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Rotary World Peace Fellowship and the Women's Global Cancer Alliance

January 20th, 2016



As January Programs Chair, Cathy Crecelius, stated in her introduction of the day's speakers, the Club got a "twofer" in the midst of some inclement weather as two internationally known speakers travelled from Louisville to share their work and passion with the Club.

Each year, Rotary International selects up to 100 individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at a peace center. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation and all internship and field-study expenses in two types of peace fellowships: Master's Degree and Professional Development Certificate.

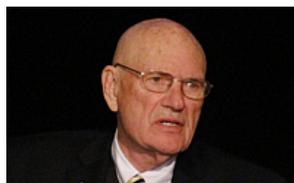
First speaker, **Margaret (Meg) Fenton**, is the 2014 recipient of a Rotary World Peace Fellowship and has just completed her Master's degree in Peace Conflict and Development at the Rotary

International Studies Centre of the University of Bradford in England.

As February approaches, we are reminded that February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution month, and one of the Rotary Foundation's six areas of focus. To that end, Meg invited some "audience participation" by asking members to break into groups and come up with a quick, working definition of the words "conflict" and "peace" in 1 minute or less. Answers shared as a definition of conflict ranged from very concrete, easily defined terms such as "significant or unresolved disagreement" to "inability to deal with opposing views." Answers shared as a definition of the word, "peace", ranged from "the absence of conflict and the presence of justice" to "harmony." Noting that the word "peace" is much harder to define, Meg offered that peace can look different depending where you are. For instance, peace in South Sudan would look different than it would in Pakistan or in the U.S. Stating that "peace fellows don't just do conflict resolution," Fenton shared that work is being done in various fields in a vast number of places promoting the advancement of sustainable, "positive" peace.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2017-2018 Rotary Peace Fellowship Program. The application process begins online and information can be found at www.rotary.org. To contact Meg Fenton regarding her presentation or the Rotary World Peace Fellowship Program, email fentonml@gmail.com.

Next up and introduced by PDG, Jayne Crisp, the Club welcomed **Dr. Bob Hilgers**, gynecological oncologist and founder of the nonprofit Women's Global Cancer Alliance. Dr. Hilgers expressed his passion and desire to ease the burden of cervical cancer in Haiti, one of the hardest hit nations in the world, where the disease strikes at a rate 12 times higher than in the United States. The opening of a free screening clinic recently in





Gonaives Haiti achieves goal #1 for this dedicated, fearless and committed doctor and Rotarian whose dream is to drastically reduce cervical cancer in Haiti. "It is possible, Dr. Hilgers stated, as the United States has shown." Dr. Hilgers thanked PDG, Jayne Crisp, from the podium for her committed and tireless partnership in working with him in the cause and for co-authoring a global grant proposal to end cervical cancer in Haiti that will

request funding from Rotary International.

Dr. Hilgers has seen much suffering, sitting at the bedside of patients dying of advanced cancers. While those patients are the exception in the U.S., they are the rule in Haiti. More than 80 percent are diagnosed in the latest stages of cervical cancer, and there's little palliative care for the terminally ill. "Not uncommonly, the best they've got is Tylenol," Hilgers said. Knowing that grim reality, Dr. Hilgers could not turn away.

Optimistically, Hilgers said he'd like to see a network of free clinics someday. He'd also like to see the HPV vaccine used widely in Haiti, as it would go a long way toward preventing the disease. Acknowledging that it will take the coordinated efforts of many organizations and a greater vision and awareness of the problem globally to make significant progress, Dr. Hilgers remains stalwart in his confidence that there is a lot of promise on the horizon in the years to come ... and a lot of work ahead. That doesn't dampen his determination, however, because as he says, "Every life has value." See Newsweek article "Haiti's Cervical Epidemic," www.newsweek.com/2015/07/31/haitis-cervical-cancer-epidemic-354891.html

Announcements

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President John advised that due to the inclement weather, the Board Meeting and Playground Steering Committee have been **rescheduled to next Wednesday, January 27th**.

If you signed up to volunteer to sort canned goods for PCM, the first session is next Thursday, January 28th from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Any and all volunteers are encouraged and welcome.

What Does Rotary Mean to You?

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We all have different reasons for being in Rotary and get different outcomes from being here. Some of us enjoy the comradery of weekly lunches, some of us use Rotary to network with other active businesses in our community, some of us volunteer for everything and get great enjoyment out of helping others, and on and on.

In an effort to understand what Rotary means to us and ultimately to help spread around the community all that Rotary means and does for each of us individually, we are going to test a campaign and have Rotarians tell **what Rotary means to me**".

Every other week we would like for a Rotarian to stand at lunch and tell what Rotary means to them in hopefully a 2-3 minute "elevator speech". We will start with some of our past presidents to get the momentum rolling and then hopefully have enough volunteers to fill-in from there.

If you are willing to participate, please contact Denise, Todd or John to get on the calendar.

Guests

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PDG, Jayne Crisp, Murray Rotary Club – guest of the Club;

Karen Fenton – guest of the Club