

# Friends of Christmas Island - *Fish "Tales"*

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## RI Reports: “BILLIONS OF PEOPLE HAVE NO WHERE TO GO” “WHAT A MESS”

***Kiritimati Rotary Club is solving this problem for the children on the island***

*Rotary International affirms that over 2.6 billion of the world's people have no sanitation facilities whatsoever: therefore “Water and Sanitation” is one of its six major goals for Rotaries to work on around the world.*

### **MATCHING GRANT APPROVED:**

The Toilet and Hand-washing Station grant project recently approved, is the first Rotary International Foundation Matching Grant project in the Republic of Kiribati. The project was introduced by the Kiritimati Island Rotarians nearly 2 years ago to representatives of the Commerce City and Brighton Early Clubs. The grant project will consist of constructing toilets and hand washing stations for three primary schools and one secondary school on Christmas Island. Currently the four schools on the island do not have toilet and hygiene facilities; therefore this project will provide these facilities to 800+ students and 80 teachers. The schools are located in the island villages as follows: London primary and secondary; Banana primary; and Poland primary.

The approved RI Foundation Matching Grant project sponsored by Commerce City Rotary and Co-sponsored by many Rotaries will be overseen by the Kiritimati Island Club. The Matching Grant which totaled \$46,700 is supported by 14 Rotary Clubs which contributed \$17,650 and the Rotary International Foundation which contributed \$29,050. This \$46,700 grant is primarily for materials required for the project.

In the event that excess funds are available after completion of the four schools; the two high schools will be added to the project.

The project is estimated to take eighteen (18) months to complete. After completion, the facilities will be maintained by a combination of schools personnel, community volunteers and Kiritimati Rotarians. The Kiritimati Rotary Club and island school and medical staffs will provide initial training on the use and maintenance of the facilities and will coordinate support for future sustainability of the project.

### **9920 District Governor's Special Representative Maybee Provides P.E.T.S. Training**



P.E.T.S Conference



Current Officers

DGSR George shares a warm welcome from 9920 DG Leanne Jaggs and provides the newly elected 2010-2011 Kiritimati Rotary Officers with training during the annual President Elect Training Seminar (P.E.T.S.) plus a discussion on short and long term goals reaching the next three terms.

2010-2011 Kiritimati Officers; Past President – Moanafua Kofe, fishing guide; President – Naitiniwa Teitiaki, Port Authority Manager; President Elect – Ieretita Bataeru, High School Principal; Vice President – Taarene Ataia, Internet Communications Manager; Treasurer – Moutu Barairai, Construction Management; Secretary – Aroita Naare, High School Coordinator.

## Helping Hand



The decision was made to provide the balance of medical supplies to the hospital and dental equipment and supplies to the dental office, since it will be some time before a Volunteer Mental Clinic will be built. We are so pleased to hear that Dr. Parfaite has been awarded a 2 year extension to provide dentistry on Kiritimati. The above dental equipment and much of the supplies were provided by the Friends of Christmas Island project. In addition, the Maybee's brought another 14,000 tablets of antibiotics and heart meds provided by Beattie's Pharmacy in Brighton.

## Kiritimati Rotary Begins 2<sup>nd</sup> Year of Projects



In addition to the completed repair of the Banana Village Medical Clinic by the Rotarians; the LINNEX Government is constructing toilet facilities and providing water for the clinic patients. Book bags, hygiene kits and dictionaries have been sorted and are ready for delivery to three primary and 13 pre-schools by the Rotarians when school starts this month. Rotarians pose in front of the Spivey High School Library where Rotary meetings are held each Sunday evening beginning at 5 PM.

## Meetings Held to Discuss Kiritimati's Future



L to R: Meetings were held with Minister Temoku, the Permanent Secretary and Duty Secretary of the Line and Phoenix Islands Development Ministry. Discussions took place with Moutu Barairai, LINNIX Construction Manager on the design and construction of the school toilets and newly initiated Community Based Clean-up Kiritimati. The clean-up effort is to clean and green up the residential properties of the four villages on the island. The community based committee will provide leadership, guidelines and incentives of which Friends of Christmas Island made a generous contribution of prizes including 8 water filters, rocket stove and hundreds of T-shirts and clothing items.



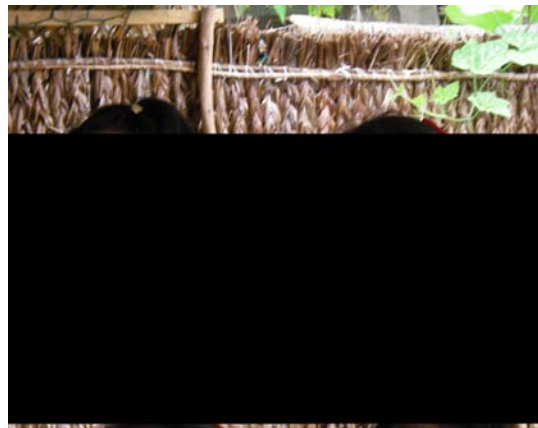
## Honolulu East Rotary Club Joins Efforts

The Rotary Club of Honolulu East partners with Friends of Christmas Island in developing a children's book collection project and providing a small warehouse to send 50lb boxes of much needed supplies from the mainland to Hawaii. The club will coordinate storage and delivery of the items to the S.V. Kwai when it sails every 6 weeks. This will be a great opportunity for fishermen and clubs that want to help out the islanders.

## It's Not All Work



Much fun was had catching Bonefish and Trevally during our 6 days of fishing. One day when fishing out at the Wreck Oceanside, I caught a Sweet Lips which the guides grilled along with hermit crabs. What a delight!



George & I have become quite attached to many of the wonderful people. Above Photo: A year ago, I was honored by Biita and Bebe asking me to name this beautiful little girl. Her name is Jessica named after our granddaughter, who accompanied us to Christmas in 2007.

## UPCOMING ROTARY CAR SHOW

On Sunday, May 23, 2010 the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Commerce City Rotary Charity Car Show and Concours d' Elegance will be held at Mile High Racing and Entertainment Park in Commerce City beginning at 9 AM. All custom and sports cars, trucks, bikes, trikes, tractors and new this year wheel chairs mild and wild are invited to be judged and shown for display. Like past years, proceeds will go toward the Commerce City Rotary's World Community Service (WCS) project, Friends of Christmas Island.

**For more information on the Rotary's WCS "Friends of Christmas Island" project, please contact George or Sharon Maybee at 303-655-9831 or email: [gkmaybe@aol.com](mailto:gkmaybe@aol.com). If you would like to join in with a tax-deductible contribution it can be sent to our 501c (3) foundation care of:**

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