

THIS WEEK'S PROGRAM

Wendy Otness – Rotary Group Study Exchange Trip to India

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM

Looking Back, Looking Ahead; The Marilyn and Curt Show

Important Dates to Remember

Rotary International Conference

- San Antonio, Texas, USA
June 24-27, 2001
- Barcelona, Spain – June 23-26, 2002

Visiting Rotarians

Allison Gontarek, Prior Lake, Minnesota

Thanks Duane

Duane Christiansen has agreed to continue as an at-large member of the Board of Directors through 2003. Board meetings will continue to be held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.

Challenges for 2001 – 2002

Incoming R.I. President Rick King has laid out four challenges that will be emphasized during the coming year. They are:

- Grow our membership;
- Enhance Rotary's public image;
- Ensure all Rotarians are excited about Rotary by being better informed;
- Ensure every club is ready, willing and able to embrace service projects Rotary needs to complete.

Rallying to Aid Quake Victims

In the aftermath of the Indian earthquakes on January 26 and the El Salvador quakes on January 13 and February 13, Rotarians at home and around the world rushed to deliver medical attention and relief supplies to the needy survivors.

In India's stricken Gujarat State, at least 30,000 were killed, 150,000 injured, and a million left homeless. District 3080 airlifted blankets and tents to the worst affected areas. At Morvi and near Ahmedabad, Indian Rotary clubs worked with

quake-affected residents and other nongovernmental organizations to set up camps and kitchens.

At Bhuj, near the quake's epicenter, an Indian Rotarian medical team was among the first to arrive on the scene, where it partnered with local medics to treat casualties. Another Rotarian team brought relief supplies to families in the village of Mokhana. Rotarians in many countries contributed to the relief efforts coordinated by Indian districts 3050 and 3060.

When powerful earthquakes left thousands in need of assistance in El Salvador, the country's Rotary club quickly organized an emergency committee and set up a warehouse to receive relief supplies. Days after the first quake, the Uniendo America Project Fair took place as scheduled in El Salvador, giving Rotarians from elsewhere the chance to see firsthand the damage.

To prevent infection, Guatemalan Rotary clubs paid for 100,000 liters of water, a shelter, and the rental of portable toilets. British and US Rotary clubs donated funds for water purification systems and other aid. A group of US Interactors made plans to spend a school break helping to build houses in stricken communities in El Salvador.

Frog Facts

There are around 2,600 different species of frogs. They live in every continent except Antarctica.

Frogs don't drink water – they absorb water through their skin.

The skin of some poisonous frogs is so toxic that it will kill any creature that bites it. Only 1/100,000 of a gram of skin poison from one species is enough to kill a man.