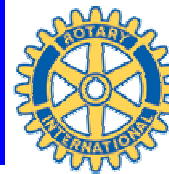


# ROTARY CLUB OF WALLOWA COUNTY



DECEMBER 2005

SERVICE Above Self

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## Community Service

The community service committee meets Thursday, February 9 at noon in the hospital classroom. The agenda will include going over the survey results and deciding what are the next steps in our Waste Management project. If you have an interest in local projects, this is a good one for your involvement.

## International Service

You are invited to a Valentines Day luncheon at the Coffin House. This is the time for the International Committee discussion regarding the water project in El Salvador, the orphanage in Thailand, an Ambassadorial Scholarship, and a Group Study Exchange. Take part and do something really great for World Peace. Lunch is provided.

One international project that has been picked up by the club is the "**Children of the Golden Triangle.**" Living in the mountainous regions of Thailand, many of the Akha people are landless and poor. To survive some have turned to drug production and trafficking and the selling of their children into the sex trade. Over a dozen years ago, a school to help the children who are affected by this was started. Strongly supported by Rotary, the school now has 400 students, 70 of whom have no other place to live and call it home. It costs about \$1 a day to sponsor a student at this school, and 14 of our club members have generously agreed to donate the money to sponsor Ratee Chermue, a student at the school, for a year. These members are: John Gorsline, Lee Perkins, Bob Crawford, Don Green, Rick Bombaci, Rich Wandschneider, Don Butler, Harold Black, Linda Hilderman, Bill Finney, Linda Casady, Mike Koloski, Evelyn Swart, and Kathleen Negus. Thanks to all of them for their generosity. The response has been so strong that we are now looking at the possibility of taking on a second child. If you would like to see a photo of Ratee or learn more about volunteer opportunities at this school, the web site is [www.childrengoldentriangle.org](http://www.childrengoldentriangle.org)

The El Salvador project continues to go well. The Board of Directors recently voted to donate \$100 per year (other clubs are joining in this effort) to provide a maintenance and repair fund for the truck we helped purchase. For additional information please contact Rick Bombaci.

### **Skating Rink Project**

The club response to the request from the skating rink for funds was outstanding. The club had pledged \$250 and had sought a club match. Club members donated generously with over \$538 being sent to the rink. Fred Casady donated his winnings back to the club, enabling all the drawing receipts to go to the rink.

### **Enterprise Bull Riding Event**

The club is expected to have a booth for this event, which will take place June 18<sup>th</sup>. The group working on the event is very anxious to have Rotary participate, and the board felt it was good community exposure and would enable us to raise funds for some important special projects that we are considering. Stephen Kliewer will head up this effort. We will ask for a lot of participation from the club, but will keep time commitments at a minimum. Let 'er buck!

### **Foundation News**

Rick Bombaci reports that between the gifts and pledges received to date we are nearing \$3,000 in donations to the International Foundation. We are planning on having our "Paul Harris Fellow" board return as a way of raising another \$1,000 toward our yearly goal of \$4,000. Bring your brags and \$10 to the upcoming meetings.

### **Rose Sale**

The rose sale is coming up. We need strong participation from all members of the club. The funds raised from this project go to support many critical projects, and increase our capacity to respond to community needs. Get prepared. Start making your "hit" lists now. Our chair, Kathleen Negus will be giving us updates in the near future.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**February 15th**, Ben Boswell, Lou Perry, Malcolm Dawson---Vocal serenade, Bring a Valentine to Lunch.

**February 22nd**, John Gorseline and students who traveled to Graz, Austria

**March 1**, Unuru-presentation about her native country---Mongolia.

**March 8**, David Beurle--principal of "Innovative Leadership Australia" (ILA)

**March 15th**, Chief Joseph Days Rodeo Court--speech contest (Rotarians will be asked to score and comment on each candidates speech)

### **ROTARY CALENDAR**

**February 14<sup>th</sup>** International Committee Meeting, Noon, Fishtrap

Please visit our website at

<http://www.rotaryclubofwallowacounty.org/>