



## What's Going on in Rotary

### World Wide

March is Rotary International "Literacy" Month. It is estimated that a billion people, or one sixth the world's population, are unable to read. Illiteracy among adults and children is a global concern in highly industrialized nations and in developing countries.

The tragedy of illiteracy is that those who cannot read are denied personal independence and become victims of unscrupulous manipulation, poverty and the loss of human dignity. Illiteracy is demeaning. It is a major obstacle for economic, political, social and personal development and a barrier to international understanding, cooperation and peace in the world. The tragedy of literacy is that those who can read, don't. It is estimated that only ten percent of literate Americans read at least one book a year.

### Clint's Corner

In 1949, the RI Board adopted the slogan "Every Rotarian and Example to Youth" as an expression of commitment to children and youth in each community in which Rotary clubs exist. Serving young people has long been an important part of the Rotary program.

Youth service projects take many forms around the world. Rotarians sponsor Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, athletic teams, centers for disabled children, school safety patrols, summer camps, orphanages, recreation areas, safe driving clinics, county fairs, child-care centers and children's hospitals. Many clubs provide vocational counseling, establish youth employment programs, and promote the 4-Way Test. Increasingly, drug/alcohol abuse prevention and AIDS awareness projects are being supported by Rotarians.

In every instance, Rotarians have an opportunity to be role models and mentors for young people of their community. As our youth grow to become adult leaders, it is hoped each will achieve that same desire and spirit to serve future generations.

### Milestones

#### Birthdays

**Mar. 28** – Pete Mayer  
**Mar. 30** – Paul Smith  
**Mar. 31** – Vyvienne Stumbles

### Upcoming Events

**Mar. 24** – RI President Bill Boyd, Multi District Celebration, Portland, OR  
**Mar. 25** – MI Rotary Run Day - (Full Club Participation Required)  
**Apr. 12** – Fireside - Paul Smith home, 7525 78th Ave. S.E. 6-8 pm

### In Our District

A Rotary World Peace Symposium is slated for 14-16 June, just before the 2007 RI Convention in Salt Lake City. The event marks the first time a symposium will be held in conjunction with an RI Convention.

The symposium will honor the Rotary Foundation 90th anniversary celebration and the 10th anniversary of the launch of the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. The agenda includes a retrospective of the program's first decade and panels on how the work of these scholars is affecting conflicts worldwide. Participants will also get the chance to network, attend regional alumni events and learn about the Rotary Foundation's short-term Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program, launched in 2006.

Most symposium events will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center and are open to all alumni and fellows. The \$ 250 (US) registration fee includes the symposium, dinner on 14 June and alumni registration for the convention. Interested Rotarians and friends registered for the convention may attend for an additional fee of \$150 and join the dinner for \$50. To register, download the convention registration form (PDF). Learn more about the RI Convention.

### Today's Program

**Sam Sullivan** and his supporting cast provided the program today. Sam showed slides with the routes of the various events, and traced the paths of each event. Because the participants will be running/walking slightly different routes, the biggest problem will be for the course marshals to direct the participants where correct turns need to be made to follow their specific route. Appropriate signage and color-coding of bibs will be helpful, but nothing will replace awareness by the marshals. Vests and signs for the marshals will be available at the Community Center on Saturday. Many questions were asked and answered by Sam and his staff. All routes have been structured to have identical starting and finish lines. The Run Day seems to be very well thought out and organized but last minute questions may arise. To that end communications systems have been set up to make things run as smoothly as possible. Let's all work hard to make this our greatest success.

### Upcoming Programs

**Mar. 27** – MI School District Update, **Cyndy Simms**  
**Apr. 3** – Wal-Mart - **Jennifer Holder**, Public Affairs Manager  
**Apr. 24** – From Waste to Energy, **Philip Schmidt**  
**May 1** – Klondike Museum - **Debbie Conway**, Superintendent.

### In Our Club

**Guests: Danicka Voget and Jeff Orswell**

**President John Matthews** advised that **Betty Brokaw** has passed away. Her memorial service will take place at 2:00 pm Friday at the Bellevue First Presbyterian Church. (Just North of Bellevue Square on Bellevue Way).

**Pres John** also reported that **Ginny Chappelle** is recovering nicely from knee surgery.

#### Board Activity Report:

\*Our treasury has a slight surplus.

\*A Fireside will be held **April 12th** (Thursday Eve) at 6:00 to 8:00 pm, at **Paul Smith's** home.

\*The MI Rotary Achievement Award recipient has been selected. Schedule for presenting the award depends on

availability of the recipient.

\*All Grants and awards proposed by the G&A Committee were approved.

\*The result of the PEAK vote showed two-thirds in favor. Of those voting "no", the principal concern was the ten-year commitment of future boards. **Pres John** reported that the board will attempt to donate the \$100,000 over a shorter period if possible.

**Vali Somers** lauded the success of the Interact Club this year and reported that the fund-raising luncheon was a success as well.

**Pres John** reported that the Ethiopian Water Project #1, to which we contributed a handsome sum, is virtually complete and Project #2 is about to begin.

**Bo Darling** was asked to report on the potential relocation of the club meetings due to continuing growth and expectation of even greater growth. All options were considered and debated. A move to the Community Center appears to be a fine solution. Economically, the Community Center will be less expensive, provide more parking and there are no problems with catering. The downside is the potential loss of revenue to our current venue. We have offered them the opportunity to continue their portion of the catering if they are able to prepare and bring the food to CCMV. The move will be made for the first July meeting of the new Rotary year. A show of hands illustrated approval of the membership, with some dissent. An electronic vote may be solicited so that those not present can have a voice.



### Member Profile

**Pat Turner** (16 years of service)



Pat was born in Van Nuys, CA and raised in Claremont, CA. Most of her life has been spent in Southern Cal, Northern California, Oregon and Washington. Pat attended Whitman College and earned a BA cum laude with a double major in psychology and sociology. She earned a Master's degree in educational psychology from UW and her administrative credential from Central Washington U. Pat has held diverse jobs: District Exec for Campfire Girls, Director of Camp Sealth, Executive Director of a private foundation. She is now Director of Student Services for the MI School District. Pat has two sons. Marshall is at Western Washington U and Russell is a biology major at Western Washington. Pat's Mom and Dad live in Claremont and are 93 and 92 respectively. The MI Rotary Run Day is Pat's favorite club service because of how smoothly it runs and the obvious good time people seem to have. The Guatemala Stove project, fundraising events for Breast Cancer, Ovarian Cancer, Children's Home Society and YWCA luncheon are Pat's favorite outside service involvement. She used to ski, hike, travel, "But who has time for such things now?" Pat is currently reading "Leadership Without Easy Answers". This is good reading for those expected to provide leadership. Her favorite makeup was in Spain. When she asked the bellman where Rotary met, he looked blank. When she explained that it was a service club, he smiled and directed her to the "Red Light District".

### Story of the Week

The businessman dragged himself home and barely made it to his easy chair before he dropped exhausted. His sympathetic wife was right there with a cool drink and a comforting word. "My, you look tired," she said. "You must have had a hard day today. What happened to make you so exhausted?" "It was terrible," her husband said. "The computer broke down and all of us had to do our own thinking."

### Notable Quote

"Death and taxes may be the only certain things in life, but at least death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets."  
.... (Joe Moore)

### Have a good week! ...Jim Marich

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