



Rototeller - Rotary Club of Forest Grove

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Sept 27 - Washington
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Oct 4 Club Assembly
Oct 11 TBA
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Rototeller Article

Sept 27 Tim
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Oct 11 Chuck Pritchard
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Sept 27 Nicki DeBuse &
Ruben Orozco
Oct 4 Michael Doherty &
Jeff Duyck
Oct 11 Geoff Faris &
John Forysth
Oct 18 Rob Foster &
Jerry Frye

Though For The Day

Sept 27 Geoff Johnston
Oct 4 Kevin Kuntz
Oct 11 Michael Doherty
Oct 18 Samantha
Swindler

We Are Meeting In The MPR At Pacific University This Week!

September 27, 2017

International Makeups

Rotary has taken some emphasis out of attendance over the last 10 plus years. That is good, as often, we as busy people just have other priorities that crowd out making meetings. But the original reason for fairly strict attendance rules was to keep members involved and engaged. As such making up has diminished its importance.

But there is another reason to do makeups. They are interesting and if done overseas part of learning about other cultures. I have tried to make up at least once each time I travel overseas. It's not too hard and only requires looking on the internet for close makeup clubs and then going to breakfast, lunch or dinner. So here are a few makeups that are nothing like going to a Rotary meeting in Forest Grove.

Paris, France: Just by pure luck I made up in Paris right before a major European decision to adopt the Euro in much of Europe. The meeting was at the major downtown Paris Club and the French Banking Minister was the speaker. When he found out that I was a visitor from America and did not speak a word of French, he came to my table before the start of the meeting and went over his slides while giving me a quick overview in English. Everyone in Europe speaks some English. The gist of his discussion was that with the size of the American Economy and the expected size of the growing Chinese economy that each European country by itself was so small as to be a non-player. Thus his pitch to his country was that Europe under one currency and one set of economic rules could have a far larger impact on worldwide economic outcomes than the sum of all the smaller countries by themselves. A very interesting way for me to have lunch. And the members other than one old World War II vet were gracious and welcoming.

Rome, Italy: I made up here with Carl Heisler. Again it was in the larger downtown club. This time it was just a few weeks after the major news of President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky hit. My memory of this meeting was that the Italians really like wine and they were obsessed with why the US was obsessed with something like an affair by a well-known person. They laughed at their view that we were prudish and they told off color jokes about the incident the whole time we were eating.

Hong Kong, China: This was culture shock by the members of the Hong Kong club and by me. The meeting was announced as being at a very large downtown hotel. I asked at the front desk and was pointed to a special elevator away from the main hotel bank of elevators. Upon finding this elevator I also discovered that it took a special key to unlock it. I waited around until several people in

Raffle Prize

Sept 27 Doug Thompson
Oct 4 Vaughn Tidwell
Oct 11 Blake Timm
Oct 18 Rudy Tinoco

Meeting Place

Sept 27 MPR Pacific U
Oct 4 MPR Pacific U
Oct 11 MPR Pacific U
Oct 18 MPR Pacific U

Events

Concours Board

Meeting

October 11, 2017

Rotary Board Meeting

October 19, 2017

Rotary District Training Assembly

April 14, 2018

Rotary District Conference

May 18 - 20, 2018

Forest Grove Concours d'Elegance

July 15, 2018

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business suits showed up. They seemed surprised by my presence but had me ride up with them. I then was treated royally at a table spread with expensive foods and drinks while 10 or so of us stood around and talked. After about 30 minutes with me wondering what sort of meeting this might be, a younger member asked if I would go out into the hall with him. He explained that tonight's meeting had been canceled and this was a very important meeting of the Rotary district leaders and they had all been too afraid to tell me it was private so they had just given me hospitality while they were figuring out what to do with me. That in fact this club and another Hong Kong club were meeting about 2 blocks away and I could go there. So I went down and headed to the other hotel. There was a big reception desk and it was obvious this was a Rotary meeting. I introduced myself and they quickly huddled and then went in to get the president. He came out and we had pleasantries and then He went in and got the president of the other club meeting that night. Again about 5 minutes of pleasantries and then one of them said, "we are so embarrassed you went to all the trouble to find us, but tonight is a special meeting with spouses only and we just are not sure how to handle you showing up and surprising us." I realized they did not want to be rude but my presence was causing discomfort and told them I would just go back to my hotel, get my wife and go out to dinner. I had worked hard enough trying to make up that I would call it good.

Cairo, Egypt: This was another meeting I attended with Carl Heisler. It was held at the Cairo Hilton which just happened to be the hotel we stayed in before taking a cruise up the Nile. This club was pretty small. Or at least only about 15 to 20 people attended. And since we spoke only English, they held the meeting in English. It was at the time that Mubarak was in power and tourists were pretty safe. Mubarak had transferred a few 100,000 military personnel to protection of tourists and tourist sites. What I remember about the meeting was that in a Muslim county 4 or 5 women were members of this rather small club and the President was a female. I would guess the Muslim Brotherhood changed that while I power and I am not sure what the situation might be today.

Berlin, Germany: I attended here months after the wall dividing East and West Berlin had come down. The meeting was at a 50 story hotel and was on the top floor. One of the members took me to the window looking into East Berlin. You could see the dividing line between east and west for miles in either direction. Not because the fence was visible, but because the east side was so drab, with no color and vegetation and the west side had color and plant life. It looked like a bland colorless city next to a vibrant colorful city. The meeting was held in German but they sat me at a table with 5 English speaking members and they translated for me. The program was about the massive investment West Germany was going to have a make to get East Germany near the same level of economic health. The speaker said each West German tax payer would need to expect to pay \$20,000 US dollars to get the infrastructure built for East Germany to get up to speed.

Moscow, Russia: I found a meeting of the downtown Moscow club in the nicest and most plush hotel in Moscow. The lobby was lined with pictures of famous people who has stayed there. There were several US presidents, Kings and Queens of Europe and famous American actors and sports figures. But the meeting itself was, to say the least, a complete surprise. I was directed to a room that was a typical hotel ballroom and it was set up for maybe 50 people and has a very large buffet line prepared. But other than a nice lady at the door who was serving as the secretary and collecting money and signing people in. NOT ONE PERSON showed up over about 90 minutes while I waited. She kept telling me that they sometimes go have drinks before they come and they should be here any minute. I waited until 2 hours after the time published for the meeting and never saw another person even walk up to the entry door. I left and went back to my hotel having been the only attendee at the Moscow Rotary that day.

So if you are visiting a foreign country look on the Rotary website, find a club and makeup. Whatever happens it will sort of seem like a Forest Grove Rotary meeting but will have some difference that assures you, that you are in a different culture.

Cruise Ships: I have found that many cruise ships schedule somewhere in the cruise schedule a meeting of service clubs while cruising. I go to these wherever I find them published. It never fails that the meeting has 5 to 10 people and most are from all over the world. Sitting with 5 to 10 fellow travelers from almost everywhere is a fun way to spend an hour while cruising.

Tim Schaueremann

Number of Wild Poliovirus Cases Globally as of September 20, 2017

New Cases Last 7 Days	0
YTD - 2017	10
YTD - 2016	26
Total - 2016	37
Total - 2015	74
Total - 2014	359
Total - 2013	416
Total - 2012	223
Total - 2011	650
Total - 2010	1,352
Total - 2009	1,604
Total - 2008	1,651

Source: <http://polioeradication.org/polio-today/polio-now/this-week/>