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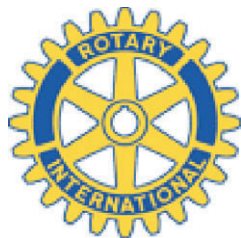
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Service above Self

Group Study Exchange Team Visits County

by Will Arduino

This month the Winter Park Fraser Valley Rotary was honored to be the first host club for a Group Study Exchange team from Germany. Comprised of a doctor, lawyer, artist, scientist, school teacher, journalist, and veterinarian, each professional was paired with a local counterpart to get a close look at how their American colleagues ply their respective trades.

The German team got a taste of Grand County home life with each member hosted by a local family for their 3 night stay. A presentation about Germany's history, culture and geography was one of the highlights of the WP-FV Club's Second Anniversary dinner.



The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business people and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

In a typical four-week tour, applicants participate in five full days of vocational visits, 15 to 20 club presentations, 10 to 15 formal visits and social events, two to three days at the district conference, three to four hours per day of cultural and site tours, and three to four hours per day of free time with host families.

Member Profile

by Autumn Phillips

I became a Rotarian years ago after a single phone call from someone I barely knew. A local business owner had been watching my interactions in the community and saw potential in me. I was in my 20s, working hard to make ends meet in a ski town. But he saw the makings of a community leader. I knew people who were in Rotary, but didn't know much about it.

I didn't know what I know now — that Rotary is made up of people who know how to get things done, leaders in their professions who put their knowledge and resources toward doing great things locally, nationally and internationally.

A major goal of Rotary is world peace, which they believe, can be achieved one interaction at a time - by simply meeting each other and spending time together having fun and conversation.

Toward that end, Rotary has created the Group Study Exchange program (GSE) where young professionals are invited to tour other countries for a month (paid for by Rotary).

When my phone rang all those years ago, it was a Rotarian asking me if I would like to go to Brazil and spend a month touring newspapers in that country on a GSE team. Through that invitation, I eventually found myself giving back to my community as a lifelong Rotarian.

Mark Johnson

this year's Service Above Self award winner

The Winter Park Fraser Valley Rotary Club has named Mark Johnson as the recipient of its third annual Dr. Michael Muftic Service Above Self Award for 2008. The club presents this award annually to the local individual who best exhibits the characteristics of Service Above Self through their ongoing contributions to the community and public good.

Included among the many reasons Mark was selected for this year's honor are his more than 20 years of support for the National Sports Center for the Disabled, support for the Shining Stars program for children with cancer and his annual support of the Fraser River Valley Lions Club's Christmas Tree auctions. As the General Manager of Beaver's Lodge since 1985, Johnson has provided sponsorship, food and lodging to many years of NSCD participants as well as a welcoming venue to host the Shining Stars and Lion's Club events. He was also quick to offer the Beaver's Lodge as home to our fledgling Rotary Club which has just celebrated its second anniversary.

In Memory of:



Reba Ferguson

1964 - 2008
 mentor, Rotarian, friend

May Events

WP/Fraser Rotary Club Speakers

- 4/29 Craig Pollitt, CEO - National Sports Center for the Disabled
- 5/6 Club business meeting
- 5/13 Jen Giacomini, Rural Health Network on the Aches & Pains Program
- 5/20 Rotary district speaker
- 5/27 Joan Boyle; Grand County Habitat for Humanity

WP/Fraser Club meets Tuesdays at noon at Beaver's Lodge

Granby Club meets Wednesdays at noon at the Silver Creek Inn

Grand Lake Club meets Tuesday 7:00 pm at the Bear Paw Restaurant

Kremmling 2nd/4th Tues. - 7:00am at Middle School Cathy Shipley Room

For more information about the Winter Park Fraser Valley Rotary Club join us at a weekly meeting or see our web site at: www.wpfv-rotary.org



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