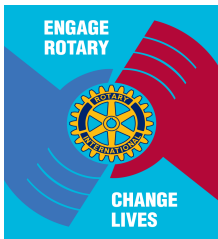


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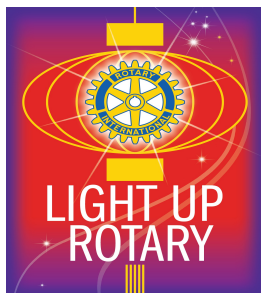


Greetings,

We have some great new programs in store for our meetings, check the section below.



I mentioned the new theme for the next Rotary year, starting in July. This year's theme is "Engage Rotary Change Lives".



The Rotary International president-elect for 2014-2015 is Gary C. K. Huang (pronounced "hwong") from Taipei, Taiwan. The next theme will begin appearing around the start of the new Rotary year.

I should mention that our new web site follows the Rotary International guidelines for branding. The colors, fonts, position, and relationships between symbols are all set in a guide that is available on-line. For those that are interested, the large Rotary Wheel is called the "Mark of Excellence" and comes in several forms. It is usually larger than the "Master Brand Mark", which is in the lower left of the next image:



The entire idea is to have a consistent and accurate way of presenting Rotary to the public.

Important Web Links

Rotary Central/My Rotary: <http://www.rotary.org/myrotary>

District 5100: <http://www.isrotaryforyou.com>

Club Web Site: <http://PortlandMetroRotary.Org>

End Polio Now: <http://EndPolio.Org>

Up-Coming Programs

February 24th: Pete Rand, PhD. : Wild Salmon Center

March 3rd: Hans Stenfert-Kroese : Ultra-marathoning, running, longevity, and active children for life

March 10th: Erin Cunningham : Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Portland Metropolitan

March 17th: Lea Hammer : Oregon Health Sciences

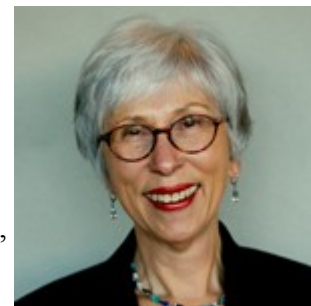
Polio News



There are three remaining countries with endemic (regularly found in the population) wild polio: Nigeria, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. ***“India marked three years since its last case of wild polio on 13 January 2014, a landmark achievement for global public health and the worldwide effort to eradicate polio.”***

Our District, and Upcoming District events

District governors (above the club level) serve three-year terms. That means that the current governor has three more “elects” behind him or her, each being trained to take the role in turn. Our current governor, through the magic date of July 1st, is Sharon Starr. Her job is to motivate, train, and mentor the club presidents in her district, and keep the Rotary business running smoothly.



Sharon Starr, District 5100 Governor



District 5100 is an odd-shaped swath that runs across Northern Oregon and Southern Washington, all the way to Idaho. The picture above shows the variety and scope of our area.

Club Membership

The membership request form is available on the club Web site. We are always looking for quality members that can help us in our mission: “Building the Future for Children with Vision and Action”.

There will be information in a future issue about updating your personal information in DaCdb (District and Club database). Rotary is not just a local phenomenon, there are clubs world-wide. The Rotary directories help locate clubs and their members – the directories are built from registration information, as much or as little as you desire.

Club News and Events

Needs from the Royal Family Kids Camp:

10 new lifejackets

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.

Club Web Site

I am continuing work on the new Web site. The issues of MetRotarian, pictures, projects, and club documents will all end up in that location:

<http://PortlandMetroRotary.Org>.

I am planning a Memorial page for past members, including Frank Delprado and Doug Porter.

We now have a slide show from Rotary-approved photos. These show micro-funding, education, clean water, polio eradication, teamwork on projects, &ct.



Please feel free to comment on the current Web site, I am looking to make it the best possible.

Polish Kitchen Project

Through the magic (not really) of district grants, we are able to add \$2000 to our contribution to the kitchen project in Biela Podlaska, Poland. Here is a link to their club Web site: http://www.biala-podlaska.rotary.org.pl/?pl_home,56 (as you might expect, it is in Polish).

Money that we donate to the Rotary Foundation (TRF in Rotary jargon), is held for three years. The interest and investment gain is used to fund the organization during that time. After the three years, the money comes back to *our* district, for use in both Global and District funding for projects (grants). The major difference in the grant types is the size – district grants are \$10,000 or under, while global grants are much bigger and frequently used for longer-term projects.

Calendar Events

February:

World Understanding Month

March:

Literacy Month

Saturday, March 29th:

Grant Management Training, Moda Center

April:

Magazine Month

Saturday, April 19th:

District Training Assembly, Southridge High School

May:

Service Above Self Month

Thursday, May 15th - Sunday, May 18th:

District 5100 Conference, Salem, Oregon

June:

Rotary Fellowships Month

July:

Engage Rotary Change Lives

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