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Good Morning Rotarians:

“This quote came to my attention and when I saw it I thought of Rotary membership...” “Don’t Aim for Success if you want it,”just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally.” –David Frost

What this means to me is that we believe in Rotary and we love what Rotary stands for, share your belief with others and we can all naturally be successful with MEMBERSHIP. When others see and hear your passion they will want to learn more about it. I hope each of you (President included) will take more time to share our passion with others- they would naturally be drawn to learn more about what we do as Rotarians. I hope this will help you to recruit new members because we work hard but also have FUN..

The West Club is having a Rotary Trivia Night 5:30P.M. Friday March 6 at Capital Ritz 2716 Plaza Drive Jefferson City. Our very own Dan McPherson has agreed to chair the breakfast rotary team, please check our website if you need to contact Dan. Breakfast Rotary team will be a winner!!! Tickets are \$30.00 per person or \$225.00 for a table of 8 includes buffet dinner, beer and soda; cash bar available.. Proceeds benefit the Samaritan Center.

Prayer on February 4 will be Jim Wieberg and Humor will be Randy Scherr.

Board meeting is tomorrow night at my office, Premier Bank Wildwood Crossings 3525 Mo Blvd at 5:30. If you have any items to submit or would like to attend please know that you are welcome.

What happened below is so tragic, beyond words, but, all Rotarians should be aware of this and pray for the people and families that are so affected by this at this time. This tragic email was sent by Sherry Nielson this morning that I feel compelled to share with you so these families can be remembered by us in our prayers,etc....”

Nielsen's Notables

Weekly thoughts from 6080 DG

Sherry Nielsen



Update from the District:

2/2/09

It is with disbelief that I share with you a tragedy in Portland Oregon on Jan. 24th involving Youth Exchange Students. Several inbound and outbound students went out to celebrate a birthday when a gunman on the street opened fire. He killed two and wounded several more. I am providing you with an e-mail to read more details. To my knowledge such a tragedy has never happened in this program.

Our District YEO, Stephanie Sherman, is currently at her home in Washington State and is keeping us informed. Her District Youth Exchange committee voted to contribute \$500 from their budget to assist the District dealing with this situation. You can contact her directly at: stephaniesherman@charter.net if members of your club desire to help or get more information.

E-Mail dated 1/25/09 from District Governor Ed Fullerton of District 5130.

Ed says:

I'm saddened to inform you that there was a shooting at a youth club in Portland, Oregon involving a group of Rotary youth exchange students. The students were standing outside when a gunman opened fire killing 2 and wounding 7 others.

I've attached a news article from oregonlive.com.

This is a very sad day for Rotary, especially those involved with our Youth Exchange Program.

Our sincere sympathy to the families, friends Rotarians and students of Rotary Youth Exchange.

Ed Fullerton
Governor
District 5130

NEWS RELEASE

Bruce Ely/The Oregonian Police investigate Saturday night's shooting near Southwest Second Avenue and Pine Street in downtown Portland.

Downtown shooting

. 2 dead, 7 hurt in downtown Portland shooting

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injured Saturday night when a 24-year-old man with a gun opened fire outside a popular underage nightclub in downtown Portland.

Police identified one of the victims as Ashley Wilks, 16, of Happy Valley . People familiar with the student exchange program said Wilks -- a Clackamas High School sophomore -- was preparing to head to a foreign country for study.

Two students in a foreign exchange program died and seven other people were injured Saturday night when a 24-year-old man with a gun opened fire outside a popular underage nightclub in downtown Portland.

Police identified one of the victims as Ashley Wilks, 16, of Happy Valley . People familiar with the student exchange program said Wilks -- a Clackamas High School sophomore -- was preparing to head to a foreign country for study.

"We're just shocked. We're not doing good," said Wilks' stepfather, Randy Thiesen, from his home in Happy Valley. Thiesen said the girl's family is not ready to talk about what happened. Relatives are on their way from out of town, he said.

The other victim who died was a 17-year-old girl from Arequipa, Peru, who was hosted since September by a family in White Salmon, Wash., said Miguel Velasquez, of the Peruvian Consulate in Seattle.

Police, who have not released any other victims' names, said they are trying to contact families -- many who live overseas.

Homicide detectives said they can find no relationship between the victims and the man who shot the nine people standing in front of The Zone nightclub at Southwest Second Avenue and Pine Street.

Police have not identified the man, who shot himself in the head after the violent assault. He is hospitalized in critical condition.

One victim is in critical condition; another is in serious condition.

The two girls were part of the Rotary District 5100 student exchange program. Chuck Itoh, the program's chairman, said a host parent had arranged for a group of 11 students to celebrate one of the foreign student's birthday in downtown Portland.

A person familiar with the program said the students were celebrating the 15th birthday party of a Guatemalan student. Three of the injured victims were from France, Ecuador and Guatemala.

"Apparently, they all felt the place they were going to go was well-established and a very reputable place," Itoh said this morning, after spending most of the night at Portland hospitals and working to notify relatives of the students. "Unfortunately, this incident took place by a stranger on the street, I understand. A stranger began shooting in the crowd for unknown reasons."

Itoh said his organization has contacted international officials to help notify relatives of the students wounded, and he planned an emergency meeting of the exchange program.

He said the program lasts a year, and that a majority of the students arrived in late August or mid-September. The district stretches through Oregon and Washington.

Most of the students involved were staying in the Portland and Salem areas.

Some of the students in downtown Portland Saturday night, Itoh said, were local students; others were visiting from countries including Peru, France and Italy.

One girl died at the scene and another died at a hospital, according to police.

"A lot of these are juvenile victims," Portland police Detective Mary Wheat said. "We have people involved in this from all over."

Police recovered the gun used in the shooting.

Victims were taken to OHSU Hospital and Legacy Emanuel Hospital & Medical Center.

At about 10:30 p.m. last night, a man began shooting people standing on the sidewalk in front of The Zone nightclub at Southwest Second Avenue and Pine Street, said Wheat, a Portland police spokeswoman.

William Kennedy, 17, with Team Promotions, said he was inside The Zone club, talking by the bar near the front entrance when he heard gunshots above the blaring hip-hop music. Kennedy said he ducked under a bar ledge, and when the gunfire subsided, he looked out front.

"I just see two girls down, laying outside. Two pairs of feet by the front doorway," Kennedy said. "They had just been waiting outside on line to get in."

He said he saw the club's DJ outside administering CPR to one of the victims. Kennedy said he heard at least five gunshots.

Please remember to keep the families and Rotary in your prayers.

Sincerely,

President Nancy

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