



Rotary Club of Wallowa County

A CENTURY OF SERVICE/A NEW CENTURY OF SUCCESS

August 2004

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There are remnants of plywood, several 2X6 and 2X4 boards available as left-overs from the CJD Food Booth construction. If anyone has an interest in them, contact Don Swart. They will be cheap or possibly free.

MEMBERSHIP IN ROTARY

Rotarians are business and professional leaders who take an active role in their communities while greatly enriching their personal and professional lives. A Rotary club contains a diverse group of professional leaders from the community that the club serves. Membership in Rotary club offers a number of benefits, including:

- Effecting change within the community.
- Developing leadership skills
- Gaining an understanding of –and having an impact on –international humanitarian issues.
- Developing relationships with community and business leaders.

Through Rotary's service programs, a Rotary club can have a significant effect on the quality of life in its community. Rotary Foundation programs offer opportunities to form international partnerships that help people in need worldwide. Some 1.2 million Rotarians

in 30,000 clubs in more than 160 countries make significant contributions to the quality of life at home and around the globe.

Responsibilities of Membership

- Members are expected to attend weekly programs of the club. Opportunities to make up attendance include attending the regular meeting of another Rotary club, attending various other Rotary meetings, or attending a club service project authorized by the club board of directors.
- Members are required to pay annual dues to their clubs, their districts, and to Rotary International.
- Members are expected to participate in local or international activities or projects of the Rotary club.
- Clubs encourage members to aspire to leadership or committee roles within their club.

August Programs

Chairperson: Jerry Perren
 "You can expect outstanding programs the entire month."

August Events

Bronze Blues Brew 14th
Exchange Student Arrives 22nd
Club BBQ 29th
Mike & Beth Reed's Lake Home
 Please note the BBQ date has changed
 from August 22nd to August 29th.

CJD FOOD BOOTH

The new Rotary food booth is wonderful! Several local businesses and individuals contributed to this project:

LD Perry
Bronson Lumber Company
JW Construction
Joseph Hardware
Wallowa Forest Products
Ace Hardware
Fashion Floors
Enterprise High School

Michael Swart Rae Lynn Wallace
 Olivia Williams Natalie Williams

Thank you everyone!



Miss Williams painting inside Rotary's new food booth.

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Rotaryclubofwallowacounty.org

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Did you know the number of members in Rotary Club of Wallowa County is greater than one percent (1%) of Wallowa County's population?
80 members vs. 7,100 pop.

If you have an item the board of directors need to address please contact Amy Johnson.
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Rotary Celebrating 100 years

February 23, 1905 ~ February 23, 2005

By the end of 1905, the club's roster showed a membership of 30. Paul Harris declined office in the new club and didn't become its president until two years later. Club membership grew, making it difficult to gather in offices, so the members shifted their meetings to hotels and restaurants, where many Rotary club meetings are held today.

These early "Rotarians" realized that fellowship and mutual self-interest were not enough to keep a club of busy professionals meeting each week. Reaching out to improve the lives of the less fortunate proved to be an even more powerful motivation. The Rotary commitment to service began in 1907, when the Rotary Club of Chicago donated a horse to a preacher. The man's own horse had died, and because he was too poor to buy another one, he was unable to make the rounds of his churches and parishioners. A few weeks later, the club constructed Chicago's first public lavatory. With these inaugural projects, Rotary became the world's first service-club organization.

ROTARY'S BEST ~ EH VAN BLAIRCOM

By-Don Swart

E.H. VanBlairicom (better known to the members of our Rotary Club as Just "Van") became a member of Rotary Club of Wallowa County in 1980. Van was the first member of our Rotary Club to come from the Farming/Ranching community.

Van has always been the "wit" of the club and has brought the membership to laughter and smiles almost weekly for the past 24 years. He has grown famous for his poetry about various members upon their completion of a term or job or other service to the club or community. "Odes to retiring presidents" seems to have been his specialty.

In 1990-91 Van was president of the club and as our leader took on the project of engineering a riparian project along Prairie Creek Just out side of Enterprise. That project is

now showing signs of maturity whereby the trees no longer need the attention they demanded for so many years. But there were times when things such as drought necessitated watering each little tree with a bucket or pump, or protective devices were required to keep the deer from eating them, to speak nothing of a man-caused disaster.

But now the project appears healthy and is easily visible from the highway. It is marked by a sign giving credit to the Rotary Club for its existence. And it has been the subject of an award from our Rotary District and recognition by Rotary International as well as a prominent spot in "The Rotarian" magazine.

Van is a hero who is most worthy of recognition in this issue of the club's Rotary Bulletin. We salute Van for his service to Rotary and to his Country.

BOARD UPDATE

Rotary Club of Wallowa County continues its commitment to youth programs.

Rex Taylor led the board in a discussion concerning the meeting ballots. The board determined the last day for voting will be Friday, August 6, 2004.

Jayne Warner and Jeanie Story will co-chair the Bronze Blues & Brews food booth, August 14, 2004 Joseph City Park. Please sign up to help with this project.

Rex Taylor announced Ralph Swinehart will take a District

Chairmanship and will depart Rotary Club of Wallowa County's board after six years of service. Thank you Ralph! The RI Foundation chairperson is Steve Kliewer.

Amy Johnson reported the CJD food booth's estimated net profit is approximately \$3,500.00. Amy thanked everyone for their support and encouragement during this marathon fundraiser.

The board voted to contribute \$100.00 to the Enterprise Elementary School Playground Project.

John Gorsline presented the board with background information regarding the past three Wallowa County/Graz Austria Exchanges. John stated the members of the organizing committee are all Rotarians. The goal of this program is to offer a three week, low cost, European experience for Wallowa County youth. Over the years parents and community members have rallied to send approximately 28 Wallowa County youth to Austria and surrounding Countries.

John stated the committee is asking Rotary for financial support to host and provide a diversified Wallowa County experience to the approximately 25 Austrian youth

and chaperones.

Next, John requested assistance with recruiting Wallowa County youth to participate in the exchange. John and the committee are also soliciting Rotarians for host homes during the Austrian students three week visit to our area. The board discussed additional support Rotary could offer. Board members will research other avenues of support our Rotary Club could offer for this worthy program.

Finally, the board voted unanimously to contribute \$1,500.00 toward the hosting of the Graz Austrian contingency during their September 2005 visit.