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# DISTRICT 5010 BULLETIN

**DISTRICT 5010** 

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# 2014 Conference an inspiration

by Peggy Pollen Acting District Governor

The theme "Changing Lives under Northern Skies" of the 2014 District Assembly and Conference at the Hotel Captain Cook in Anchorage carried through all four days of presentations and events.

From the opening with Alaska Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell relating his life's challenges, through Dr. Rekha Shetty from India sharing memories of her friendship and Rotary service with Sue Foley, the impact of Rotary and Rotarians making a difference in lives was evident.

Dr. Lani Ackerman told of her family's many years of service to the people of Nepal and Rotarian Peace Scholar Nerve Macaspac presented his work documenting the oppression of indigenous people in the Philippines. Dr. Ramon Resa shared his compelling personal story of struggle, rising from a legacy of childhood abuse in the field labor camps in California to become a successful medical doctor who changes the lives of many, and in the process changes his own.

Our Rotary International President's Representative, Rotary Foundation Trustee Ian Risely and his wife, PDG Juliet, were an integral and enter-



Front row left to right: Harold Foley, PDG Phil Livingston, PP Diana Livingston, Ann Colasurdo, Past Rotary International Treasurer

Michael Colasurdo Photo by Joseph Davis

## (Conference, cont'd from p. 1)



RI President's Representative Ian Riseley from Australia charms conference audience.

taining element of this conference, as was Past Rotary International Treasurer Mike Colasurdo and his wife, Ann. Rotary International is blessed with many talented and charismatic leaders such as Ian and Mike and District 5010 is blessed to have such support during our conference.

We welcomed District 5010's new eClub during the banquet Saturday evening. The 26 charter members included both new and returning Rotarians and members from as far away as Ecuador and Sweden.

A new day is dawning in Rotary as was demonstrated in a thrilling debate by the UAA Debate Team (ranked third in the US and 12<sup>th</sup> internationally of all college debate teams!). The team considered the role of civic organizations in the digital age.

Our eClub was born in this moment. It represents an exciting path to a new future, as do the paths of our 23 District Leadership Academy graduates. This DLA class was the largest ever for any district in the Rotary world, and is a wealth of talent and enthusiasm.

On a personal note, my thanks to the many wonderful Rotarians who provided their support to me as I did my best to represent our beloved Sue Foley during her conference. Carolyn Jones, Bill Hopper, Rebecca Parker, Dick Sutliff and so many others kept the en-

couragement flowing as we worked to make Sue's conference an event to remember.

It gave me strength to know that Harold Foley was there, continuing his service to Rotary with all the love and understanding that he had provided for Sue.

The strength and dedication of the Rotarians of District 5010 runs deep through Alaska and the Yukon. The beacon from Sue's lighthouse guides us forward into a bright and wonderful future.



Acting DG Peggy Pollen Presents 2014 Conference Co-Chair PDG Bill Hopper with a certificate of appreciation.



Pianist Jeff Duzenbery keeps things rolling.

Photos by Joseph Davis

# District 5010 charters its first eClub

by PDG Ted Trueblood, Anchorage International Rotary Club

The audience rose and cheered as the Rotary eClub of District 5010 Alaska-Yukon received its charter at the District Conference Governor's Banquet on the evening of May 17, 2014.

With 26 charter members, including seven Rotary Club Past Presidents, four prior Rotarians and eight new Rotarians, the new club will bring a host of strengths and opportunities to Rotary at the top of the world. Charter members hail from Ecuador, Sweden, Wisconsin and across the District from Ketchikan to Nome

Efforts to charter an eClub in District 5010 began during the 2011-12 Rotary year when Rotary International first allowed districts to have up to two eClubs each. As District Governor, I pitched the opportunity as a way to bring Rotary to areas of Alaska-Yukon where Rotary had not reached

due to small populations. Marty Metiva, then President of Susitna Rotary, was interested in leading the effort, but it wasn't until Dave Hamner, Past President of Seward Rotary, came to me last fall to propose restarting this effort that things really started moving. District Governor Sue Foley and District 5010 Club Extension Chair Teresa Hall (D7120) met with Dave and encouraged him to push forward. Sue and Terri came to an Anchorage International Rotary Club board meeting to enlist the club as a sponsor and Sue appointed Marty her Special Representative for the new club. Susitna Rotary Club also signed on as a sponsor club.

With a lot of help from organizing committee members, including Tim Trueblood, who created the eClub's web site, Steve Strait, who produced radio PSAs and everyone reaching out to potential charter members, the club has exceeded the required 20 members and Terri has sent the documentation back to RI.

Charter officers are President: Leo Rasmussen (Nome); President Elect: George Frushour (Anchorage South); Secretary: Julie Isom (Ketchikan First City) and Treasurer: Kate Koch (formerly Anchorage International).



Rotary International President's Representative Ian Riseley from Australia conducts the chartering ceremony for the eClub of Alaska-Yukon . Photo by Jon Deisher

# Congratulations to the 26 charter members of Rotary eClub Alaska-Yukon

# Name Comment

Tom Anderson

George Frushour President-Elect

Julie Isom Secretary

Richard Stone

Eric Knox

Adam Lust

Loren Prosser

Christine Ward

Leo Rasmussen President

Karen Harris

Heather Flynn

Kristin Lambert

Kate Koch Treasurer

**Brian Shimek** 

Floyd Shilanski

Pamela Steffes

Stefen Spinell Lives in Sweden

Sebastion Chaves Lives in Equador

Jeevan Pokharel Originally from Nepal

John Kamler

Dr. Monica Klouda

Alex Winterberger Active military stationed in WA

Mike Bridges

Naomi Sweetman

Sharon Durtka Lives in Wisconsin

Nancy Dodge Shelter Box Ambassador

# Anchorage attorney Dick Sutliff is 2014-15 District 5010 Governor



Incoming District 5010 Governor Dick Sutliff (2014-15) accepts the BIG gavel from Acting District Governor Peggy Pollen at the May 17 District Conference Governor's Banquet.



2014-15 District Governor Dick Sutliff with wife, Dr. Page Spencer

Photos by Jon Deisher



# Congratulations to the recipients of the 2014 Rotary District 5010 Awards



### SERVICE PROJECT AWARDS

### **Community Service**

Juneau Rotary — *Opening Doors through Literacy* 

## Partnership Service

Anchorage Rotary—Mission of Mercy

#### Hands On Service

Ketchikan First City Rotary—Rotary Beach Project

#### International Service

Juneau Glacier Vallery Rotary—Colima Wheelchair Project

#### **Rural Alaska Service**

Anchorage Gateway Rotary—Upper Kalskag
Water Project

#### **Youth Service**

Fairbanks Rotary—University of Alaska Museum Children's Pin Screen Project

## Significant Achievement Award

(Submitted to Rotary International)
Wasilla Sunrise Rotary Club—
Inclusive Playground Project

### Thor Brandt-Erichsen Award

Steve and Noko Yoshida

The Rotary Foundation District Service Award
Jon Deisher

Thank You for Youth Exchange Service

Tom Martin

## PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS

#### Interact Clubs

Kayhi Interact Club Carley Royer, President Sponsored by Ketchikan First City Rotary

Thunder Mountain Interact Club

Jenna Luhrs, President

Sponsored by Juneau Glacier Valley Rotary

## **Rotary Clubs**

Anchorage - Jack Amon, President,
Eagle River Area Debbie Rinckey, President
Fairbanks - Jo Kuchle, President
Juneau - Brenda Hewitt, President
Ketchikan First City - Rosie Roppel, President
Kodiak Morning - Diana Holt, President
Sitka - Sharon Bergman, President
Soldotna - Dale Bagley, President
Wasilla Sunrise - Dan Kennedy, President

## **Highest Per Capita Attendance**

Susitna Rotary (11 out of 26 members)

# Rotary International Membership Awards

**Smaller Club Membership Growth** 

Fairbanks Golden Heart Rotary Club

# RI Membership Development and Extension

Anchorage International—sponsoring an eClub

# RI Recognition of Membership Development Initiatitives

Soldotna Rotary—sponsoring an Interact Club Ketchikan First City—attracting new members



# Congratulations to Rotary District 5010 Leadership Academy Graduates 2013-14

Leonor Araoz-Fraser Soldotna Dean McVery Anchorage South

Christopher Baca Ketchikan First City Ann Metcalf Juneau Michel Barwell Whitehorse Rendezvous Karen Morgan Juneau

Cynthia DeSoto Whitehorse Midnight Sun Anne Marie Moylan Anchorage East

N. Diana Fejes Anchorage Melody Niichel Soldotna
Michael Fuller Eagle River Michael Pollen Fairbanks
Sharon Gaiptman Juneau Denise Ringhand Kodiak Morning

Gideon Garcia Anchorage East Lisa Roberts Soldotna

Les Helfrich Palmer Warren Russell Juneau

Jeff Hunston Whitehorse Midnight Sun Douglas Schrage Fairbanks

Kelly Larson Palmer Jacqueline Smith Soldotna
Jodi Stuart Soldotna

# And thanks to the District Leadership Academy faculty

Alan Bergh North Pole Mari-Anne Gross Homer

Susan Bethel Ketchikan First City Gayle Knepper, Dean Anchorage East
Diane Fejes Anchorage Harriett Schloer Bend High Desert

Maynard Gross Homer Jack Timm Susitna



District Leadership Academy graduates assemble. This year's graduating class of 23 is the largest in the Rotary world.

Photo by Joseph Davis



The District is now up 58 members for the year according to the April report from Rotary International. This is up 24 members from last month, primarily due to the chartering of the new eClub in District 5010. Our eClub is the

# We're meeting our goal. Keep going!!!

by PDG Bill Hopper, District 5010 Membership Chair

15th eClub in the Rotary world. Those clubs that increased membership—good job—those of you who lost members, make sure you find out why each member left and if he or she can suggest a replacement.

We have achieved District Governor Sue Foley's goal of a net of 52 members for the year. We are currently at 58 for the year but we still have time to bring in more members.

Presidents, review your goals and your plan and make it happen. I

know you can do it, but we have to work at it. For all the clubs who inducted members this month, make sure your make them feel welcome and get them involved.



Photo of Bill Hopper by Jon Deisher

# Welcome, April 2014 new members

Carol	Adamczak	Fairbanks Golden Heart	Fairbanks	AK	USA
Monica	Adams	Soldotna	Soldotna	AK	USA
Tom	Anderson	Rotary eClub of D5010, Alaska-Yukon	Wasilla	AK	USA
Glen	Bobo	Anchorage Hillside	Anchorage	AK	USA
Dan	Bollerud	Anchorage Hillside	Anchorage	AK	USA
Sebastian	Chavez	Rotary eClub of D5010, Alaska-Yukon	Quito	Pichiucha	Ecuador
Theresa	Craig	Petersburg	Petersburg	AK	USA
James	Culley	Fairbanks	Fairbanks	AK	USA
Harmony	Curtis	Soldotna	Kenai	AK	USA
Donna	Dewan	Susitna	Wasilla	AK	USA
Heather	Flynn	Rotary eClub of D5010, Alaska-Yukon	Anchorage	AK	USA
George	Frushour	Rotary eClub of D5010, Alaska-Yukon	Anchorage	AK	USA
Linda	Hardin	First City Rotary	Ketchikan	AK	USA
Karen	Harris	Rotary eClub of D5010, Alaska-Yukon	Palmer	AK	USA

(New members list cont'd p. 8)

# Welcome, April 2014 new members (Cont'd from p. 7)

Christopher	Hebert	First City Rotary	Ketchikan	AK	USA
Julie	Isom	Ketchikan	Ketchikan	AK	USA
Karla	Jutzi	Anchorage East	Anchorage	AK	USA
Jonathon	Kamler	Rotary eClub of D5010 Alaska-Yukon	Auke Bay	AK	USA
Licha	Kelly-King	First City Rotary	Ketchikan	AK	USA
Monica	Klouda	Rotary eClub of D5010 Alaska-Yukon	Anchorage	AK	USA
Eric	Knox	Rotary eClub of D5010 Alaska-Yukon	Fort Wainwright	AK	USA
Kate	Koch	Rotary eClub of D5010 Alaska-Yukon	Anchorage	AK	USA
Kristin	Lambert	Rotary eClub of D5010 Alaska-Yukon	Soldotna	AK	USA
Adam	Lust	Rotary eClub of D5010 Alaska-Yukon	Nome	AK	USA
Joe	Morrison	Anchorage	Anchorage	AK	USA
Michelle	Overstreet	Wasilla	Wasilla	AK	USA
Marilyn	Porter	Anchorage East	Anchorage	AK	USA
Loren	Prosser	Rotary eClub of D5010 Alaska-Yukon	Palmer	AK	USA
Leo	Rasmussen	Rotary eClub of D5010 Alaska-Yukon	Nome	AK	USA
Douglas	Schrage	Rotary eClub of D5010 Alaska-Yukon	Fairbanks	AK	USA
Floyd	Shilanski	Rotary eClub of D5010 Alaska-Yukon	Big Lake	AK	USA
Brian	Shimek	Rotary eClub of D5010 Alaska-Yukon	Anchorage	AK	USA
Jennifer	Snodgrass	Anchorage East	Anchorage	AK	USA
Stefan	Spinell	Rotary eClub of D5010 Alaska-Yukon	Pitea	Norrbotten	Sweden
Richard	Stone	Rotary eClub of D5010 Alaska-Yukon	Juneau	AK	USA
Steve	Strickler	Juneau-Glacier Valley	Juneau	AK	USA
Bob	Tannahill	Anchorage Hillside	Anchorage	AK	USA
Christine	Ward	Rotary eClub of D5010 Alaska-Yukon	Wasilla	AK	USA
Michael	Wilson	First City Rotary	Ward Cove	AK	USA
Taras	Yurkiv	Whitehorse Midnight Sun	Whitehorse	YT	USA

## District 5010 Bulletin

The Rotary District 5010 Bulletin is a monthly publication of Rotary International District 5010, which encompasses Alaska and the Canadian Yukon. It is e-mailed to all members who have supplied e-mail addresses. Members can also access the Bulletin through the District 5010 website. Jan Ingram is 2013-14 Editor. Greg Solomon is Assistant Editor. Kelly Larson of Palmer is the 2014-15 Bulletin Editor.



Top row: Youth Exchange students with Bill Spindle; District Conference 2015 Co-chairs Laura Edmonson and Krystal Nelson. Middle row: "The Voice" contestant Cierra Mickens from Eagle River, Alaska; 2014 Conference Co-Chair Becky Parker waiting to pass the traditional paddle on to the 2015 co-chairs; Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar Ben Woodland. Bottom Row: Jon Deisher receives The Rotary Foundation District Service Award from Acting District Governor Peggy Pollen; Sergeant-at-Arms Doran Powell and Conference facilities coordinator Bobbi Olson; Speaker PDG Rhekha Shetty from India

Conference photos by Joseph Davis and Jon Deisher

# Sign up for a Rotary Friendship Exchange

by Mary Kowalczyk, District 5010 RFE Chair

Do you like to travel? Do you like to make new friends? Learn about local customs and culture? Do you like to show off your town and your Rotary Club? Yes, of course you do! Here is your opportunity to do all of these, plus maybe a chance to be the team leader. It is called Rotary Friendship Exchange.

RFE is an exchange between Rotary districts either domestically or internationally. Small groups of about five Rotarian couples or an equal number of individuals visit a hosting district, stay in homes of Rotarians and engage in interests of that geographic area. Rotarians and individuals are responsible for their transportation to the exchange district. The Host District then transports the visiting group within the district and provides the itinerary and host families. The exchange is then reciprocated back here in Alaska-Yukon, probably within a year.

Presidents and club members, we need your confirmation now to participate in this fun program. Please contact Mary Kowalczyk, D5010 RFE Chair. at <a href="cliffdwelling@kpunet.net">cliffdwelling@kpunet.net</a>. Plans are in the works and we need your help to volunteer to host and lead an exchange or to be part of the team. Here are three Districts that have contacted District 5010 with interest in an exchange:

*District 5080.* This large geographic area covers part of southeastern British Columbia, Canada, eastern Washington, and the northern Idaho, USA. There, geographical diversity includes snow capped mountains, pristine lakes, fertile agriculture, and mountain deserts. The old mining city of Nelson lies within the Kootenay Mountains. Golfing and Rotary projects are featured in the mountain city of Kimberly. There is a natural waterslide near Tulip Falls. Other cities and features include Spokane, Coeur d'Alene, the Co-



lumbia River, the Grand Coulee Dam and much more. D5080 would very much like to visit Alaska/Yukon in August, 2014. So time is short! They would like to host our District in September 2014 or May 2015. (Cont'd p. 11)



Upper left: Tulip Falls near Castlegar. Right: A natural water slide near the falls. Lower left: Christina Lake







Photos: The mountain city of Kimberley in Rotary District 5080

**District 6200—Cajun Country** in South Louisiana. Rotarians there say that they "...can't think of a more different American culture than that of our county's extreme north and extreme south." *Think Jazz Festival or Mardi Gras or Cajun food!* They are interested in a Friendship Exchange in 2015.



Photo at left: Lake Fausse Pointe courtesy Louisiana State Parks

### District 3040—Central India.

Covers part of the states of Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat. The District covers a large and diverse geographical area. There are unspoiled forests, rivers and mountains. Many historical places are situated here. This area has a rich tradition of art, handicrafts and tribal arts. It has ancient monuments and heritage places. It provides visitors with a broad overview of Indian culture. People are friendly and known for their hospitality. The best time for visiting D3040 is between November and February. These months have the most festivals and other activities. Rotarians in this district would love to make new friends from different parts of the world.



Photo at left: Temple from getsholidays.com

Interested? Contact Mary Kowalczyk, District 5010 RFE Chair <a href="mailto:cliffdwelling@kpunet.net">cliffdwelling@kpunet.net</a>



RYLA 2014 at Kings Lake a winner by Celeste Cohen, Anchorage International Rotary

Rotary Youth Leadership Award teaches and enhances leadership skills in 10th and 11th grade high school students. This year's RYLA at Kings Lake Camp in Wasilla, Alaska, hit the jackpot with several remarkable candidates! My club sponsored two students and recommended other candidates to the District 5010 RYLA committee just in case other Rotary Clubs had additional funds or openings. Our sincere thanks to the Kodiak Rotary club for sponsoring another one of our exceptional student applicants!

Following is an e-mail that I received from one of the students who attended RYLA this year.

# Dear Anchorage International Rotary Club,

I'd like to thank you for providing me with the opportunity of a lifetime by sponsoring my attendance to District 5010's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 2014 camp. I thoroughly enjoyed the entire weekend I spent with Rotary. Previously, I have not had the knowledge of Rotary that I acquired recently. My interest in Rotary has heightened, and I'm proud to say I took part in a leadership semi-

nar put on by Rotary.

Throughout the weekend, I was constantly learning. A majority of our lessons took place on the first full day, and the three major categories covered were: risk taking, self responsibility/self-esteem, and goal setting. Discussion took place both as a camp and in smaller groups, and in each I felt comfortable sharing. The goal that was announced was to teach us to learn who we are, and I feel that I have done just that. In camp, I took risks by putting myself out there and opening up, which I normally would not do. I came up with positive risks I can start taking now that will improve my life.

During self responsibility, I learned about defense mechanisms and was able to acknowledge the ones I absent-mindedly use so that I can begin taking full responsibility. RYLA built up my self-esteem with it's accepting and loving atmosphere. When discussing goal setting, I was encouraged to open my mind more. I had a very specific plan of action as to what I want to be when I grow up, and I now accept that my job isn't going to define me and my ultimate goal doesn't have to be job-related. I hope to positively impact the world.



Friday was packed full of learning how to be a leader through lessons and activities. On Saturday, we started the day with affirmations by thanking and complimenting all the people we had met. In RYLA, I made more friends than I have in my first two years of high school. Everyone was open and friendly, and I grew close with people who I hope to keep

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in contact with. By having my social skills enhanced, I will be able to utilize the leadership skills I now know to a variety of people.

In the afternoon, we were split into groups and went off to do service projects in Wasilla. I traveled to My House; an organization that provides homeless teens with food, clothes, showers, etc. Because I have had first-hand experience with helping and befriending teens who have been homeless, this organization affected me personally and now that I know about it, I plan to do more volunteer work in the future there.

Overall, I feel that RYLA allowed me to grow as a person and as a part of this community. I will take the skills and knowledge from this one weekend



and use it for the rest of my life as I lead and serve the community. I look forward to personally sharing my experience with my grandpa, Raymond Ellis, and my uncle, Tim Ellis, who are members that I know in Anchorage International Rotary Club, and I also plan to seek out any Interact club close to my home so that I can become more involved.

Again, thank you for sponsoring my attendance to RYLA 2014. I was sad to leave, and only hope I will be able to return again next year. If you would be willing, I would appreciate it if you would consider sending me back as a student so I can further learn and solidify all of the skills, or as an alumni so I can be a part of other teens' leader-

ship education and help to the best of my ability. When you are notified of RYLA 2015, please think of me and if you could, contact me with the information so that I may once again apply. I appreciate everything you have done for me.

Thank you very much,

Monica Heintzman, 10th grade, Colony High School in Palmer, applied through Anchorage International Rotary and sponsored by Kodiak Rotary

Be proud of today's youth and Rotary's role in fostering the leaders of tomorrow!

Photos by RYLA student Troy McCallson, 10th grade, Dimond High School in Anchorage. Sponsored by Anchorage International Rotary Club



# Rotary International Conference

June 1- 4, 2014 Sydney
Olympic Park, Sydney, Australia

To register: Rotary2014.com

Online registration available through June 4

# Nome Rotary Club helps Philippine families

Nome Rotary Club President Adam R. Lust and spouse Gracy recently returned from the Philippines. Adam reports that one highlight of the trip was taking part in a one day medical mission to assist 49 indigenous families.

The event was organized by the Rotary Club of Central Tandag, Surigao Del Sur. Each family member was seen by a doctor and given necessary medicine. Additionally, each family received



clothing items provided by the Metro Manila Rotary Club and an array of food and hygiene items provided by the Nome Rotary Club.



Story and photos provided by Adam Lust, President, Rotary Club of Nome

# Work under way at Riverside Rotary Park

Glacier Valley Rotary is making Rotary Park an even more awesome place for families to play!

On Saturday May 3, 11 members of Juneau Glacier Valley Rotary Club met at Riverside Rotary

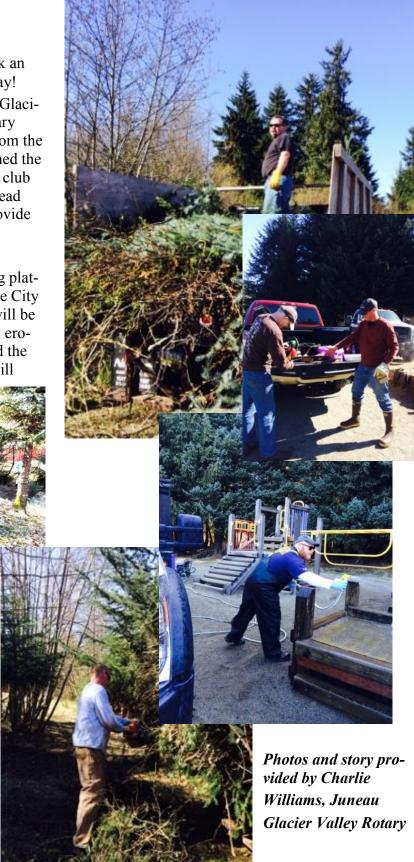
Park where they cut brush and small trees from the southeast corner of the park and power washed the playground equipment. Later this month the club will stain the playground equipment and spread sand below the playground equipment to provide fall protection.

Additionally, design work for a duck feeding platform has been approved and permitted by the City of Juneau and the Corp of Engineers. This will be placed at the edge of the lake to help control erosion and provide a safe place for kids to feed the ducks. After District Conference, the club will



have a work party to excavate and install pre-poured concrete blocks that will be used to support the front edge of the platform. Then we will backfill them and place a paver style deck on top of them. Finally, we will place a handicap accessible path from the existing bike path to the feeding platform.

Above left: Charity Mackinnon hauls branches; right top to bottom: Hayden Garrison loads limbs; George Elgee and Steve Strickler sharpen a saw; Chris Letterman bleaches and power washes; Max Mertz terrorizes a tree



# College Rotary raises money for Shelter Boxes

by Patty Merritt, President College Rotary Club

College Rotarians helped Danish Exchange Student Maria Andersen raise money for Shelter Boxes with a Danish-themed dinner. It is traditional for our student to create a menu from their country. Rotarians and guests pay for a nice dinner in the home of a club member. Often the students use it to help pay for their West Coast trip but Maria wanted to raise money for a Shelter Box. With about 45 people attending and contributions from others who did not attend, she raised enough money for TWO Shelter Boxes! Well no wonder! Just look at the menu!

## Menu

Danske smørrebrød (open ryebread sandwiches)

Butter and roast beef Butter, ham and cucumber Butter, eggs, shrimp and mayo Liver paste, roast beef and onion

#### Main course

Kartofler (boiled potatoes)
Brun sovs (brown gravy)
Frikadeller (meatballs)
Grøntsager (veggies: broccoli,
cauliflower, carrots)
Salat (salad: iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, corn, onion, red pepper)

#### Dessert

Roulade (egg, sugar, potato flour, flour and raspberry jam) Boller (rolls with butter, cheese and raspberry jam)



College Rotary President Patty Merritt with Rotary Exchange students. Left to right: Maria Andersen (Denmark), Jordan Anthony (South Africa), Meritt, Anya Kurzbard (host sister, France-bound), Pearl Lockwood (South Africabound)



# Just what is a Shelter Box?

A Shelter Box helps people in need when there have been natural disasters. ShelterBox was founded by a Rotarian and Rotary is the main partner. Contents vary depending upon the nature of the disaster, but the boxes are sure to contain a relief tent for an extended family along with other survival gear, such as thermal blankets, insulated ground sheets and a wood or multi-fuel stove. The boxes cost \$1000 each.



Mike's Musings on the April Rotarian Magazine

Well, it's that time of year we Alaskans call break-up.

That time of year when our part of the world wakes-up.

The snow is melting and disappear ing,

And, of course, all our trash is reappearing.

Now this month's Rotarian features a billionaire

Who is also a visionary extraordinaire.

He's Howard Buffet, son of Warren, And its world hunger he's waging war on.

He's travelled the world and observed first hand

All the inefficient ways farmers till the land.

A farmer by trade who knows where of he speaks,

Technologies and investments are the keys he seeks.

With arable land becoming more and

more scarce,

Producing more with less is the secret to success.

Improved water conservation and soil erosion controls

Are therefore major elements of his overall goals.

Finally, his program rests on the pillars of education

With teaching programs throughout many nations.

And with cultural and political barriers in place,

He must challenge the status quo to make his case.

As for trash, you won't believe what I saw yesterday:

A red velvet sofa along the Richardson highway.

I seriously thought about picking it up 'Cause who knows, it might have fallen off Jed Clampett's truck.

# Greg's Groaner



I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger and then it hit me.

—Greg Solomon, Anchorage East Rotary

