



What's Going on in Rotary

World Wide

Coping with Water Scarcity' is the theme for World Water Day 2007, which is celebrated each year on March 22nd. This year's theme highlights the increasing significance of water scarcity worldwide and the need for increased integration and cooperation to ensure sustainable, efficient and equitable management of scarce water resources, both at international and local levels.

Rotary clubs and districts worldwide will commemorate [World Water Day](#) March 22nd. Water is one of RI President Bill Boyd's [emphases](#), and Rotarians are encouraged to honor World Water Day by initiating water-related service projects.

Rotary clubs and districts have a long history of initiating projects that help communities get access to safe, fresh water. These projects range from digging wells to implementing water filtration systems. .

Clint's Corner

This week we celebrate the first Rotary Club meeting. It was held in Chicago, IL on February 23, 1905. Do you know other Rotary "Firsts"? The first regular luncheon meetings were in Oakland, CA in 1909. The first Rotary convention was in Chicago in 1910. The first Rotary Club outside the USA was chartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada in 1910. The first Rotary Club outside North America was chartered in Dublin, Ireland in 1911.

Upcoming Programs

- Mar. 6 – Exchange Student Report – **Julienne Klincke**
- Mar. 13 – Educational Tutoring – **Meredith Atkins**
- Mar. 20 – Rotary Run Day Final Preparation- **Sam Sullivan et al.**
- Mar. 27 – MI School District Update – **Cyndy Simms**
- Apr. 24 – From Waste to Energy- **Philip Schmidt**

In Our District

Hot off the press from District 5030 website: An invitation to meet RI President Bill Boyd and Lorna! When: March 24, 2007 - noon
Where: Beaverton, Oregon
Reserve your seat at the picnic by sending a check to: Rotary District 5100, Ste. 170
15115 SW Sequoia Parkway
Portland, OR 97224
(payable to "District 5100 RI President Visit")
Email: office@district5100.org
Fax: 503-620-1656
Phone: 503-620-8055
Or, register on-line at www.district5100.org

Today's Program

Blair Rasmussen, Brad Chase and Laurin Schweet gave a slide presentation, showing the location and current design considerations for the PEAK project. They reiterated the funding sources and talked of the need for the facilities particularly for the teens, currently "hanging out" at the QFC in lieu of a better location with appropriate supervision. The question and answer period was vigorous and enlightening, clearing up a number of issues. One of the largest stumbling blocks is parking availability. The traffic situation has been resolved and proves to be no problem. The current B&G club location will be upgraded by the purchaser while the PEAK construction is being completed. A ballot accompanies this issue of the Dawn so that you can indicate whether or not you support the board's decision to support the project.



In Our Club



Guests: **Keegan Conway, Reid Morgan** (snicker....39 year member)

Pres John welcomed **Claude Layman** back after giving us a scare about his health.

Greg Asimakoupoulos kicked off the wheelchair campaign for Akola (the water project nation in Africa).

\$44.40 delivers and assembles a light weight wheelchair. Because of matching funds availability, an individual contribution of about \$12 will provide a chair. A hat was passed for contributions...and did well.

David Gallimore reminded us of the March 10 work party at 1st Harvest to put together Early Literacy Kits as indicated last week by **Sally Porter**. This is our contribution for the District March 10 "Service Above Self" Day. Kits will be packed after the regular work party is concluded.

President John Matthews reported that the club board of directors voted to support the PEAK project with contributions of \$10,000 per year for ten years, from Grants and Awards funds. However, the board also required that the membership vote on that support. Therefore, a ballot will be included in this issue of the Dawn. Please fill out the ballot with your vote and submit it so the board can determine your support for their decision.

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 10 – District Service Above Self Day
- Mar. 16-18 – Pacific NW PETS, SeaTac Doubletree Hotel
- Mar. 24 – RI President Bill Boyd, Multi District Celebration Portland, OR
- Mar. 25 – MI Rotary Run Day-(Full Club Participation Required)
- Mar. 30 – Inbound Group Study Exchange from Japan

Member Profile

Seth Landau (17 years of service)



Seth was born in Manhattan, New York City. He moved to Seattle in 1962 and was raised here. He attended Mercer Island High School but was a "dropout". He went into the security business and has been in that business for 29 years. Seth's family consists of his mother, who lives in Bellevue, his wife, Kristi and Kristi's sister Jini. Seth has two nieces, a great niece and two cats. Seth and Kristi have a son in Africa who they have parented for the last 12 years. He is finishing a Masters degree in Law and is an elected official in the government of Kenya. Seth finds it impossible to favor one club service over another. They are equally important. As part of his service to others, Seth provides security for the largest Jewish organization in Washington at no charge. His hobbies used to include golf, travel and sports collectibles. He now enjoys golf, gardening, exercising and writing. His bedside book is the first Harry Potter book, brought to him from England by a friend. He uses it to prop up his alarm clock. He does not remember his classification talk and thus cannot comment on what he should have shared. His favorite makeup is flavored lipstick.

Story of the Week

A group of rednecks went deer hunting and paired off in twos for the day. That night, one of the hunters returned alone, staggering under the weight of an eight-point

buck. "Where's Henry?", the others asked.

"Henry had a stroke of some kind. He's a couple of miles back up the trail", the successful hunter replied.

"You left Henry lying out there and carried the deer back?", they asked.

"It was a tough call," nodded the hunter. "But I figured nobody was going to steal Henry."

Notable Quote

"It's just like magic. When you live all by yourself, all of your annoying habits are gone." ... (Merrill Markoe)

Have a good week! ...Jim Marich

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