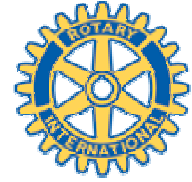


ROTARY CLUB OF WALLOWA COUNTY



July 2005

SERVICE Above Self

Rotary Highlights!!

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT TO VISIT NORTHEASTERN OREGON!!

Wallowa County Rotarians have a unique opportunity coming their way in August. During his visit to our District Rotary International President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar will be visiting Northeast Oregon AND Wallowa County. There will be two major opportunities to meet him. First, on August 14th he will be at a dinner held by the Baker Rotary Club. We are hoping a sizeable contingent of Wallowa County Rotarians will make the trip for that event. Then, on August 15th he will be visiting the "Bridge" project here in Wallowa County. More details to come. This is a unique and special opportunity -- let's make the most of it!

Regime Change Complete: The latest significant regime change to take place has occurred right here in Wallowa County. On June 26th Past-President Rex Taylor turned over the leadership of the Wallowa County Rotary Club to Amy Johnson. As a sign of his appreciation for all the help given by Amy over the last year, she was rewarded with a Paul Harris Fellow. Congratulations to Rex for a job well done, and to Amy for the great leadership she has already demonstrated. The evening was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to Dick Burch, Bill Finney and crew for putting the dinner together!

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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 seems to be a lot of interest in this trip from members throughout the district, so if you are interested in being included in the group, please contact Rick Bombaci (rick@uci.net) or Diane Highberger (dhigh@eou.edu).

New Member Welcomed. Gary Fletcher is one of the newest members of our Rotary Club. Gary works as a reporter for the Observer. During his introduction to the club Gary shared how touched he was with the card and money that Rotary sent when he wife was ill. The club is glad to welcome Gary, he is a great addition

RUN RUN: On July 2 our Rotary Club put on a VERY successful Lostine River Run. This was a record year, with 135 runners. Around \$1,300 raised (per Marilyn) and great participation. According to Bob Crawford's notes 27 Rotary volunteers worked on the event and 24 businesses donated prizes and refreshments. Great job Bob! Nice of you to arrange such wonderful weather as well.

Filip's Year Ends: Filip's year with our Rotary Club has come to an end. On July 14th many of the Rotary Family joined at Jeff Courtney's to say goodbye. I think the entire club enjoyed Filip's enthusiasm and his wonderful "short" accounts of his activities each week. Hopefully we will be able to stay in contact with this excellent young man.

Homeward Bound: It is almost time for Adele, our student in Argentine to get home. (Yes, her mother is anxious). On July 23rd is a welcome home party at her house. She is requesting a sub sandwich! Please call Liza Jane at 426-3827 if you are interested in attending.

Programs! In our recent survey many of you expressed a desire for a wider variety of programs, as well as a hope for programs that were of high quality. All of us agree that the programs presented at each meeting are a key to keeping our club motivated and active. YOU CAN HELP! Anne Gill, who will be putting together our programs for the coming year encourages all the club members to contact her with program ideas. The year's first two programs - The Chase - Chase Nebel, Issac Gerner and Erik Gilliland, and the Summer Adventure Program were both excellent. But this is a difficult job. If you hear a speaker you think would benefit the club. Let Anne know.

ROTARY CALENDAR

July 27-30 Chief Joseph Days (food booth) Steve Kliewer
July 30-31 District Governors Visit to WC Amy Johnson & Committee
August 14th - Dinner with the Rotary International President (Baker)
August 15th - Visit from Rotary International President to Bridge Project, Wallowa Lake
August 20th - Rotary Golf Tournament
August 27th - Club Picnic, up the Lostine! Stay tuned for more details!!!!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

July 27th, Bob Tallman (announcer for the CJD Rodeo) and the 2005 CJD Rodeo Court. . . :
August 3, -District Governor (Norb Murray)
August 10, Trio Romanza (Austin, Heather and Rebecca Lenahan) Baroque and Classical music.
August 17, -- Dan Papallardo (aka Gilligan) regarding our El Salvador project
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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