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What's Going on in Rotary

World Wide

Rotary World is a Rotary magazine for Rotary leaders, which is sent gratis on a quarterly basis to each club president and also current and past RI officers on request. It is an eight-page tabloid size newspaper published in nine languages. Rotary World can be downloaded off the Rotary website by clicking on the "newsroom" link. It covers different subjects than those published in *The Rotarian".* The January edition features an article by RI President Boyd on Planning. Excerpts follow:

"We Rotarians are a practical lot. We are not ones to stand idly by when our help is needed. In choosing our projects, the 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 we need to bring our project to its conclusion. 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. Successful projects transfer the "ownership" of the project to the beneficiaries, for this ensures that you are meeting the real need(and not the perception of the need) and give ownership to those who will benefit".

Milestones

Birthdays

Apr. 24 – Tom Callahan
Apr. 26 – Eric Wikstrom
Apr. 27 – Melinda Booth

Today's Program

Don Walker introduced **Peggy Walton** and **Dr. Tom Hanson**, who gave us the background of the establishment of Children's Hospital (formerly Children's Orthopedic Hospital), by **Anna Clise**. Mrs. Clise had lost a child to disease because adequate care was not available. She organized the availability of 7 beds for children in a local hospital. By 1950, Children's hospital was moving into a new facility on Sand Point Way with room for 56 patients. There are now 45 children's Hospitals in the U.S. Our s now serves 25% of all hospitalized children in the U.S. It serves all of Washington State and also reaches out to kids in Idaho and Montana. Dr. Tom Hanson and Betty Walton were obviously very proud of what the hospital has accomplished. The research facilities are growing very fast as well. The future looks great.

In Our District

April is a key planning month in Rotary. Coming out of the Pacific Northwest President Elect Training Seminar
(PACNWPETS) which was held on March 16-18, club presidents-elect and District Governor- Elect Don Gregory and his district committees are gearing up to have their organizations in place on July 1 to launch the new Rotary year. The final details are falling into place for the District Conference to be held in Coeur d'Alene Idaho on April 20-22, and the Rotary Academy instructors are starting to plan for the 2007-2008 year while grading the lessons turned in by the academy class of 2006-2007 as they work toward completing their seven lessons by May 10 in order to attend the Rotary Academy graduation dinner at the Seattle Yacht Club on June 6. There are many opportunities to serve at both the club and district level and now is the time to start sifting through the long menu of choices to do that for the 2007-2008 Rotary Year.

Clint's Corner

The April/May time frame is when all Rotary clubs begin to staff the various committees that lead the clubs through the next Rotary year beginning July 1. Our officers have assembled the many options offered to the membership for choice of service. You have been afforded an opportunity to serve on a committee or committees of your liking. If you make no choice, you will be assigned to a committee by a Director. Please make your choice so that you serve on a committee which suits your capabilities and desires. .

Upcoming Events

Apr. 20- 22 – District Conference at Coeur d'Alene
Apr. 22 – **Earth Day**
Apr. 25 – Outbound GSE Team leaves for Saitama, Japan

Upcoming Programs

Apr. 24 – Waste to Energy – Philip Schmidt
May 1 – Klondike Museum – Debbie Conway, Superintendent
May 8 – Clear Wire

In Our Club

Guests: Samir Master, Don Stoulil and John? (**Seth Landau's** "adopted" son from Kenya)

President John Matthews reported that:

- **Ray Saarela** is in rehab at Snoqualmie Valley Hospital from a leg infection. He is doing well.
- **Bruce Mc Auley** was back after knee replacement and obviously doing well.
- **Rotary 1st Harvest** processed more than 38,000 lbs. of apples, pasta and potatoes Saturday. Our contingent- comprised **Dick** and **Priscilla Martin, Chuck Maylin, Daniel Craig, John Matthews, Jim Trombold, Janie-Stewart**, **Bob** and **Pat Kaercher** and **Dan** and **Carol Madigan**.
- The **Fireside** at **Paul** and **Jane Smith's** home was a roaring success. It lasted beyond 8:20 pm.
- **Lynnette Johnson** sent a letter of thanks for our reception of her presentation on photos of ill children taken to support the grieving parents.

Becca Palm has won a chance to perform with a big band due to our votes. She will perform on the 3rd of 8 performances. Details later.

Dick Chappelle reviewed the Vocational Scholarship program and solicited candidates for the $13,000 available.

George Chambers advised that Earth Day will be observed on April 24th with a presentation by **Phillip Schmidt** on electrical energy produced from solid waste. This is a very apropos program for Earth Day.

Bo Darling reminded us to elect our committee preferences for the 2007- 2008 Rotary year. Choose now or accept whatever committee assignment he selects for you.

Amin Adatia introduced the coming luncheon to support Computers for Uganda. $25 per ticket.

Seth Landau introduced John from Kenya. Supported by Seth's financial help, John has attained a Law Degree and is running for a legislative position in Kenya. This is a prime example of what can be done with appropriate support for deserving individuals who otherwise could not achieve success. John presented a banner from the Nairobi East Rotary Club.

Tom Callahan said he and his son attended a Rotary meeting at San Francisco (#2 Rotary Club) and brought back a banner from that club.

Bruce Peters "honored" **Vern Leck** for exercising 3 times per week at CCMV. He dunned **Charley Buck** for consuming a cookie (forbidden by Betty who is watching his diet). **Bruce McAuley** was "honored" for many pictures and donating underwear to the Salvation Army. All those not wearing a Rotary pin were relieved of $1.

Member Profile

Mark Scalzo (14 years of service)

Mark was born and raised on Mercer Island. He attended the Mercer Island school system through high school. He was raised on 72nd Ave. and after marrying Allyson and having kids, he moved them all the way over to 74th Ave. Mark received a BA in Communications at UW in Law at the UPS School of Law. He believes he was instrumental in the closing of Mercer View Elementary and North Mercer Junior High. Mark has been active in Commercial Real Estate Development and Management. There are 5 generations of Scalzos living on MI. Mark and Allyson have a son, Joey, at MIHS and daughter Alida at West Mercer Elementary. Parents and 5 siblings live within a few blocks of each other. Mark's favorite committee is the club Social Committee, because he loves to see Rotarians having some well-earned fun. Service in the community includes being President of the MIHS Baseball Booster Club. His hobbies used to be playing sports of all kinds, but now he limits those activities to coaching and watching his children play sports. He still loves to hunt and fish with friends. His current book is "Cabela's Master Catalog". In his classification talk he should have thanked **Harold Hill** and **Gus Raaum** for being such great role models. Mark's favorite makeup was at the Sonoma Mission Inn Country Club in California, which included free golf. Mark's first exposure to Rotary was being a Student of the Month during Ned Face's tenure as President.

Story of the Week

Farmer John called the sheriff. "Something has to be done, Speeders are killing my chickens."
The sheriff erected a sign that said, "Slow-School crossing."
3 days later Farmer John called again. "The sign is not helping. Folks ignore it."
The sheriff put up a sign that said, "Slow -Children at play".
3 days later Farmer John called and asked, "Can I put up my own sign?"
The sheriff agreed. 3 weeks later the sheriff called Farmer John. "How is the new sign working out for you?"
"Great," said John. "Not a single chicken has been killed since it went up."
The sheriff went out to see the sign, thinking it might work in other places.
It said, "Nudist Colony ahead- Go slow and watch for chicks".

Notable Quote

"You know the best way to double your money? Fold it and put it into your pocket." …. (Phyllis Diller)

Have a good week! …Jim Marich

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