

ROTARY CLUB OF WALLOWA COUNTY



August 2005

SERVICE Above Self

Rotary Highlights!!

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT VISITS NORTHEASTERN OREGON!!

Wallowa County Rotarians had a unique opportunity to visit with Rotary International President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar at events in Baker City, Pendleton and here in Wallowa County. On Sunday 27 Wallowa County Rotarians went by bus to Baker to meet with President Stenhammar. They were joined on the bus by 10 La Grande Rotarians. On Monday Rotarians had a brief opportunity to meet President Stenhammar at Wallowa Lake State Park as he visited the Bridge project at the Boy Scout Camp. Thanks to all the Rotarians who took the time to participate in this great experience. We can be proud of our club's representation.

District Governor Visits

District Governor Visits: Governor Norb Murray and his wife Leah were the Guests of Wallowa County Rotary during Chief Joseph Day weekend. They had a busy trip that included the rodeo, a stint in the food booth, tours of various county sites, and numerous meetings with the club leadership. Norb also visited the Club on Wednesday, August 3rd. During his talk Norb noted that Rotary's projects are marked by two key components – continuity and cooperation. Rotarians find good projects, do them well, and keep on doing them until the job is done. They also work together with many partners to make good things happen. Three priorities that continue to be high on the list for the coming year are polio eradication, literacy, and water/hunger. Since our club is very active in all these priorities (El Salvador, Polio Plus, SMART) we can feel good about our contributions to these efforts. Norb noted that he had watched some Boy Scouts moving boulders to reroute the river above the lake. He now has a new motto. "If it is to be, it's up to me – one boulder at a time." Leah made her own contributions throughout the visit. She also shared a wonderful quote that reflects the spirit of Rotary. *"The only time you should say "NO" in Rotary is when you are asked to join."*

Rotary Trip to El Salvador.

Our club will be sending a group of up to ten Rotarian to El Salvador this coming November 2 – 9. This World Community Service Group will spend some time doing project work with school children, visit the village of San Felipe where a Rotary sponsored water project will occur, visit other projects in the area, and do some sight seeing. Housing will be a combination of hosting by local Rotarians staying in a group home in the village of El Progreso, and several nights in hotels. For logistical and safety reasons, all members of the group will be expected to follow the same itinerary. It is estimated that the cost per member will be about \$900. There are now at least seven people signed up. If you are interested in being included in the group, please contact Rick Bombaci (rick@uci.net) or Diane Highberger ([dhigh@eou.edu](mailto:high@eou.edu)).

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Chief Joseph Days. For four days over 40 volunteers poured soft-drinks, cooked burgers, chicken and hot dogs, greeted customers and made change. The result? Funds to be used for Rotary projects in the coming year. Thanks to all those who worked so hard to make the booth a success. Special thanks to those who appeared for multiple shifts. Those hardy souls included Scott Burgess, Bob Crawford, Jayne Warrenner, Jean Grandi, Jeanie Story, Bill Bushlen, Fred Casady, Anne Gill. Thanks to Steve Hunter and Mike Goss for help procuring great food at low prices. Evelyn and Don Swart once again sliced all the onions (120 lbs) and Don spent a lot of time helping set up and then secure the booth. Special thanks to Amy Johnson for providing great information about the previous year and making the job easier, and to Marilyn Dalton for handling the money, setting up the change, and more!

One of our master chefs



A satisfied customer



The permanent booth is great!

Rotary Golf Tournament: The annual Rotary golf tournament will be Saturday August 20th. Again this year members are asked to check around their homes for unused items that would make nice prizes for this tournament. Proceeds will support the local Rotary Youth Exchange program. Contact **Chuck Haines**, Chairperson, if you have questions or want to help!

Bronze, Blues and Brews: Yes, this is a busy club. August 13th was the BBB Festival in Joseph. Jean Grandi was the Chair for our food booth at this event. The New Orleans style beignets were a big hit and sold out! Crawfish gumbo next year? Thanks to all who setup, served and cleaned up. The music was great as well.

ROTARY CALENDAR

August 20th – Golf Tournament (Chuck Haines)

August 27th - Club Picnic, Wallowa City Park! Campout, Minam State Park!!!! (Dick Burch)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

August 24, – Matt Riedy (fire management officer for the Wallowa Whitman Forest) on wildland fire use.

August 31,–business meeting and classification talks

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