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The Rotary Club of Fayetteville, Arkansas

Club Newsletter
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Dear A. D.,

WELCOME to the Fayrotales newsletter

February is World Understanding Month in Rotary.

We were reminded by a speaker at our January 15 meeting, how important it is to learn a second language. Some of us are still trying to master English, I admit. But I was reminded that learning even a little bit of the language of another country is much appreciated when I spent 3 months on assignment in Norway in 1997. I was taken aback at how many Norwegians spoke English very well, many better than me. Then I learned that they take some 6 or more years of English in their school system. Only the older people who were schooled during the Nazi occupation were sometimes a problem to communicate with, and many of them were more than willing to speak with me in English. So I got a bit lazy trying to learn some Norwegian but I could tell when I did speak or at least understand a little, that it was appreciated.

A recent story in a magazine reported a woman went on tour in China and decided to use the greeting her guide had taught her when meeting people on the street. She thought the Chinese were the friendliest people based on the responses she got. So she decided to try greeting people back home with a simple hello and was amazed when they responded much as the Chinese had. So World Understanding can include people we meet everyday too.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS



Rotarian of the Month:
Kit Williams

February Programs

Change Cups beneficiary for January was Habitat for Humanity

February 5 Mayor Lioneld Jordan
February 12 Steve Clark, CEO Chamber of Commerce

February 19 Washington County Judge Marilyn Edwards

February 26 UofA Chancellor Dave Gearhart

- Ask Uncle Ronnie

FAYRO is coming!!!!

I was reminded that it will soon be tournament time again when Chuck Culver sent a note saying we needed to put the dates of the 2009 FAYRO on our website. Apparently he and Scott Berna have been getting a number of inquiries already from teams. We can only hope this bodes well for participation in FAYRO2009. Mark **June 12-14** on your calendars now.

Of course it also reminded me that I had been lazy in not cleaning up the FAYRO website after the 2008 tournament.

International Service

Our Club can be proud of our record in International Service. Projects with the Chiang Mai Thailand Club have been a great success and have provided books, shoes and access to clean water for mountain kids in that are a of Thailand. We can thank Bear Graen and his committee for making these projects available for our Club.

President Mike announced in December that our efforts to find a partner club in Guatemala to work with us on helping the Children's Home there have connected him with Richard Rivera who will coordinate on that end. Mike reported that a check for around \$50,000. will be sent soon from a RI Matching Grant Program to buy furnishings for an educational facility for these orphaned and abandoned kids. Thanks to President Mike and JohnTolleson for working through the process on this project.

POLIO PLUS

In the February Rotarian Magazine there is an interesting and informative article called Amazing Stories of Polio! It provides information on the history of the disease, and a good explanation of what polio is. A history of the vaccines now used describes the progress achieved in the US and much of the World. But it also names the four countries where polio is still crippling children - Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan.

Since Dr. Albert Sabin launched Rotary's PolioPlus initiative in 1985, Rotarians have contributed more than \$700 million and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2 billion children in 122 countries.

Our Club must continue the great effort we made last year to fund the 3 year program begun at RI to finally eliminate polio entirely.

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This is the time of year for junior and senior college and grad students to begin preparing an application for 2010-11 RI Ambassadorial Scholarships. All the information they need is at the RI website (www.rotary.org/en/studentsandyouth/EducationalPrograms/AmbassadorialScholarships/Pages/ridefault.asp x). That's the same one we refer all applicants too. Every detail is in that section, including the application the student must copy and complete.

The application is not hard, but it is time consuming to put all the pieces together. The club's scholarship member, Guy Brown, is available for any questions at 479-582-5810. He can help the applicant get their material together.

All applications have to be in his hands no later than April 15th. The forms are reviewed in Fayetteville, then sent to District 6110 where they review them and ask the finalists to meet an RI panel in August (usually in Springdale). They award District's \$20,000 Ambassadorial Scholarship and the runner-up gets their \$30,000 Kirschner Scholarship. These are heavy duty awards that should cover all expenses for a year of overseas study. Our last two winners went to New Zealand universities.

Think it over. If you know of a young person who may strongly represent Fayetteville, please get them to contact RI right away.

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Ask Uncle Ronnie

Questions and Answers are available on our web site.

Send your questions to A.D Poole (poolea40@aol.com) They will be passed along to our Club Guru who will provide answers to be posted.

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