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FAMILY OF ROTARY by Aaron Cooper

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
William B. Boyd, RI President 2006-2007

Good planning is vital for successful service projects. We Rotarians are a practical lot. We are not ones to stand idly by when our help is needed. Nor do we begin a job without the tools to finish it. We do not sit at home and wish for a better world. Instead, we work to achieve it.

In choosing our projects, this first important step is planning. Before any work is begun, we must assess the needs and our ability to meet them; we must ensure that we have everything that we need to bring our project to its conclusion. And we must be sure that we are approaching each need in the most effective, most effective way. Communicating with the people whom we are trying to help is absolutely vital here, as I have seen over and over in the past.

The best projects are those in which the Rotarians involved have thoroughly researched just what needs to be done, how, and why — and have kept everyone involved at every step. This goes beyond involvement in the planning process. Successful projects transfer the “ownership” of the project to the beneficiaries, for this ensures that the benefits continue into the future. In brief: Plan well, ensure that you are meeting the real need (and not the perception of the need), and give ownership to those who will benefit.

Deciding whom to help is never easy. We make that decision, must look not only at the needs surrounding us but at ourselves — what we have to give and who can benefit the most from it.

SOUTHEAST MEETS NORTHWEST, BOATH SPAKIN’ AINGLEISH
by Stewart Martin, D5100 GSE Chair

Two Rotary Districts are about to get to know each other much better. They have been separated by the largest ocean, the International Date line, and a “common language.” Yeah, right! We say “jeet jeet” (Do you eat yet?) while they hospitably ask “W'y cheewa coold share” (Why don’t you have a cold shower)!

Though we share common English ancestors, we differ ethnically, geographically, and politically. Our indigenous people differ in customs and rights, and our laws and local institutions vary widely. They have walabuses and drought, while we have bald eagles and waterfalls. But we both share a love of wine, raise llamas, have lots of “open space,” and suffer large scale fires.

This is The Rotary Foundation program called Group Study Exchange, started by New Zealanders in 1955. Every Spring we exchange talented young people in teams that build bridges of cultural and vocational understanding. GSE is an exceptional part of what makes Rotary an International organization. Our District “works” each team hard, to understand their destination, prepare presentations, and learn about Rotary. They also learn local customs and often a new language.

On March 2 our team leaves for District 9790, headed for another world “down under.” They will be hosted by Aussie Rotarians in Melbourne and many outlying areas, all known for generous hospitality. Here’s a bit about the team:

Rick Bombaci, Rotarian with RC Wallowa County, is a Fundraising Director for Fishtrap, a literary nonprofit.
Corry Mathews is a court-connected Family Mediator in the Portland metro area.
Jordania Barclay coordinates workforce development projects in Vancouver.
Jon Spier is a division manager at Pendleton Grain Growers.
Anna Haberlach teaches high school art and graphic design in Portland.

Alternate team members, who are working to board the plane if needed, are Don Frank, a freelance commercial photographer in Gearhart, and Andrea Roye, a Portland oncology social worker.

So, come meet our District’s team on March 2 at 3:00 pm at McMenamin Kennedy School, 33rd & Killingsworth in Portland, or 5:00 pm at PDX airport at the United Airlines ticket counter. And come say “G’bye” (hello) when they return on United Air Flight 252 at 2:27 pm on April 1.

On April 14 four young professional Aussies led by Rotarian Ron Howard arrive in District 5100. Next month this newsletter and the District GSE website will invite you to attend District and Club functions where you can celebrate our Rotary International-ly, hear their Aussie slang and get to know these lovely young professionals.

You can also see both teams at the District Conference barbie on Thursday May 3, and as they give presentations on Sat. morning May 5.

Soon we will circulate a flyer announcing interviews for two new GSE’s — we encourage your Club to participate in this worthwhile Rotary program.

ROTARY DISTRICT 5100 LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Three years ago the District undertook to formulate a new training vehicle for any interested Rotarian. Through the efforts of the initial instructors, a comprehensive course structure was designed and implemented. There are nine topics offered with each covering a four-to-five week segment over a seven-month period. Course material has been available in hard form and on the District web site. Future material will mainly be accessed electronically. Topics are History of Rotary, Organization of RI and District, The Rotary Foundation, World Community Service, Club Service, Community Service, Vocational Service, Membership Development and Retention and a final essay. Taking this training requires a real commitment of time and a discipline to keep on schedule but in the end has proven extremely worthwhile to the participants.

At the District Conference on May 5th, the latest graduates will be introduced. These 52 will join 52 prior graduates giving the District 104 Leadership Training alumni in just three years. It is planned to have two classes again during the Rotary year 2007-2008 with one commencing in June and the other in August. Application forms are available from your club president-elect and the District office. Cost of the training is thirty-five dollars ($35.00) to cover materials. All members are encouraged to consider taking this training now or in the future as it will open their eyes to Rotary as never before. You will be glad you did.

PDG Denny Jones
Leadership Training Coordinator

PARTNERS IN SERVICE 2007

District 5100 is hosting a Partners in Service program again this year. Our purpose in bringing this program here is to provide every Rotarian the opportunity to experience first hand the internationality of Rotary.

We are inviting eight District 5100 Partners in Service to join us from September 28th through September 28th 2007. They will represent many areas of the world in which our District has completed or is currently working on projects. During this two-week visit, we hope each Rotary Club will accept a presentation from one of our Partners at a regular meeting.

On September 22nd we will hold a District project fair featuring international projects that have been sponsored by our clubs. This will be open to all Rotary, Rotaract and Interact clubs as well as organizations that have partnered or wish to partner with Rotary.

Our Partners in Service will be available to meet personally with clubs that are interested in making a connection with an International Partner or simply explore the idea of establishing an International Project.

MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

Week 37 - March 11 - 17 Do you know that a Dictionary program can involve members of your club in a literacy project? Giving a dictionary to every third grade student in your local school system not only is a great community service project but it also gets your members involved. Members that see themselves doing good works in their communities stay involved in Rotary.

An involved Rotarian stays in Rotary

Week 38 - March 18 - 24 Does your club reflect the diversity of your community? Survey your community and see if there are diverse business owners that would help diversify your club. While doing this survey see if your library is in need of books that are different languages that would meet the needs of your diversified community.

A club with a diversified membership is a strong one

Week 39 - March 25 - 31 Does your club give their speaker a gift? Think about donating a book to your local school or library in the name of the speaker. Having them sign the book is an extra special thought. Once a speaker sees the community spirit of Rotary they may be a good candidate for membership. Invite them back as a guest of the club and see if Rotary might be for them.

Members come from unexpected sources

L To R: Rick Bombaci Team Leader, Arina Haberlach, Corry Mathews, Jordania Barclay, Jonathan Spier

Earle Cleaver, Amber Rodd, Melanie van der Graaf, and Ron Howard at the School, Emma Curnian and Ronald Howard, Team Leader

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