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Thought for the year: “Make Dreams Real” the new Rotary theme for this year.
Dong Kurn (D.K.) Lee. President, Rotary International

Guests & Visiting Rotarians:

Nancy Polis: More about this great lady to come.
Nora Ross: Nancy’s daughter.
Simone Raeth: More about this neat young lady to come
Betts Peterson: Ernie’s better half & Nancy’s secret sponsor
Ron Walky: Lafayette Noon Club
Frank Mayhew: Sebastopol Club. A whole lot more later

Anniversaries & Birthdays

George Chaffey: 43 years with the lovely Carol
Chuck Yeager: 30 years with the lovely Mariam
Jim Brencic: 9 years with the lovely Ceara.
Cal Lee: Double header birthdays for Agatha-Sue and Cal.

President Pat’s latest “I Get It” idea

Pat read off the names of 90% of the membership, asking them to stand up as their names were called. We represented the ones who had so far not complied with his request to submit a Mystery Rotarian sheet to Venera, with 3 things that fellow Rotarians do not know about each of us. He then proceeded to read off three astonishing unknown things about one of the members in attendance. After several wrong attempts at guessing the identity of the member by various hapless individuals, Walt Nelson finally got it right. It could be because it actually was Walt’s list! Although, some of us are still not convinced about that.



Ron Brown— this week’s reporter



Cedar Rapids flood relief update



John Fazel, the sponsor of this Iowa flood project, announced that \$2,500 has been raised so far, with 2 more weeks to go. There are still opportunities for members to volunteer to solicit money at the local grocery stores. He then asked Simone Raeth to join him at the podium for a special presentation. This remarkable young lady had opened her piggy bank a few years ago in order to contribute to the Katrina Hurricane relief effort. Having just earned \$100 by doing some filing work for Chuck Kenney, Simone has now contributed the entire amount to the flood relief effort for Cedar Rapids. Pat presented her

with a well deserved service award pin and Simone received a great round of applause by everyone. Proud papa Thomas had a huge smile on his face.

Thank You's and another service opportunity

Thomas Peeks read letters of appreciation from Springhill School and the Children's Book Project for the donation of 500+ books to these worthy recipients. Pat also announced a new District Project to support RotoPlas, a cleft palate surgery procedure for children. This project needs Quilters and Knitters to make warm blankets and soft knitted bears to take home by children who receive this life altering surgery. Doctors, nurses and support people perform this wonderful service in many parts of the world. Let Pat know if you, or other folks you know of, would be interested to work on this project.

New Member induction

George Chaffey conducted a superb membership induction of Nancy Polis into Lamorinda Sunrise Rotary. Nancy is a Senior Human Resources Technology Lead at Catholic Healthcare West. She enjoys cooking, hiking, biking and reading. George Presented Nancy with her membership and 4 way test certificates, along with a stirring review of the tradition, the responsibility, and the joy of becoming the newest Rotarian member in the world. Ernie presented here with her red badge, and acknowledged that his wife Barbara was equally responsible for sponsoring Nancy into Rotary. Her daughter Nora stood proudly by her side as she was congratulated personally by all of the members in attendance. Welcome aboard Nancy!



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Program: Ending poverty one village at a time

Frank Mayhew drove down from Sebastopol to present this extraordinary program to the membership this morning. His wife Kathleen, who has been an equal partner with Frank in this humanitarian project, was unable to accompany him in this trip due to her current duties as President of their Rotary Club in Sebastopol. The club meets on Friday for lunch.

This gifted couple became involved in this Rotary International Project currently underway in several countries in Africa and the Philippines. The Mayhew's have developed an exceptional power point presentation describing the desperate need, and the Rotary solutions to wide spread issues of poverty in the world.

Frank first answered the question "why do we do International projects?" It is because of the commonality of man – we have no choice where we are born or the circumstances we are born into. When we are so blessed we have responsibility to reach out to the multitude of people who are living in poverty. This is particularly in keeping with the above mentioned theme of the Rotary year, Make Dreams Happen.

Some appalling statistics: 1 billion people live in extreme poverty and 2 billion people live in moderate poverty (earning less than \$3.00 per day.) . 75% of the sub Sahara region live in poverty. 17% of the world population is undernourished. The Mayhew's Rotary Club have worked in Uganda through the Rotary organization there to battle poverty, one village at a time.

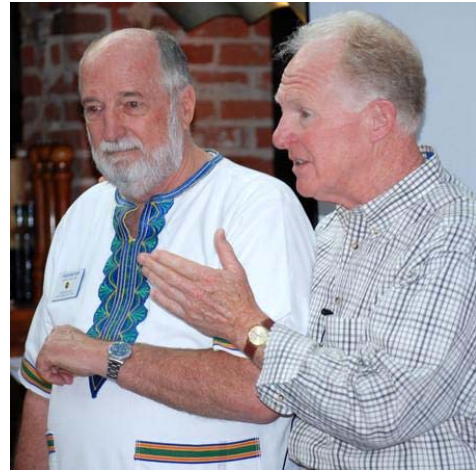
How do you define poverty? It is being hungry, in poor health, and without an education. Wangari Mathaai, a nobel prize winner in 2004 used the analogy of a 3 legged stool to make the case for escaping poverty. If a 3 legged stool is missing any one of its legs it is no longer sturdy and cannot function. The 3 legs that must be available to any individual to avoid poverty are good health, ample nourishment, and an education.

In order to help a Ugandan village, the Rotary Club in Uganda does a needs survey of the village, looks into general family needs, and must include a solution to health, hunger and education.



These solutions generally include clean water and sanitation (latrines) to eliminate cholera, dysentery, diarrhea, etc. for health; wheel barrows, farm tools, flocks of chickens, seeds, nitrogen and rocket stoves to combat hunger; and school desks, class room equipment and solar lighting for education.

A single Rotary club, by raising \$9,000, can build it to a total sum of \$34,000 from the District and the Foundation, to eliminate poverty in a village. All of this money is 100% available to accomplish the goal because it goes through Rotary International local country hands, and is not touched by any of the sometimes corrupt country governments.



Frank closed with a couple of thought provoking ideas. What if we should change the war on terrorism to a war on poverty? And what if the Peace Corps would follow the Rotary example of devoting its time, treasure and talent to eliminating poverty? The world would indeed be a better place for everyone.

Frank has been invited to address a United Nations meeting in New York in November along with other International Rotarians

Upcoming calendar events

Friday, July 25, 7 am Thomas Peeks and Mike Edwards on fire!

Friday, August 1 7 am - Lindsay Wildlife Museum, Fly like an Eagle

Thursday August 7 – East Bay Stand Down

Friday, August 8 7 am – Mike Grenby, Australian Adventurer

Friday, August 15 7am – EBMUD, water, water, everywhere?

