



## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

February 5, 2015

### CLUB BUSINESS

#### Officers Elected for 2015-2016

Our By-Laws state that we will elect our new slate of officers for the upcoming Rotary year at our last meeting in December. A nominating committee was formed to propose the incoming officers. On December 11<sup>th</sup> the membership voted to approve. The Officers are:

President: Ted Smith, President Elect: Howard Adams, Treasurer: Signe Grimstad, Secretary: Melanie Sarazin, Vice President: Rob Thompson

The directors are chosen at a later date by the incoming President.

Our Rotary year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to be involved in a board or officer position, get involved and make your wishes known to a current board member.

### VOCATIONAL NEWS

Dale Smith organized our first vocational lunches. There are two groups formed. A 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday group and a 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday group. They rotate locations amongst the group and are hosted by a Rotarian who shares information about their business. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday group has met twice. David Bigelow hosted at the hospital and Melanie Sarazin hosted at Stewart Title. The members have really enjoyed getting to know more about their fellow Rotarian and their business. If you would like to get involved contact Dale Smith.

### FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

June 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> our club will be hosting 6 couples from Sweden for a Friendship Exchange. Dale Smith and Lorna Davis have agreed to help plan this but, they will need volunteers. If you can help let myself, Lorna or Dale know.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Inbound and Outbound Exchange Students will be arriving in Newport March 6<sup>th</sup>. A sign up sheet is being circulated for help. If you have questions please ask Youth Services Chair's Ursula or Freddy.

We will be hosting Literacy Night and Casino Night again this year. Both events will take place in April. More information will be forthcoming. Volunteers are needed for both events. If you can help please contact Anji Mitchell for Casino Night and Julie Hanrahan for Literacy Night.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Thanks to Rob Wienert we now have Rotary signs with our meeting day and location posted by the Welcome to Newport Signs. As you are driving please take a minute to look at them.

### INTERNATIONAL PROJECT

In early December we released funds for the next phase of our project in Kenya. Gwen from the Rotary Club of Eugene just returned where they spent the month of January working and observing our project. Here is an update:

In December workmen began renovation of the building which is to house the library and computer lab. A young intern from Network for Eco Farming in Africa, NECOFA has been teaching teachers from the school the basics of computer use on two laptops

Officials have given permission to proceed with Fence building and tree planting at Kirepari Nursery School. Workmen have also begun construction on platforms for tanks at the Uruku Health Clinic.

International Director Claire is planning a Fundraiser for March 11<sup>th</sup> in hopes of raising money for Interact Students to attend our project in Kenya. A 4 to 5 course dinner with wine tasting by David Bigelow will be prepared tickets are \$50.00 per person or \$90.00 per couple. The dinner is at Claire's home.

*Julie*

