



Des Peres Rotary News

February 2010 The Rotary Club of Des Peres, MO Thursdays - 7 am



Chinese New Year Party The Year of the Tiger

The Prez Says

By Jeff Johnston

Remember when Annah Emuge and Kate Schwadron spoke to our club about the Atai Orphanage in Uganda? Their energy and passion were contagious. **Kim Hove's** diligence in researching international projects has led to our partnership with other Rotarians to drill a well that will serve the orphanage as well as the surrounding village. See the article on the back page for more information. Thanks so much, **Kim!**

When Groundhog Day rolls around (Feb. 2), thoughts turn to spring. Regardless of whether Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow or not, warmer weather is not too far away. With that in mind, our major fund raiser this year will again be a golf tournament. The date is set for Monday, May 17th. Get it on your calendar now.

We need **everyone's** energy to help make this a successful event. What can you do? Put a foursome of your friends or clients together. Raise your hand when golf chair, **Jonathan Morgan**, asks for volunteers. Donate or solicit an auction item -- or an excitement-generating raffle item!

The money raised by the golf tournament will allow **President-Elect Nick Roberts** to fund future projects. It's what Rotary is all about.....

Service Above Self

Kung Hay Fat Choy!

Thursday, February 11, 2010
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Cocktails
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Gala Dinner & Celebration

Rotary - 2010 Chinese New Year's Party
Wan Fu Chinese Restaurant
120333 Manchester Rd
Des Peres, MO. 63131
314-821-7999

Fee: \$30 per person.

Please sign up and bring check to next Rotary Meeting

Experience: Priceless



Scenes from our Chinese New Year Party 2009

Rotarians witness chaos in Haiti

By Ryan Hyland
Rotary International News -- 20 January 2010

As president of the Rotary Club of Houston, it had been Michelle Bohreer's dream to travel to Haiti and conduct a service project to improve the lives of children there.



Haitians in Port-au-Prince minutes after the earthquake struck.

On 12 January, 45 minutes into a weeklong trip to Port-au-Prince to do just that, the dream quickly spiraled into a nightmare.

Bohreer and a team of five Rotarians from Houston were heading into Haiti's capital city to implement a water project for an orphanage when a powerful earthquake rocked the area, causing widespread devastation.

"Minutes after the quake happened, thou-

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Des Peres Rotary Record

Desk Duty

February 4.....Jim Smith
 February 11.....**Chinese New Year**
 February 18.....John Steuterman
 February 25.....Bill Thomas
 March 4.....Rich Waigand
 March 11.....Roy Weisheit
 March 18.....Bill Wiley
 March 25.....Chuck Ainsworth

Invocation Duty

February 4.....Lou Bopp
 February 11.....**Chinese New Year**
 February 18.....Fred Bueler
 February 25.....Bob Croghan
 March 4.....Thomas Douglass
 March 11.....Eric Emery
 March 18.....Dave Forrest
 March 25.....Dave Galli

Happy Birthday

February 7.....Mike Rose
 February 8.....Boyd Atteberry
 February 19.....Norma Johnson
 February 28.....Dave Patton



Preview of Coming Attractions

February 4 -- Extended fellowship. No scheduled speaker.
February 11 -- Chinese New Year Party at Wan Fu. **No morning meeting.**

February 18 -- The History of Scouting / Nick Roberts
February 25 -- Membership Day -- speaker TBA

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 Rotary International Website
www.rotary.org
 District 6060 Website
www.rotary6060.org

February 2
Happy
Groundhog Day

Intercity
 Host: Lambert Airport Rotary
 When: Friday February 12
 12 noon
 Where: The Oakland Park Holiday Inn
 4505 Woodson Road
 St. Louis, MO 63134
 Speaker / Topic:
 Mike Jones
 Senior Policy Advisor to
 Charlie Dooley and
 Chairman of the Midwest-China Hub Commission
 Mike will speak about the commission's work with China and the goal of the City to have St. Louis Lambert Airport become a Midwest-China air cargo hub.

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The Rotarian team arrives home in Houston, Texas, USA
Photo courtesy of Michelle Bohreer

Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund

The Rotary Foundation has established the [Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund](#), a donor advised fund, to streamline the flow of contributions from U.S. Rotarians.

The fund will be directed by account holders who will work with local Rotary clubs and districts, as well as emergency relief agencies, to meet the most pressing needs of people in affected areas.

Use your cell phone to make a [one-time US\\$5 donation](#). Text ROTARY to 90999.



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sands of people poured out into the street running and screaming. Hundreds were walking around bleeding," says Bohreer. "It was moments like that when the absolute catastrophe hit you."

The quake, the worst in the region in more than 200 years, flattened much of the capital, killing as many as 200,000 and leaving millions more injured. A massive international relief operation is underway to bring food, water, and medicine to those who need it.

"I was overwhelmed by sights, sounds, and smells that I will never forget," says team member Vicki Brentin, past president of the Houston club. "I held tight to the hands of frightened, injured children and looked deep into the eyes of their mothers or fathers begging for help. That left a compelling and lasting impression on me."

Unable to leave the country, the team members spent four days in Port-au-Prince trying to help in any way they could. They found a collapsed hospital, sifted through the wreckage, and found Tylenol and antibiotic ointment to distribute to injured people.

"The injuries were too severe for the medicine we had, but receiving care of any kind during that time gave them hope. It gave us hope," says Bohreer. "I've never been so proud to be a Rotarian."

On 15 January, she and her team were able to board a charter flight to the Dominican Republic and, from there, back to Houston, where they arrived safely the next day.

Brentin said the team drew strength from the Haitian people who they encountered. "I was so moved by the amazing spirit of the Haitian people who, in the face of their own

tragedy, pain and suffering, reached out to us with such kindness and concern for our well being." Bohreer says her club will be back to help the country rebuild.

"We as Rotary have an obligation to take care of people who are suffering under such difficult conditions," she said.

From safety into catastrophe

A day after the earthquake, Caleb Lucien, a member of the Rotary Club of Pignon, and nine other Haitians traveled 85 miles south from Pignon to Port-au-Prince to assess the damage and help victims.

"The city is completely destroyed," says Lucien, Health and Hunger Resource Group coordinator for District 7020 in the Caribbean. "We drove past hundreds and hundreds of dead bodies. The loss of life is beyond belief."

Lucien spent US\$3,500 of his own money on water and food to distribute to victims. He also searched for Rotarians who he knew lived in affected areas and helped evacuate more than 120 injured people to Pignon.

"It was not a time to feel or think about the devastation. It was a time to act," he says. "I grieve, but I have to move forward and focus on getting Rotarians to help in the recovery."

He is working closely to bring relief supplies to affected areas with District 7020's Haiti Task Force, established two years ago to administer financial aid to the nation.

"The immediate need for the next two to six months is shelter, food, and clean water," says Lucien. "In the long term, I hope to see Rotary help with rebuilding infrastructure such as schools, hospitals, and churches."

Rotary theme for 2010-2011 ►



International Update



Our Support Make a Difference:

By Kim Hove, International Chairman

Atai Orphanage Well Project, Uganda. Update from Kate Schwadron, Co-Chair, District 6060 Grants Subcommittee:

Our trip to the orphanage in Uganda was very successful. We found a Rotary club in the nearby village of Soroti and they were very willing to oversee the project. In fact they had done other wells in the area so we met with the well drillers and they checked out the orphanage land for us. They gave us an estimate of \$9,000 US, and we have now collected enough money to go ahead, with your club's \$1,500. We're thrilled, because it was very clear that this is



Children at Atai Orphanage

the most important need the orphanage has. The village of Agu was very poor also, and the driller assured us that the well would be able to serve about 2,000 people, which is the size of Agu village, including the orphanage. Although the well will be on orphanage land, the water will be made available to the villagers as well.



Annah F. Emuge

Kate and Annah Emuge, President of the Atai Orphanage Foundation, will speak to us in March with a project update.

Casa Materna
Mary Ann Jackman

STRIVING
to decrease maternal mortality
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NICARAGUA

Casa Materna, Matagalpa, Nicaragua from Kitty Madden, liaison for Friends of Casa Materna: How deeply grateful we are for your November gift of \$2,500 that will help to support our follow-up work with Casa mothers in 12 rural communities. We now have close to 400 mothers that we meet with in these communities. Your ongoing friendship and support of our follow-up work has been so very important. New Year's blessings to all!



Expectant mothers at Casa Materna

BE MY VALENTINE!

Don't forget
February 14!!

Save the Date!!!
Des Peres Rotary 8th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, May 17th
Crystal Springs Quarry