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Service above Self

2008 Service Above Self Award

The WPFV Rotary Club Annual Dinner and presentation of the Dr. Michael Muftic Service Above Self Award is set for 6:30 pm, Saturday April 12 at Beavers Lodge. Each year the WPFV Rotary Club presents this award to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the Winter Park Fraser Valley community that exemplifies the "Service Above Self" motto of Rotary International.

This year the award will be presented to Mark Johnson in recognition of his significant and ongoing support of the National Sports Center for the Disabled. Mark is president of Beavers Management Group, Inc., and together Mark and his company have provided sponsorship, food and lodging to a multitude of NSCD participants and programs over many years. Mark is a long time resident of Grand County and in addition to his work with the NSCD he has served on the Board of the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce, is a past president of WPFV Rotary Club, and has supported and contributed to a very long list of community projects. And, as his wife Janene points out, Mark is an accomplished tree skier.

As a bonus at this year's dinner, a group of four young professionals from Germany, here under a Rotary International sponsored program called Group Study Exchange, will present a short program about their professional activities in Germany. Those of you who attended last year's presentation by the GSE group from Mexico will remember how entertaining and informative these presentations are. Tickets are \$30 at the door, and include a buffet dinner, two drink tickets and entertainment provided by Mike Music. This dinner and celebration is open to the public. Come join the WPFV Rotary Club present the Service Above Self Award to Mark Johnson. Tickets may be reserved by calling Mark Lund or Will Arduino at Grand Mountain Bank at 887-1221.

Thoughts about Rotary

by Jill Suffin

A couple of years ago, I was innocently standing in line at the bank when Fred Chapin, a loan officer there, came to me and asked me a question that would change my life forever. He asked me if I would be interested in hosting an exchange student. I was intrigued and told him I would think about it and ask my family what they thought. We all decided it would be a great experience and started the process. It was the Rotary Club of Granby that was responsible for bringing her here. In August 2006, my daughter, Mikki, and I were at the airport picking up this new member of the family. Carla Ruiz Meana, an 18 year old woman from Madrid, Spain, quickly stole our hearts and added an immeasurable amount of joy to our lives! She was with us for 11 months and when we sent her back home, we sent Mikki with her for a three week vacation with Carla and her wonderful

family. We had the pleasure of getting to know them when they came over here to ski for their spring vacation. Carla will always be near and dear to our hearts, and I am forever thankful for some of the things she taught us. I am very grateful to the Rotary Club for giving us this great experience.

My life has been touched in so many ways by being introduced to the Rotary Club through the exchange program. I finally joined the WPFV Rotary after thinking there was no way that I could attend all those meetings I thought were mandatory. I since learned that they are not that strict about attending, but I have been enjoying the meetings so much that I plan my Tuesdays around them. I love the ritual, the people I have met, and all the incredible speakers we have.

Recently, a man came and spoke about a program that he had started that is sponsored by Rotary International. Having joined Rotary because of its mission of service in the community and the world, this program totally touched my heart. It is called "ShelterBox" and its mission is "to provide humanitarian aid worldwide in the form of shelter, and comfort for people displaced by natural and other disasters." You can learn a lot about it and how you can support it by going to www.shelterbox.org. This program began in 2000 and so far it has provided over 500,000 boxes to people in 43 countries, including 1,000 to Katrina victims here in the U.S. and 13,000 to Tsunami victims. Each box will provide shelter, warmth, and comfort for a family of 10 for 6 months!

This is the type of thing that Rotary is about. This and eradicating Polio from the world, and the countless ways they make a difference in the community I am honored to have been accepted into this organization!!

Granby Health Fair

Volunteers are needed to help with the Granby Health Fair. Unfortunately spring break has decimated our normal pool of volunteers this year. The fair is from 7-11AM on Sat. April 12th at the Granby Elementary School. No experience is necessary; just a willingness to help your friends and neighbors. If you can help please call Carl Marsh at 887-3523.

April Events

WP/Fraser Rotary Club Speakers

- 4/1 Club business meeting
- 4/8 to be announced
- 4/12 2008 Service Above Self Award dinner 6:30 pm at Beavers Lodge
- 4/15 Jason White; water attorney
- 4/22 Emil Rinaldi with an exchange team from South Africa
- 4/29 Craig Pollitt, CEO - National Sports Center for the Disabled

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

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