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ROB'S RHETORIC

(WORDS FROM OUR ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT)



With only two months left in this Rotary year, it is with much glee that I write my next-to-last column for the newsletter! The District Conference went off without a hitch, and several of our members received recognition for their service-above-self endeavors over the last year. Congratulations to Don Alberti, Murphy Tetley, Jo Moore, Reg Turnbull, Cathy Martin, Ron Mudd and David Linsenhardt for their terrific efforts over the last year (yes, our club carried the laboring oar for “Duane’s District” this past year!).

As mentioned previously, our club is looking forward to hosting Brazilian Artur Castiel Reis de Souza as our next exchange student. David Luther has been in contact with Artur’s father by e-mail, and he informs us that he is a member of one of the oldest Rotary clubs in northeastern Brazil (a 74-year-old club). His father, grandfather and great-grandfather were all Rotarians. He describes Artur as “a calm kid.” Linda Tetley has agreed to serve as the second host “family” (Murph, we assume, will assist her), but we are still in need of the first host family (Nancy Gratz will do it if someone will agree to refinance their mortgage through Premier Bank). Please let me know if your family is interested in sharing three months with Artur.

We delivered the Meals-On-Wheels lunches on April 28th once again. Thank you’s go to Al Lafoon, Angie Kinworthy, Jim Jackson, Jay Jordan and Bob Asahl. I was called in at the last minute to fill-in on

route #2 (I became Bob Sfreddo), so that added some excitement to my day on the 28th. I continue to be amazed at how upbeat and positive those homebound folks are when I arrive at their front door.

We are sponsoring two Jefferson City High School students’ participation in RYLA this summer. Michelle Stewart and Emily Van Zandt will attend the three-day event at William Jewell College in Liberty. Hopefully, they will return to Jefferson City and share with us some of their experiences at this terrific leadership program. We are also sponsoring an Ambassadorial Scholar to a Spanish speaking country. Kathy Weiss, a medical student at the University of Missouri-Columbia, submitted her application, interviewed and was recently chosen as one of the scholarship winners. She will travel to and live in a Spanish speaking country for six months starting in the fall of 2004. In addition, we have learned that Kit Freudenberg’s daughter Anne is traveling as our outbound student to Belgium. Anne will leave in late August for a one-year stint.

Finally, our summer barbecue and installation ceremony has been scheduled for June 18, 2003, at the Willibrand ranch. Please get this on your calendar now, and we will make sure maps are distributed in June showing how to meander your way to the ranch. I know that Dan McPherson and his incoming Board of Directors are ready to take over the reins of the club that evening once outgoing District Governor Duane Benton presides over their installation.

As I mentioned in last month’s column, Spring has Sprung! Our little club has several great projects going all at the same time. Continue to place service above self, and I will see you on Wednesday morning!

Trivia Team Places Close Second

Dan McPherson and his crack team of trivia buffs placed a close second in the contest held Thursday night, May 1, in conjunction with the District Conference.

The J. C. Breakfast Rotary team was edged out in the final two rounds by the Midwest Advertising team, 79 to 78. Dan's team members were Bill Cowell, Dudley Galloway, Jim Jackson, Jay Jordan, Joe Scheppers, Murph Tetley, and J. T. Yarnell.

You may want to keep the following facts in mind for next time –

- New York is second to California in US wine production.
- Tony the Tiger is white, orange and black, but he does have a blue nose!
- Transylvania is farther from the equator (46°N) than is Tasmania (42°S).
- Nevada outlawed gambling in 1909.

Centennial Spotlight - A Stamp's Story

In 1955, the United States joined 26 other nations in issuing a commemorative stamp honoring RI on its 50th anniversary.

Although this eight-cent commemorative is not numerically rare (some 80 million were printed), it is the sole "Rotary stamp" ever issued by the country in which Rotary was founded. And like many commemoratives, it has an interesting story.

In the months before Rotary's Golden Anniversary of 1955, Emerson Gause, a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Chicago as well as a RI staff member and former editor of *The Rotarian*, was so impressed with a brochure for The Rotary Foundation that he suggested Willi Wind, an award-winning stamp designer for the United Nations, adapt the cover design as a commemorative. (Gause went on to help persuade many countries to issue Rotary commemorative stamps for 1955 and the years following).



May Programs

May 7th - Judy Allman, Grow Native!
Conservation Program
(Introduced by Kit Freudenberg)

May 14th - Karen White
Department of Education
(Introduced by Stephen J. Stark)

May 21st - Becca Stewart
Department of Corrections
(Introduced by Stephen J. Stark)

May 28th - OFF-SITE
John Suttentfield, HR Manager
ABB Transformer Factory
500 West Highway 94
(Introduced by Dudley Galloway)

As he began his work on the project, Wind, a U.S. immigrant from Israel, knew neither which country would issue his design nor what the denomination would be (hence the words "X.Y. Postage" in the upper-right-hand corner of the original design, as well as the randomly assigned denomination of three cents). The finalized version of the commemorative, below, went on sale on 23 February 1955 — Rotary's 50th anniversary — in the city of its birth. In a gala dinner in downtown Chicago, just blocks away from where Paul P. Harris and the other founders first gathered, the U.S. Postmaster General presented then-RI President Herbert Taylor with an autographed sheet including Wind's original design, seen above left.



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