer and a year later, expanded to Ketchikan. Since then, her business has exploded. She currently keeps two veterinarians busy as well as a staff of 12 and serves Ketchikan and Metlakatla and maintains a mobile clinic on Prince of Wales Island.

Photos and story provided by Rosie Roppel

### Juneau architect Wayne Jensen named Rotarian of the Year



One of the highlights of the Rotary Club of Juneau's annual Changing of the Guard banquet is the announcement of its Rotarian of the Year. This year's event saw long-time club member and community volunteer, Wayne Jensen, presented with the "Service Above Self" Award.

Jensen, president and senior principal of the architectural firm Jens Yorba Lott, was honored for his Rotary and community involvement. Since joining Rotary in 1977, he has overseen several Rotary projects, including the renovation of the Cope Park pool building, the climbing wall at the Zack Gordon Youth Center, the Rotary picnic kiosk at Auke Bay, and the greenhouse at Lemon Creek Correctional Facility.

He is a strong advocate for Juneau's youth, serving as a mentor to architectural interns at his firm, as well as volunteering his time and talents for numerous years as a board member. He is current president of the Alaska Committee.

Jensen also helped "build" the club's annual Rotary Foundation Auction from scratch. The auction helps the club donate upwards of \$20,000 annually to The Rotary Foundation. He has held almost every office imaginable at the club level, and has worked extensively at the district level as well. Jensen has filled positions from trainer and facilitator to assistant district governor.

...Sharon Gaiptman, Rotary Club of Juneau Photo from Wayne Jensen's Facebook page



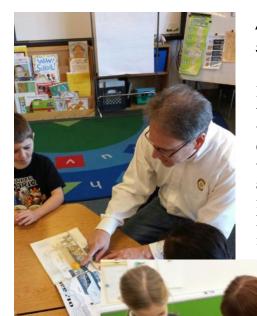
### Rotary Club of Juneau donates to Dolly Parton Imagination Library

When Rotary Club of Juneau president Brenda Hewitt took office this year, literacy was high on her list of priorities. She created a literacy coordinator position on her board and obtained a \$3,500 grant from Rotary International District 5010. This will be matched by the club, to help underwrite literacy projects. Most importantly, she and her club will be assembling a database of all literacy programs in Juneau—and how people can access them.

In October, the club's board of directors voted unanimously to support literacy by helping to kick-off a fundraising drive for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library with a donation of \$1,000. On October 15, Hewitt presented the check to Joy Lyon, Executive Director of the Association for the Education of Young Children—Southeast (AEYC), the organization in which the library is housed, and David Newton, chair of Juneau's Early Literacy Council.

"I'm delighted to present this check to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library on behalf of all of Juneau's Rotary clubs," said Hewitt. Although the Juneau Club is administering the grant, the Glacier Valley and Gastineau clubs are all committed to increasing Juneau's literacy rate."

...Sharon Gaiptman, Rotary Club of Juneau



### Anchorage South reads to school kids at Title I school

Members of Anchorage South Rotary read to kids or have kids read to them for a full hour each week at Chinook Elementary, an ESEA Title 1 school in Anchorage. Title 1 is a Federal program that provides financial assistance to schools with high numbers of children from low-income families.

The club also distributes dictionaries to all Anchorage School District third graders each year.



Photos and information provided by Jess Hinker

Loading boxes for the Food Bank—more photos of the merry folks of the Rotary Club of Fairbanks



Clockwise: Julie with Potatos, More Turkeys, Yo-Heave Ho!

Photos provided by Anna Gould



### Homer News says exchange students bring outside world to Homer

From an October 10, 2013 Homer News article and photo by McKibben Jackinsky.

Meet Homer High School's exchange students: Maximiano "Max" Mangue Jr. of Mozambiqute; Yusra Sahi of the Philippines and Sebastian Takamas, Jr. of Bolivia.

"Our current exchange students are sweet, responsible young men and women, said Principal Doug Waclawski. "I'm glad they chose to come to Homer high."

Enrolled as seniors, the three 16-year-olds will participate in senior activities, including graduation ceremo-

nies in May.

As Max, Yusra and Sebastian learn about life in Homer, the students they

New member information provided by District Deputy Governor Cheryl Metiva. Be sure that your club secretary or membership chair has created the new member's profile so he or she can be included in District and other membership reports. rub shoulders with every day also are getting valuable lessons.

"Finding out that a fellow students eats, prays and dresses different than you can be a really startling revelation," says Lin Hampson, HHS guidance counselor. "When a student discovers that a friend may be from a country that is vilified in the press, he or she discovers not everyone who is vastly different isn't necessarily an enemy."

Wacclawsli agrees.

"Exchange students help bring a diversity and different perspective that our students would no normally not have," he said. "It gives them a more personal window into other parts of the world, especially in areas that are in the news right now.

Photo: From left, AFS (American Field Service) exchange student Max Mangue; AFS exchange student Yusra Sahi; Rotary International exchange student Sebastian Takamas, Jr.

To read about the background and experiences of each of the three exchange students in Homer, log on to the web site of the Rotary Club of Homer-Kachemak Bay.

Welcome, new members!			
James	Cross	Anchorage Downtown	
Julie	Decker	Anchorage Downtown	
Stacey	Hoffman	Susitna	
Annie	Holt	Anchorage Downtown	
Hardy	Johnson	Anchorage Russian Jack	
Timothy	McLain	Eagle River Area	
Mara	Michaletz	Anchorage International	
Dan	Scarffe	Whitehorse	
Lori	Stender	Eagle River Area	
Tom	Gross	Fairbanks	
Uriah	Nalikak	Fairbanks	



### Anchorage International rings the bell for the Salvation Army

Each holiday season, long time Rotarian Jerry Budd organizes members of Anchorage International Rotary into two-hour shifts to collect money for the Salvation Army in various store locations. In the photo, Dirk Shumaker (left) and Jason Baer greet customershave a good time doing good at the Fred Meyer store on Abbott Road in Anchorage on Saturday, December 14.

Photo by Jan Ingram

### College Rotary Club helps raise funds for public station

Members of the Rotary Club of College answer phones during the fall fundraising drive of Public Broadcasting Station KUAC in Fairbanks.

> Photo provided by Patty Merritt President, College Rotary Club



### Mat-Su Rotaract helps homeless teens

Wasilla Sunrise Rotary Club President Dan Kennedy (white shirt) and members of the Mat-Su Rotaract Club gather to make plans. Rotaractors are working hard to help MY House, a shelter for homeless teens

Photo provided by Dan Kennedy

Raquel Edelen shows off a really big bottle from the Wall of Wine auction

### Anchorage East Rotary dinner/auction raises \$21,000 for The Rotary Foundation

Members of the 131-member Rotary Club of Anchorage East and their guests bid on vacation getaways, wine and dozens of other donated items at their annual December 11 dinner/auction at the Hotel Captain Cook. Event Co-Chair Charlotte Tharp says the live and silent auctions netted \$21,000 for The Rotary Foundation.



Kathleen Madden and event co-chair Kris Rognes



Jim Olson and event cochair Charlotte Tharp.



Auctioneer Paul McGuire and Greg Solomon



Renee Haag displays one of her hand-crafted table centerpieces.



Rotaractors Katie Johnson, Ann Marie Larquier and Wynne Auld help out



Thai exchange student "Boom" wearing his Youth Exchange blazer



Dianne Louise and Jerry Winchester donated a ride in their helicopter

Photos by Linda Jay Jackson

### Mike's Musings

### about The Rotarian Magazine and other things Rotarian

Well, here we are at the end of November And we had a Thanksgiving we'll all remember.

Of course, we ate too much turkey and too much dressing.

But, then, that's part of the Thanksgiving blessing.

As always, the November Rotarian is fo cused on the Foundation

With reports on the fruits of our annual do nation.

Whether we give just a little or give a whole lot

We share with those who don't have what we've got.

There's a Rotary team on board a hospital ship

With health professionals on a humanitarian trip.

And there's microcredit for Honduran housewives

To fund cottage industries and uplift lives.

There's vocational training for Uganda's work force

To upgrade skills and progress in due course.

And teams of teachers funded by the Foundation

Are improving South Africa's preschool education.

Finally, there's Archie Panjabi, a British

actress

Who partnered with Rotary to help gain access

To remaining nations for PolioPlus;
Her fame and fortunate have really helped
us.

There's a multiplier effect endemic in the Foundation

That transforms small gifts into greater donations.

So our service to mankind is profoundly real Which makes Rotary's Foundation a really good deal.

And speaking of a really good deal I nominate the Thanksgiving Day meal. Not only do we give thanks for each and every blessing,

We get to manifest it by eating too much dressing.



Mike Ferguson is a member of the Rotary Club of Fairbanks

#### Rotary Awareness Quiz Answers

- 1. Four: Paul Harris, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey met with Gustavus Loehr in his office.
- 2. A "comfort station" in downtown Chicago. Public restrooms were typically found only in saloons at that time, and unaccompanied women were not permitted to enter saloons.
- 3. Harry Ruggles, printer.
- 4. At the third meeting in Chicago of the group that would become Rotary, each name was considered for the new club.
- 5. Paul Harris nominated Silvester Schiele because Paul preferred to work behind the scenes to attract new members.
- 6. There were no dues at the first Rotary Club. The group voted there would be no dues and all club expenses would be paid from 50-cent fines.
- 7. Only about two years; then the club added a third objective—to perform civic service.
- 8. The 1,000th Rotary Club was added in 1921, only 11 years after Cady's speech.
- 9. To mimeograph and mail a new publication, *The National Rotarian*, to all 2,000 Rotarians in the 23 clubs nationwide.
- 10. Ketchikan 2000 (1925), Juneau (1935), Fairbanks (1940) Anchorage (1941), Petersburg (1941)
- 11. The first non-USA Rotary Club was in Winnipeg, Canada, in 1912.
- 12. The Muncie Rotary Club promoted home improvement to boost sales at struggling hardware stores and reduce the 80 percent unemployment rate among construction workers and tradesmen. The plan was very successful.
- 13. In 1959 Rotarians from Queensland, Australia, organized a weeklong conference for outstanding young people. In 1971 Rotary International adopted RYLA as a youth program.
- 14. The first youth exchange occurred when the Rotary Club of Copenhagen (Denmark) arranged to host several American boys in 1921.
- 15. Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor



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### Greg's Groaner



I stayed up all night to see where the sun went down and then it dawned on me.