

ROTARY CLUB OF WALLOWA COUNTY

Lead the Way

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RI Foundation—Bill Oliver

Welcome New Members: Lisa Armstrong Roepke, Roger Roepke and Lance Bailey. Please take time to introduce them to other members and make them feel welcome!

Gift Exchange: Remember to bring a white elephant gift to exchange at the meeting on December 20. Gifts should be fun, worth “stealing” from a fellow Rotarian with a price limit of \$10 (or less). See Craig Strobel’s email from 12/05 for details.

Rotary Foundation Opportunities: RI is on the outlook for potential Ambassadorial and World Peace Scholars. Applications are available on the RI website (educational programs) and are due in the District office by April 30, 2007. A completed application must be endorsed by the club. Basic requirements for an Ambassadorial Scholar: completed at least 2 years of college course work or been employed in a recognized vocation for at least 2 years. Be a citizen of a country where there is a Rotary club. Should be proficient in the language of the host country, and cannot be directly related to a Rotarian. Basic requirements for a World Peace Scholar: Bachelor of Arts with strong grades; training, academic background and work experience in a relevant field require a Master’s level program, with a minimum of 3 years combined paid or unpaid full time work experience in relevant field, proficiency in more than one language. Have a demonstrated commitment to peace and international understanding through their professional and academic achievements and or personal and community service activities.

More information can be found on the RI website under Foundation programs or contact District 5100 Scholarship Chair, Richela Grantz at grantz@peoplepc.com.

GSE Team Inbound from Australia: District 5100 Group Study Exchange Committee made some changes in the process of selecting which clubs will host future inbound GSE teams in an effort to protect the integrity of the primary purpose of the exchange, which

is a vocational exchange. These changes will be in effect for the inbound GSE team from Australia scheduled for Spring, 2007. The District is working to address the GSE program consistently among the 73 clubs that comprise the District.

The Board agreed at the meeting on Tuesday, December 5, that we were definitely interested in hosting the GSE team from Australia. The team will be in the District April 15 through May 12. Our deadline for sending the Expression of Interest form to Steve Williams, Eastern Oregon Regional Representative for the GSE Committee is Friday, December 22. Some vocational interests include meeting with Native American groups, and conservation groups; meetings with city managers; rural or agricultural businesses. Rich Wandschneider has ALL of the details, and will welcome your involvement.

Rick Bombaci's GSE team will be in Australia during the month of March, 2007.

Maddie McDowell: The Board of Directors voted unanimously to contribute \$200 to the Maddie McDowell surgery fund.

San Felipe Water Project: Rick Bombaci requested \$1500 from our club to help finish the San Felipe water project. Most of the work is done on the project, but a well that was recently drilled came up dry. An alternate site has been selected farther from the village. The additional cost is about \$20,000 to drill a new well, case it, and install the pipeline to deliver water from the well to the storage tank in the village. Rick has written a new matching grant -- \$6000 from local clubs, \$6000 from District 5100 DDF and \$9000 from the Rotary Foundation. Past Governor's, Dick Elixman and Ed Gronke have volunteered to help raise funds from the clubs in their area. With the \$1500 from the Wallowa County Club, the project could be well on its way, and Gilligan would be able to drill the new well in February or March. The Board voted unanimously to fund \$1500 to this project.

Friends of the Joseph Branch: At the regular meeting on November 29, members generously donated \$312 to offset costs of the Friends of the Joseph Branch to operate the Christmas train this year for the kids and families of Wallowa County. The Board approved President Stephen's request to match the \$312 at their meeting on Tuesday.

Meeting Cancellation: There will NOT be a meeting on December 27.

Tree of Giving: Gifts are due by Saturday, December 16. Wrapped gifts can be brought to Rotary meetings or dropped off at the Enterprise Flower Shop on River Street.

Elks Food Basket: The Elks Lodge is still accepting monetary donations for food and supplemental gifts. Chuck Haines will gladly stop by and pick up your donation, or you can mail your check to the Elks Lodge No. 1829, P. O. Box K, Enterprise, OR 97828.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I will appreciate any news items for the newsletter. Look for a dressed up newsletter in January...Jeannie Story is going to help update my software. Kathleen