

Wednesday April 4th 2007

Mt. Vernon Country Club

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Bruno Cassanta Vidotto is coming to America. He is a seventeen year old high school student from Brazil. He is sponsored by the Florianopolis Rotary club there. This experience was made possible in part because of the decision by Steve and Tisha Doppler to host Bruno. Thanks for that decision, Steve.

Our board voted unanimously to sponsor Bruno as an exchange student for the upcoming school year. We also noted the need to try to anticipate how we can support Steve preparing in advance for any issues that might come up. In that regard, we are looking for volunteers to meet with Steve and develop a proactive approach to this venture. Please let me know if you are interested in serving in this capacity.

Bruno seems to be an outstanding young man. He is a good student near the top of his class and intends on going on to college. His Dad and Mom are both employees of the Banco do Brasil. Bruno is interested in soccer and playing the guitar. He mentions in his application that he hopes to find out early where he might be headed so he will have sufficient time to do research about the culture of the region. He speaks Portuguese, English and Spanish. He lists his biggest virtues as determination, courage, patience and responsibility. He lists his weak characteristics as the need to improve the organization of his bedroom, and better use of his time including his desire to spend weekends sleeping a bit more and going out with his friends. Sounds like a typical teen to me. He does mention his enjoyment of the beach. If anyone has ideas on that one, I would love to hear them.

Jim

GUESTS

Kyle, Amy and Dave Rosenwing
Alexandra Morgan - Anne Skewes
Neil Stewart - Judi Q.
Cary, Dawn, Kirsten and Bryce Kempf

VISITING ROTARIANS

Tom Hobson - Den.
Roger Westman - Clear Creek
Bill Manning - Evg.

Winners of the Ice Melt Contest were here to be presented their prizes.

1st prize of \$1000 was won by 7 year old Bryce Kempf who was only off by 18 seconds.

2nd prize of \$500 went to Mary Tangye who was off by 30 seconds.

3rd prize of \$100 went to Bill Skewes who donated the prize money back to the Mountain Foothills Rotary Foundation. Thanks, Bill! A Hearty Thanks to all members for their help and support and sale of tickets for the First Ice Melt!! We made a net of \$4500 which will be split among our Foundation, Drive Smart and Maren's Kids! Thanks, Dave Talbot for the great photos!

Thanks Steve and Tisha Doppler for volunteering to host an exchange student from Brazil. Let us know how we can help out.

We have 7 RYLA spots reserved and John Jarvis plans to select 5 from Clear Creek and would like the other two from Platte Canyon HS in Memory of Emily Keyes, the student killed last fall naming them the Emily Keyes Leadership Award. Interviews will start the week of 4/2. We also have 3 YRYLA spots to fill. Any volunteers to help in the interviews please contact John 526-4968.

Also, John asked that we save our magazines to send to the troops! He continues to look into ways we can each as members adopt a soldier's family.

Dave Talbot reported on the Crutches4Africa campaign. He has already collected enough crutches for one container!!!! Safeway was happy to set up a barrel for our collection in their store. Also Evergreen Stained Glass in Kittredge will take a barrel. These are plastic barrels about the size of a 55 gal. drum but light weight and easy to move around. Looking for good locations to place a barrel for a week or two, so please coordinate with Dave. He has a supply of brochures we can use when speaking with location controllers to better describe Crutches4Africa.com.

Roger Westman advised us of a luncheon put on by ARC in JEFFCO which will be held on Tue. April 24th at the Arvada Center from 12 to 1. ARC wants to let us know all that they do in JEFFCO.

This year's golf tournament will take place at Hiwan Country Club on Monday morning July 9th. Please call Mac and volunteer to help him out with this event. Mac is working with Michelle Sterling, Jeff Thompson's publicist, to improve advertising opportunities. Wealth Design will cover most of the hole sponsorships and goody bags. Michelle suggested more involvement of special needs kids. Please call Mac 670-2280 to volunteer to help out. Only 3 months to go! Think about selling some tickets to this event.

Judi Q. is coordinating our travels to the International Convention in Salt Lake City on June 17 - 20 2007. What a great opportunity to experience Rotary up close and the International flavor of Rotary too. Pull up www.rotary.com and register on line.

PROGRAM

Bill Manning from the morning club and Neil Stewart, a RYLA student sponsored by our club last year, shared with us about what goes on at RYLA. Neil was one of only 10 who was selected as a councilor for camp this year. There are 117 Rotary Clubs in our District which encompasses part of CO and part of WY. There were 240 kids sponsored by some of these clubs at last years session. Our club has always rated RYLA at or near the top of our "to do" list. Bill said that 60% of the attendees were females and one of the goals was to put the kids in a safe environment where they feel comfortable talking about anything. This is a personal development conference which includes team building through shared experiences throughout the week. Some of the events include motivational speakers, team projects, RYLA Olympics, hikes, RAP sessions, etc.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact Bill Manning.

Judi Quackenboss, our most excellent Program Chair, asks that all members please advise her of any potential speakers for our group. Please contact her at 303-674-2852 or quackje@aol.com

APRIL - Rotary Magazine Month

11 Al Makkai - Fly Fishing

18 John Jarvis - Living With Bear & Mt. Lions

25 Dave Beall - District Governor Elect - Fireside Chat

MAY - District Conference Month

2 Club Assembly

9 Life Care Center Evergreen

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PLANNING AHEAD

ROTARY MAKE-UPS ARE FUN, EASY AND ENCOURAGED!

Note: New eClub One URL for make-ups (Book Mark It!)
eClubOne, www.rotaryclubone.org (7 x 24 x 365). Be sure to get a
printout to turn in for meeting credit.

Some Nearby Rotary Clubs:

Evergreen Rotary, Friday, 7:00 AM - El Rancho Restaurant
Conifer Rotary, Tuesday, 7:00 am - Mountain Resource Center
Golden Rotary, Tuesday, 7:15 am - Rolling Hills Country Club
Lakewood, Tuesday, 7:15 am - Lakewood Heritage Center
Lakewood Foothills, Tuesday, 12:10 pm - Warren Tech Center
South Jefferson County, Tuesday, 7:15 am - Fox Hollow Country Club
Clear Creek County, Friday, 7:00 am - Rocky Mountain Village, Empire

Gilpin County Peak to Peak, Thursday, 12:00 pm - Farraday's Rest., The Isle of Capri Casino, 401 Main St., Black Hawk

Rest of the World: www.rotary.org

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Our Club Web Site: <http://mountainfoothillsrotary.org/>

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