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Rotarians at Work Day

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Youth Exchange Barbecue

Apr. 30, 2009
Rotary Leadership Institute,
Part I & II

District 5100 Yellow Pages

A new feature of the District 5100 website are the District 5100 Yellow Pages Rotarians doing Business with Rotarians.

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THE HEART OF THE MATTER – February 2009

Dear Rotarian Friends;

Tragedy struck January 24, 2009 at a youth club in downtown Portland, the result of what police described as a random act of violence by a young man with a gun. This act resulted in the death of two of our exchange students, Ashley Wilks, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Clackamas, and Martha (Tika) Paz De Noboa, hosted by the Rotary Club of White Salmon Bingen. Several of our other exchange students were also injured. Ashley and Tika were part of a group of youth exchange students participating in the birthday celebration of another exchange student. They had just arrived at the youth club and were waiting outside to enter. They had no connection to the gunman.

I know that I speak for all Rotarians in our district in expressing our deepest sympathy to the families of the Rotary Youth Exchange students (as well as to the other victims) who were killed or injured in this tragic and senseless incident.

I want you to know that our District Youth Exchange (YEX) Committee, led by Katsumi Itoh, has performed professionally from the beginning of this incident. Committee representatives had responded to the two designated trauma centers in Portland and were in communication with me within a couple hours of the incident. DGN Barb Crozier and Youth Protection Officer Scott Bieber, as well as others, worked with our District YEX committee to monitor and respond to inquiries. I commend them for their professionalism.

It is ironic that this tragedy came the week before the start of Rotary World Understanding Month, as the articles planned for this month's newsletter focused on this topic and several were about youth exchange. Some might say that this incident is a reason that Rotary should not participate in youth exchange, but I beg to differ. The Youth Exchange program supports Rotary's efforts to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Think about how we are changing the world for the better by exposing youth from different countries to different cultures. This is a life changing experience. Our daughter went to Thailand on a Rotary YEX. Were we concerned as parents, sure we were. But her YEX experience changed her as you will see in the article she wrote for this newsletter. We take risk every day of our lives starting when we get out of bed in the morning, driving to work, using electrical appliances, going to the store, or traveling to another part of the world to be involved in a Rotary humanitarian project. This incident was a matter of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. The sidewalk, outside of the club that has been described as a safe environment for youth, suddenly transformed into a dangerous environment after the arrival of the gunman. Life is about taking risks and Rotarians are about changing lives!

Providing "Service with Pride" to "Make Dreams Real",

Dennis & Elizabeth

"All life is a chance. So take it! The person who goes furthest is the one who is willing to do and dare."

– Dale Carnegie

Governors Meet Ambassador

It was Friday, December 12, and I was in my car returning to Vancouver from having made my official visit to the Rotary Club of Southwest Portland when I noticed that there was a message on my cell phone. The message indicated an international Rotarian in town was interested in meeting local Rotarians. By 4:00 PM, DGN Barb Crozier and I were in the lobby of a hotel on Airport Way.

We were soon in conversation with Zina Andrianarivelo, honorary member of the Rotary Club of Antananarivo-Mahasina and Ambassador – Permanent Representative of Madagascar to the United Nations. Our conversation was occasionally interrupted by calls to Zina's Blackberry that included Madagascar President Marc Ravalomanana, a non-Rotarian Paul Harris Fellow.

We learned that the island of Madagascar is the size of Texas, home of lemurs, and has a population of 18 million

people. Zina has an MBA from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, lives in New York with his wife and two sons, and is a country music fan.



We discussed a number of Rotary programs including Group Study Exchange, Friendship Exchange, and the potential of doing a project in Madagascar. His Rotary involvement included starting the first Rotary club in Madagascar that included women. Zina reported his country's need of potable water which requires the drilling of wells. If your club is interested in participating in a water project in Madagascar, contact me.

Rotary brings friends who have never met together.

Dennis J. Wickham, DG





The Paramount Value of Rotary Youth Exchange

One of the most profound and memorable periods of my life was the time I spent as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student in Thailand six years ago. It exposed me to different cultural perspectives and greatly broadened my world view. The Thai district hosted exchange students from nine different countries and students from five of those countries were represented in the city where I lived, Nakhorn Ratchasima. I even shared a host family and a room with my friend Paula from Brazil for three months. I went to school with my Thai friends, socialized with my fellow exchange students on weekends and Rotary trips, talked with my host families and their hired help at home, and kept in contact with friends from home via the internet.

Nine months into my exchange, our country entered the war in Iraq. I was shocked to hear many of my friends expressing negative opinions about my country. Students from other countries were openly proud of their nationality and passionate about their culture and country. Most American students were almost apologetic about being American.

The breadth of the different opinions, perspectives, and prejudices I was exposed to was completely unique from anything I would have experienced remaining in Vancouver that year. I gained new insight into different cultures and an appreciation for different views of US foreign policies, as well as basic human rights issues. My exposure to different views has made me much more conscious about trying to see issues from all sides.

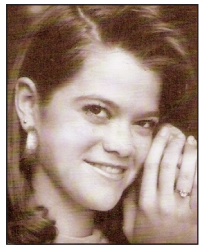
I have a much greater appreciation for the complexities of international relations. I thank Rotary for giving me the incomparable opportunity to develop a significantly broader, more encompassing world view.

Carey Wickham



Carey in Thailand.

World Understanding - YEX – Parents' Viewpoint



My experience with the Rotary Student Exchange Program has offered a growing experience for not only the student but also for those around them.

My daughter, at seventeen went to Hokkaido, Japan in 1991. We watched her board the plane a teenager, knowing she would return a much more mature young lady.

It was an amazing transformation in her AND her family left behind. We learned to "let go" at least at some level and allow her to make her own mistakes and accomplish great

successes. She shared on the phone and "snail mail" (no email then) how homesick she was, yet grateful for the opportunity granted her. What a range of emotion she was going through!

Her sister was taking in more than we were ever able to observe. Though she was proud of her sis, she was also glad to have the house to herself! The part we were not aware of was that she was absorbing her sister's experience to the point that SHE wanted to go. Eventually she made her way to Japan and they both now speak fluent Japanese. Fluent for an American anyway!

We now host an exchange student from Taiwan. She is just the funniest gal. It is a real challenge to help her learn and absorb life, but we also realize now that every teenager in EVERY part of the world is a TEENAGER!

Terry and Diane Basset

"Hi, my name is....."



Brandie (Plante) Kajino today.

With boarding pass in my hand and Rotary blazer on, I stood in line to board my first airplane. Destination? Japan. The one thing that surprised me was my lack of tears on my departure. I was ready to go, and remember the Rotarian travelling with us asked me, "Are you ready?" I looked him dead in the eye and replied firmly, "Yes."

Growing up in a small town, I had never been to a foreign country, much less alone, living with people I didn't know speaking a language I had yet to understand. There were times I felt lonely, misunderstood, frustrated and confused. I also felt welcomed, cherished, a well earned sense of belonging, formed lasting friendships, and felt the pride and satisfaction of accomplishment. The tears which were absent on my departure came back tenfold on my return to the States.

My exchange challenged me to think outside teenage self, stretch, grow and question everything I knew. It also gave me courage and confidence that I could, in fact, do anything.

Youth Exchange has been a part of my life for nearly two decades. As a new Rotarian, and Coordinator of the Rotex Alumni Association (in formation), I hope to build more bridges of understanding together with these outstanding young people. We really can change the world one exchange and one person at a time. No matter what language you speak, understanding one another starts with a handshake and "Hello, my name is..."

Brandie Kajino

Understanding the World through Rotary

My good fortune was to belong in the 1990s to two Rotary Clubs in Africa - Cotonou Doyen in Benin and, later, Yaounde Colline in Cameroon- before joining my home town Rotary Club of Pendleton. In the 1990s, I was US Ambassador to both those countries and found my Rotary colleagues to be wonderful mentors in the local cultural and economic scenes. In Benin, we worked together on a tree planting project at schools and hospitals. In Cameroon, we helped handicapped university students, most of them polio victims, create their own organization. The Beninese attended the Rotary International Convention in Portland in 1990 and came back raving about our friendly and beautiful Oregon. I went with them to the District 9100 conference, covering Anglophone and Francophone West Africa, held in the then thriving Cote d'Ivoire. It was another lesson in the tremendous diversity of peoples and languages and of the Rotarians' fervent desire to help their societies.

Because in both countries Rotary meetings were in the evening, we socialized together often. How well I remember my Cameroonian Rotarian friends laughing when I hesitated to eat the specialty served one night — viper meat, which incidentally tastes like squid, not chicken. Home hospitality is one of the extra benefits of meeting Rotarians everywhere.

Our Pendleton Club has undertaken two projects with Beninese women's cooperatives and has just launched one to provide pacemakers for indigent people in Benin, Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire. Two have been with RI matching grants. I have gone back twice to Benin with Pendleton Rotarians in recent years for wonderful Rotarian camaraderie. These visits provided insights into emerging economies, fragile democracies and a growing role for civic service clubs such as Rotary. What a testament to better understanding of our modern world.

Harriet Isom, President, Rotary Club of Pendleton



World Understanding & Rotary Youth Exchange

I arrived in Vancouver, WA in August as a Rotary YEX student and have experienced a lot of new, different, and fascinating things. I am being shown the best of this country. YEX is a great opportunity to understand the language, American culture, and to meet and interact with people of different ethnic and racial backgrounds.



Kathi Hartmann, YE student from Austria

Americans originate from all over the world and so each family is unique and I am really glad to be able to live with three different host families this year.

Holidays celebrated here seem to be especially valued because they bring families together that live far apart. In my country, families live closer together and get together frequently. I really enjoyed the holidays because living through them helps me understand far more than simply reading about them.

At Vancouver School of Arts and Academics (VSAA) I have experienced new and different relationships between students and teachers. Relationship between students and teachers here is very relaxed and I think one big part of this is because there is no difference between the formal and informal "you" in English. It is a lot easier to talk to all people in the same way and each student is equally respected. There is no segregation between class levels. Young people here seem to have more choices and make more decisions. Learning is approached so much differently here than in Austria.

I am so grateful and honored that Rotary provided me a path into this new world.

Thank you!

Kathi Hartmann, Austria 2008-2009

"Give Now to the Rotary Foundation!"

February 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Pre-PETS Portland District YE Committee Meeting
				YE Eastern Oregon Discovery Excursion		
8 YE Excursion	9	10	11	12 DG Dennis visits Greater Clark County	13 Deadline for Draft Itinerary for Inbound Team	14
15	16 GSE Outbound Team arrives in Philippines	17	18	19	20	21 Host Family and Club Training YE Counselor Training
22	23 Rotary's 104th Anniversary/ World Understanding and Peace Day	24	25	26	27	28 Rotary Leadership Institute Part I

District 5100 Administration

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Barb Crozier.....District Governor Nominee
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Kathy StromvigMetro
Sam Mangone..... Southeast
Curtis Langer..... Central West
Thomas Raabe.....Western
Dennis Short.....Columbia River
Ed Wegner..... Coast

District 5100 Budget 2009-2010

ACCOUNT #	INCOME	BUDGET
	PER CAPITA DUES ASSESSMENT: \$167,250	
4002	(A.) Dues - 88,500	88,500
4002	(B.) District Staff assessment - 28,000	28,000
4002	(C.) Insurance - 10,000	10,000
4002	(D.) Assistant Governors - 5,600	5,600
4070	Rotary International DG Stipend	15,000
4070	Rotary International AG Training	1,500
4210	Interest Earned	1,500
4220	Background Checks Income	6,000
4240	Website Yellow Pages	2,000
4320	Pre-PETS	2,450
4340	District Assembly	12,250
4350	Leadership Training	3,500
4470	Rotary Foundation - DDF for GSE	500
4470	Rotary Foundation - DDF for GSE Language	1,000
8100	Interact	4,000
8200	RYLA	20,000
8300	(E.) District conference assessment - 30,750	30,750
8300	District Conference	38,000
8400	Youth Exchange Program	158,475
8410	(F.) Youth Exchange Scholarship - 4,400	4,400
8500	District Simplified Grant Funds	43,432
	TOTAL	476,857

	EXPENSE	
	GOVERNOR ADMINISTRATION	
5110	District Governor Expense	13,000
5120	District Governor Elect	6,500
5120	DGE GETS	1,800
5130	District Governor Nominee	200
5140	Assistant Governor Expenses	5,600
5150	Governor Advisory Council	450
5160	International Convention - DG	3,000
5165	International Convention - DGE	3,000
5170	International Assembly (DGE)	1,200
5180	Blue Denim - DG, DGE, DGN, DGND	2,000
5190	DGN GNATS	1,800
5195	Zone Institute - DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	6,000
5195	Zone Institute - Guests & District Leaders	1,500
5220	PRE-PETS	3,450
5230	PETS	12,500
5240	DISTRICT ASSEMBLY	12,250
5250	LEADERSHIP TRAINING	2,000

District 5100 Budget 2009-2010

5280	DISTRICT TRAINING MEETINGS	2,000
5280	DISTRICT TRAINER EXPENSE	800
5290	VISION FACILITATION	1,500
5410	DISTRICT COMMITTEE EXPENSE	500
5420	RI FOUNDATION COMMITTEE	4,500
5430	MEMBERSHIP	2,000
5440	AMB/PEACE SCHOLAR COMMITTEE	1,420
5450	GSE	5,000
5450	GSE LANGUAGE TRAINING	1,000
5460	LITERACY	250
5470	NEW GENERATIONS CONFERENCE	2,500
5610	PUBLIC RELATIONS	6,000
5620	COMMUNICATIONS/NEWSLETTER	2,500
5620	INTERNET - WEB SERVICE	2,000
5650	DIRECTORY PRINTING	4,000
6110	DISTRICT OFFICE RENT	4,800
6110	COMPUTER/SOFTWARE	500
6130	TELEPHONE / FAX / SUPPLIES	3,000
6140	POSTAGE	2,200
6150	BANK / VISA FEES	600
6160	INSURANCE	10,000
6170	PRINTING / STATIONARY	750
6200	BACKGROUND CHECK EXPENSE	5,200
6250	BOOKKEEPER	1,000
6300	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	28,000
6400	DISTRICT AWARDS / RECOGNITION	1,000
6650	AUDIT / TAX RETURN	4,000
6700	DISTRICT EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	2,000
6800	CONTINGENCIES	1,030
9100	INTERACT	5,000
9100	ROTARACT	500
9200	RYLA	20,000
9300	DISTRICT CONFERENCE	68,750
9400	YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM	158,475
9410	YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP	4,400
9500	DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS	43,432
	TOTAL	476,857