

ROTARY CLUB OF WALLOWA COUNTY



October 2005

SERVICE Above Self

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PRESIDENTIAL PROJECT

Plans continue on our Presidential project, which will be a collaborative effort between our club and other community partners. The project will not only improve the appearance of Cloverleaf Hall, but will improve access for people with physical challenges. It is an exciting project that will clearly benefit the entire Wallowa County community. We recently received word that our grant, seeking funding for the project from the Rotary Foundation, has been approved. So the project is now fully funded and we are ready to go. Thanks to Southfork Ready Mix for donating materials and to Rex Taylor and Louie Perry for offering their "expertise." Both the Fair Board and Wallowa County are also providing funds for this project. It is truly a community effort!

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

November 4 is the date set for Wallowa County's observance of the **Night of 1000 Dinners**, and the Parish Hall is the place where it will be held. Food from other countries will be on the menu; dinner will be followed by a program involving Joe McCormack, a Vietnam Veteran, and may also include a former Wallowa County resident who has been involved in landmine research. The Night of 1000 Dinners is an event held around the world by Rotary and other organizations. The purpose is to (1) raise awareness of the problems caused by the minefields in countries all over the world, and (2) raise funds to deal with those problems. Fitting landmine victims with prosthetics is one of the problems, and trying to clear landmines is another. Millions of landmines have been planted in Africa, Southeast Asia and Eastern Europe.

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

October is Vocational Service Month. Our club's **Student Shadow Day** is Wednesday, October 26. This is designed for high school sophomores. We have 57 students and we **DESPERATELY need drivers** to pick up, deliver to businesses, and return to schools. School counselors highly rate this effort by Rotarians to introduce students to the real working world,

SURVEY SHEDS LIGHT ON CLUB PROJECTS IN LAST 10 YEARS

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How busy have Rotarians been with their service to humanity during the last 10 years? Worldwide, they have carried out approximately 1.8 million local and international service projects, worked nearly 253 million volunteer hours, and spent as much as US\$10 billion on efforts that focused heavily on youth development, according to a recent survey on club activity by Rotary International' Membership Development Division.

Based on those totals, the survey determined that each Rotary club conducted an average of 56.6 local and international service projects in the last 10 years, or approximately 5.7 projects per

year. When multiplied by the total number of clubs worldwide-32,066 as of 31 March 2005-this comes to approximately 182,776 projects annually.

The survey also found that each project involved an average of 13 volunteers and 138.3 hours of labor, which amounted to 25,277,921 hours a year for all clubs. Both local and international projects over the last decade concentrated on (in order of popularity) youth development, health care, polio eradication, literacy and education, international exchange, disaster relief, scholarships, assistance to people with disabilities, and community development.

The membership staff also compiled separate statistic for community and international projects, which can differ considerably in scope and resources required. The Survey revealed that The average Rotary club carried out 44 community and 12.6 international projects in the last 10 years.

Each community project required approximately 14.3 volunteers and 140.3 hours of work, compared with 8.2 people and 131.2 hours for international initiatives.

Clubs worldwide annually spent as much as \$779,522,250 on community service and \$217,809,350 on international exchange was the leading global project category, followed by polio eradication.

As for future activity, the survey showed that the average Rotary club is already planning to conduct 5.6 service projects during the 2005-06 Rotary year. Considering the total number of clubs, this indicates that Rotarians will be busy with nearly 180,000 projects worldwide. The estimated cost of their work will be as high as \$1 billion, with youth development remaining the top priority.

Rotary Club of Wallowa County-Service Projects, July 2005-October 2005

Youth Exchange-2 inbound, 1 outbound - International Service
Highway clean-up-July & October - Community Service
Hurricane relief, \$1000. - Community Service
Warm Heart, Bridget Brown Anderson \$265. - International Service
Graz Exchange Program - International Service
Flora school -workday - Community Service
Supplies collected for El Salvador - International Service
Coats for Kids - Community Service
Student Shadow Day - Vocational Service

ROTARY CALENDAR

<p>Oct. 26th (Wed.) Student Shadow Day Nov. 1 - Rotary Board Meeting Nov. 4th (Friday) Night of 1000 Dinners</p>

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

<p>October 19—Joe McCormack, on treks in Mongolia October 26 - Vocational Award and Membership presentation November 2 - The Ice Rink- Leon Werdinger and others (who knows) November 9 - Soroptomist Club - Style Show!!! November 16 -RI Foundation - Rick Bombaci November 23 - NO MEETING--Thanksgiving November 30 -Classification speeches</p>

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