

Winter Park Fraser Valley Rotary

WP/FV Rotary Meets Tuesdays at Noon in the Beaver Village Lodge 726-5741



Rotary International

Environmentally friendly clubs preserving future

Recognizing the need to address the growing environmental crisis, Rotary International launched its Preserve Planet Earth (PPE) focus in 1990.

This initiative underscored the commitment already evident in a wide range of Rotary club projects. Many clubs are helping solve environmental problems by reforestation, establishing animal sanctuaries, reducing toxic waste, sponsoring educational activities, and promoting ecological practices.

Today, Rotary clubs worldwide continue in the pursuit to alleviate poverty through sustainable development and preserve the environment for future generations.

Following is a sampling of what some clubs are doing:

After a late start to South Africa's rainy season, the Rotary Club of Pretoria Silverton completed a tree planting project at a school situated on barren and exposed terrain. Indigenous trees were donated and planted by Rotarians through Community Service and PPE committees. Local children helped in planting the trees, which will bring enjoyment to future students.

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Fred Chapin presenting Mike Mufic with award
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Calendar of events July 2007

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Week Three

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