



Lend a Hand

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Bienvenidos! Irrashaimase! Aloha! Willkommen! Salud! Welcome!

As a new feature, the Rotary Club of Wallowa County will be having a newsletter! Lets not waste another moment and get right into what's newsworthy!

First and foremost, isn't Don Shaw doing a great job as our president? We are lucky to have someone as committed to the cause as Don. We are 4 months into his presidency and we have had a very full docket. To start with, David Walch went up to the lake for fireworks and sold food and drinks to anyone who'd have them. Next in line was Chief Joseph Days, which went as usual; busy! Dick Burch did a tremendous job at the BBB, selling out of everything by early evening. Bill Williams pulled off another outstanding golf tournament, and Rich Wandschneider took the lead in "March of Quarters" on Main St. of Joseph. Stanlynn Daugherty hosted the second annual "Night of a Thousand Dinners", and Diane Highberger successfully led Dave Lukens and Rex Taylor on an adventure to LaPaz, Mexico. By anyone's standards, this has been a busy time.

Our club is fortunate enough to have Krystle Gonzales as an inbound exchange student from the Philippines. If you haven't taken the time to get to know this young lady, you are missing out! She is staying with Jeff Courtney this fall, and will be moving to the Lukens household this winter. Call her up! Practice your Tagalo! (Language of the Philippines). Adell Nash, daughter of Liza Jane and Mark Nichols, will be our outbound exchange student this year. She is hoping to go to Austria; however, no destination has been decided on. We're looking forward to meeting her!

We have a couple of forthcoming international projects in the works. Rick Bombaci and Ralph Swinehart are in the throws of a project in El Salvador, while Rich Wandschneider will lead a group to Turkey in the spring. Steve Kliever brought guests from Azerbaijan, and hopes to help them out in their hospital facility. For El Salvador, Rick has raised enough money from Rotary clubs to purchase a truck, which will be used by the El Progreso School. After all the

paperwork gets squared away, he will travel to Santa Ana. The Rotary Club of Santa Ana, our partner in this project, will then receive a check from RI to purchase the truck. In addition to the truck project, we are also involved in a water project. A second shipment of water system parts has been sent via FedEx last week. The shipment consisted of two pumps and two motors. So far we have shipped 650 lbs. of parts, at a cost of 0\$ thanks to FedEx. It would have cost nearly \$6000 to ship those parts if we hadn't received the charity account. Rick currently plans to head to El Salvador after the first of the year, depending when all of the pieces for both projects are in place. Our Club had also ordered hammocks from the village in El Salvador. Of the 20 we ordered, only 9 are left. They are \$50 to \$65 in cost, depending on the weave. They make wonderful Christmas gifts!

The months of November & December are "Coats for Kids" months! If your closets are overloaded, or you just need an excuse to change your wardrobe, take an armload down to any branch of Community Bank, Pioneer Bank, or Safeway. The coats will be distributed from the Wallowa Valley Mall. Thank you Rob Lamb for once again heads up this project.

There will be no noon meeting on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Enjoy your friends, family and food!

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