

Greetings,

Your secretary and president-elect has been on vacation, sick, (not necessarily in that order) and at president's elect training seminar (PETS) this weekend. He has recovered enough for the following scribble ...

Portland MetRotarian for 20140217



Above is the theme for our mail, Web site, and stationary. This is a gigantic picture taken and donated by Daniel Thom, who is a friend of mine.

Today is President's Day, February 17th, 2014.

Next year's Rotary International (RI) theme (starting in July) is "Light Up Rotary". The Rotary International president-elect for 2014-2015 is Gary C. K. Huang (pronounced "hwong") from Taipei, Taiwan. Gary has an incredible list of accomplishments to his name, too many to list here. He is the author of the book "Finding Solutions, Not Excuses", published in 2004, which recounts his experiences in business and Rotary.

Polio News



Tonight's program is "Putting a Face on Polio", delivered at PETS by Joan Toone -- a polio and post-polio syndrome sufferer. The presentation, acclaimed as the absolute best historical record of Rotary's involvement in polio, along with explanations of the disease and its effects, will be the highlight this evening. This is a very important subject because Rotary is helping make the last concerted push to eliminate polio over the next five years. There are only three countries where polio is endemic: Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Nigeria.

In 2009, half the world's cases of polio were in India, but as of the 13th of this month, India has been declared polio-free (no cases in three years). The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has again committed matching funds for Rotary donations to eradicate polio. Visit <http://www.endpolionow.org> for stories, status, and more information. I think need to start the polio donations jar again during our meetings.

Our District, and Upcoming District events



There are many aspects of Rotary. Each individual is free to follow their own path within the Rotary organization. Each club is free to focus on its own projects and directions. One way of learning about the different avenues within Rotary is the district training seminar. The training seminar is on April 19th, and the district calendar (<http://isrotaryforyou.com/>) has this link: http://isrotaryforyou.com/th_event/district-training-assembly-southridge-high-school-beaverton-oregon/ to the seminar. Please consider attending! There are numerous things to learn, among them is the vast number of people involved in Rotary in our area.

Club Membership

Also, this Saturday, February 22nd is the Membership Seminar. If you want to help grow our club's membership, consider attending. http://isrotaryforyou.com/th_event/zone-membership-seminar/. Most large clubs have a "membership chair(person)" whose sole focus is finding, and keeping, new members for the club.

Saturday, February 22
9:30am – 2:00pm
Clackamas Banquet Center
15815 SE 82nd Drive
Clackamas, OR 97015

Club News and Events

Our club motto is: "Building the Future for Children with Vision and Action". A message of thanks from the director of Royal Family Kids' Camp:

*Hello Friends,
Thank you so much for allowing us to come and speak to your group last Monday night!
And thank you again for hosting our dinner. Kim, Bryan and I all enjoyed so much
getting to meet you and hear about your great organization. We all share a passion for
children and that makes instant friendships!
I have included a list of items which we will need for camp this year.*

We will need 54 of each of these items:

Flashlights or headlamps

*Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss
Sample size shampoo and soap
Some small little bag to carry supplies to the showers
Cinch sacks, or some type of small backpack to carry things around camp
Small toy, to play with on their bunk, pens, pencils, crayons for their memory bag
Small individual photo album for their pictures holding 10-20 pictures
Sunglasses
Water bottles (140) of those as we give them to staff and part time volunteers as well.*

When we have the funds, we like to get a nice school backpack to send the kids home with for school in the fall with school supplies, but not a necessity at camp.

If giving money is an option, then you could consider a scholarship of a camper for \$500.00. Or paying for horse back riding which is \$1800 for all campers for the week.

*That's all I can think of for now, thanks again for considering our cause!
For the children,*

*Lorraine
Lorraine Zumwalt
Director
Royal Family Kids Camp
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I hope to see you all tonight! Our calendar is at the link below, and the new Web site is <http://PortlandMetroRotary.Org> (still under construction).



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