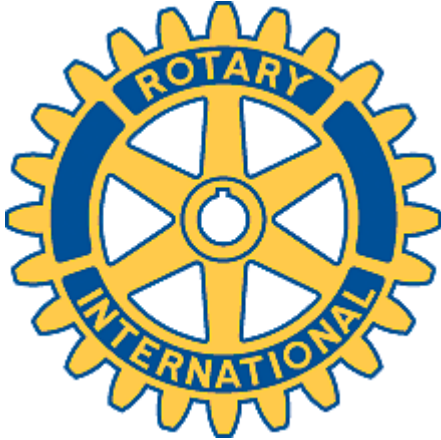


Mountain Foothills Rotary of Evergreen, CO.



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CHECK THE SITE OFTEN!!!

Wednesday December 12, 2007

Mt. Vernon Country Club

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

On Thursday afternoon at Lakepointe Center (with food and wine at Caffe di Lucca) our club presented the much awaited van to Maren and her Kids. For those who were not able to attend, it was just a wonderful celebration complete with News 4 (our friend Tom at the camera), The Chamber of Commerce, Serenity Magazine, Canyon Courier and probably more that I didn't recognize were snapping pictures and taking names. We should see some wonderful copy in the next few weeks. Our group does a lot of wonderful things for our community (ECHO, trees on the People Path, Blood drive etc) but this is certainly one that brings tears to our eyes and smiles to our faces. Our Dream Team got this done in record time and this will be the subject of conversation for a very long time to come.

Very Proud to be a Rotarian

President
Judi

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SOME ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bell ringing to start Nov. 25 through Dec. 23, Sunday's at Safe, two shifts 10-12 and 12-2. THIS SUNDAY THE 23rd 10-12:00 Linda Lautigar & Dave Liberman; 12:00 – 2:00 Steve Doppler & Bruno Vidotto

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John Jarvis reported that our Troop will be returning home from Iraq in the next 30 to 45 days, they do not give an exact date, just 24 hours notice. When John finds out he will let us know...they are returning to Ft. Carson in Colorado Springs.

The International Presidents Dinner and Foundation seminar will take place in Feb. 1, dinner, Feb. 2 Foundation seminar.

CRUTCHES 4 AFRICA

Dave's the man to talk to!! Crutches4africa@comcast.net

I have attached Dave's update from his trip to Atlanta in November, he really is amazing in what he accomplishes. Jerry Lautigar will be taking a load of to Texas when he travels this month for loading on a mercy ship, 500 crutches are needed. In addition to Rotary clubs, Dave is working with faith based organizations.

ATLANTA UPDATE: Nov 9-17 2007 David Talbot

I was still somewhat under the weather when we flew out on the 9th. We went north to TN for the weekend and spent time with a couple that Lives WAY out in the country. They have begun collecting mobility devices that include an incredible \$5,000.00 electric wheelchair! They have pledged to continue to collect mobility devices in there area, near Lebanon, TN(the home of "Cracker Barrel" restaurants)and deliver them to MedShare in Atlanta. Our next meeting of consequence was on Tuesday in Atlanta. This was our opportunity to tour the MedShare warehouse and meet their director Mr.A.B. Short. Our host for the day was Josh Kravitz. Josh and I have been communicating since early July about the possibilities of our working together and developing a working

relationship with MedShare, to specifically supply MedShare with mobility devices that they could then offer to hospitals and clinics in Africa. During our tour of their extensive facility, Josh showed us the extent of mobility devices that they had to offer at the time... 8 pair of crutches and 4 wheelchairs!

Our planning session with Josh laid out our plan to involve local Rotary in the collection of mobility devices in the Atlanta area and with an eye to the expansion to the more extensive S.E. area of the U.S.A. The plan is simple, that collected surplus MDs will be delivered to their facility and then offered to African medical facilities through their online ordering system. These materials are shipped to Africa and distributed at no cost to the recipients. This, of course is a very good fit for the efforts of Crutches 4 Africa and Mountain Foothills Rotary club

The Rotary connection;

Without question the best connection with Rotary in Atlanta was the last one! The "Rotary Club of the West End". I was the guest speaker at their noon meeting on the 16th. In my communication with them there had been an element of excitement about the project. That excitement was obvious as I came to the podium to speak, people stopped eating and leaned toward the podium. I told them our story and our plan, and the wonderful opportunity to move the project forward in Atlanta, and our need for their help. They responded with excitement and vision to what could be accomplished!

Planning began after the meeting, contacts with Coca Cola were mentioned... Planning continues for kick off collections to begin in the new year!

One other interesting item about that meeting, was their district Gov. was visiting that day and heard the presentation as well... could lead to more club involvement in that district? Lets hope so!

Another point of interest about the truck load of crutches...

It was indeed a trailer full! Rather than take in, those crutches were taken directly to Project Cure for distribution through their facility!

A note about Candice and her bicycle accident on Monday... front brake grabbed and she went over the handle bars. A good samaritan called me and said she had fallen and "bumped" her head...

When I arrived a couple of minutes later, the scene was a fire truck, ambulance and police car and they were loading my unconscious wife into the ambulance. We spent 13 hrs. in the ER, lots of x-rays, some stitches, MRIs and cat scans... bottom line is she is resting well at home, has stitches around her right eye and the right side of

her face has quite a bit of road rash and is quite swollen. Left hand knuckles are very ugly with abrasions down to the bone, lots of swelling. Right hand is not as bad but with the same kind of injuries. She has two compression fractures to her spine in vertebrae 5 and 7.

Please keep her in your prayers...

Dave

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Rich Ferrante, Congrats on your Second Retirement!!

EChOBob Jones let me know some of the needs for Evergreen Christian Outreach:

*Toilet paper *Hamburger Helper *Potatoes *Canned Stew * Crackers *Cake Mixes – any non-perishable food items: *Men’s work clothes and Boy’s clothes.

They also need drivers once a month to pick up food from COMPA (near coliseum) and the Food Bank of the Rockies (I-70 & Havana). They also need volunteers in all areas to work on a substitute basis.

EChO brought in many families for Family Day to select gifts for Christmas, it is a wonderful program we offer in our community.

Anne and Bill, thank you for opening your Home once again for our Club Christmas celebration!!! Decorated so beautifully!!

PROGRAM

A mini Club Assembly was held, we always have great conversation when we have these, beneficial for all of us.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

Dec. 19 - TBD Nominating Committee Report with slate for 2008-2009

Dec. 26 - No Meeting, Christmas

January – Rotary Awareness Month

Jan. 2 - Meeting TBD

Jan. 9 - Election of 2008-2009 officers and Bruno...!

Tom Hale is our Program Chair, asks that all members please advise him of any potential speakers for our group. Please contact Tom at 303-674-9422 or mlthale@comcast.net

PLANNING AHEAD:

December 31, 2007, Tickets sales for 2nd Annual Ice Melt!!!!

January 25, 2008 Blood Drive

July 2008 The Annual Special Needs Golf Tournament

GUESTS:

Not last week.

VISITING ROTARIANS:

Tom Hobson, Denver

ROTARY MAKE-UPS ARE FUN, EASY AND ENCOURAGED!

Note: New eClub One URL for make-ups (Book Mark It!)
eClubOne, www.rotaryeclubone.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

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ED SEZ "I am a member of the Mountain Foothills Rotary Club because of Rotary International and what we do in our community. An added benefit is the good friends and acquaintances' I have made over the years.

Bob Zavodsky, Editor

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