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*This classic shot by **Ross Hall** features Sandpoint football great, Jerry Karmar(c) against our ages-old public backdrop that defines the very name of Sandpoint, Idaho. Our city beach long-ago set the pace for a well-developed park system.*

On the Necessities of a Vital Park System

As the Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Sandpoint, Kim Woodruff says he is always on the lookout for ways to enhance our area's already bountiful outdoor lifestyle. An Idaho native, Woodruff is passionate about local recreational resources - natural, like our lake, and man-made, like the City's new skate-park.

Woodruff's presentation to the Rotary Club of Sandpoint at last Wednesday's meeting was not his first, nor is it likely to be his last. The partnership between our Rotary club and the Parks and Rec Dept. reaches back a long way. There have been several collaborations, going back to the monument and benches at Downtown's Farmin Park, to some more recent projects, like the Centennial Clock Tower and Public Art. As Woodruff put it, "Rotary has had its hands in just about every public park within the city."

With new Parks and Rec projects constantly in the works, and new spaces being dedicated to the public through projects such as the Byway, it looks as if there will be ample opportunity to continue this partnership into the near future, with benefits reaching to span generations of Sandpoint area residents. Just something to keep in mind for future Rotary hands-on projects, President's projects and continuing financial support.

~ Nikki Luttmann

Sally Lindemann, Member Spotlight

Sally Lindemann was born in Davenport, Iowa and graduated from Texas Technological University with a degree in Elementary Education. Sally moved to Sandpoint in 1984 with her late husband Bob. Her grandfather served on the Sandpoint City Council long before her move to Sandpoint. Bob and Sally have been visionaries in Sandpoint's art community since they arrived in Sandpoint. Sally has two daughters and two grandchildren. Sally has been a teaching administrator and owned an art gallery; she is now retired but stays busy working part time at Eve's Leaves, and volunteering in local art projects. Sally's last trip was an Alaskan cruise and she is currently reading [Team of Rivals](#).

~ Tim Cochran

This Week

Author/adventurer, Jim Payne talks about his book [One Inch Above Water](#), a grueling account of kayaking America's rivers including the Saint Lawrence the Mississippi, the Erie Canal and Lake Champlain, as well as kayaking the Atlantic Ocean along the Florida Keys.

Next Week

Donna Parrish, the owner and publisher of *Multilingual Computing* talks about her magazine and the seminars her company provides for international business and translators alike.

~Toby McLaughlin

Duty Roster

	<u>GREETER</u>	<u>RAFFLE</u>	<u>PRAYER</u>
April 1	Kris Contor	Dar Cogswell	Dwayne Parsons
April 8	Mike Craven	Kris Contor	Tim Cochran
April 15	Dick Creed	Mike Craven	Dale Coffelt
April 22	Dick Cvitanich	Dick Creed	Mike Craven
April 29	Dave Eacret	Dick Cvitanich	Dick Creed

New Members

Approved for publication are

Mel Dick
(Restaurants)
&
Nikki Luttmann
(Interior Design)



Steve Verby

A Network of Friendships

Having joined Rotary initially for its expressed goal of world peace, Steve Verby and his wife, Tamara, have been actively involved as hosts through the Friendship Exchange program.

So when they planned their recent trip to New Zealand, Steve thought it appropriate to send emails out to Rotary Clubs along his proposed route seeking the best places to eat and lodge.

Choosing this inside network of Rotarians over the more traditional means of guidebooks and travel agents, Steve discovered a truly valuable mechanism already in place for traveling Rotarians.

"I'd say 80% of our food and lodging followed the recommendations we received," he said.

He went on to explain that they spent the first three days of their journey on a delightful, small island called *Waiheke* just off Auckland on the North Island. He might not otherwise have known to go there.

They also stayed at a bed & breakfast owned by a Rotarian near Abel Tasman National Park on the South Island of New Zealand.

Steve learned about this possibility of networking through Rotary clubs while traveling from hosting groups through Rotary's Friendship Exchange and heartily encourages his fellow Rotarians to jump in and do the same.

Eclipsing their trip was a stay with Jenny Shaw, who lost her husband to cancer in October. The Shaws were among the several groups that Steve & Tamara hosted on their tour through America.

If You Travel...

We want to hear about it...or read about it, either way. If you travel, let me know. I'll pick enough out of talking with you to write a short account of your experience for your fellow Rotarians to enjoy.

~ Dwayne K Parsons 290-2300

Events Calendar

If you become aware of upcoming events, be sure to let Jerri know. Her cell phone is 597-1969.

Club

- Apr 3 Paul Harris Society dinner
- Apr 3 Rotary Leadership Institute Facilitator Training
- Apr 3-4 Spring District Assembly '09
- Apr 25 Rotarians at Work Day Service Project
- July 31-Aug 1 Rotary Garage Sale

Community

- Apr 4 Ponderay Rotary Duck Hunt
- Apr 5 Spring Annual Food Bank Drive
- Apr 11 Sandpoint Senior Center Fundraiser Dinner for the Day Break Center & Bull Dog Bench
- Apr 16 Scout Fundraiser Pig Roast
- Apr 18-19 PBCA Home & Garden Show
- Apr 20 Earth Day
- Apr 24 Festival@Sdpt Wine Tasting, Dinner & Auction

~ Jerri Anderson