

March 22, 2010

**This Week's Program**  
*Haiti – Abby Nelson*  
**Next Week's Program**  
*Classification Talk*

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**DISTRICT 5580 CONFERENCE –**

May 13-16, 2010 **Winnipeg, Canada**

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION –**

June 20-23, 2010 **Montreal, Quebec**

**UPCOMING APR PROGRAMS**

Apr 5	Baseball Opener – Meeting at Boys & Girls Club
Apr 12	ODC – Marcy LaCroix
Apr 19	Meritcare Merger – Charles Gulsvig
Apr 26	Inbound Japanese GSE Team

**\*\*\* MEETING LOCATION REMINDER:**

**APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>** - will be held at the **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB** at our regular time for our celebration of the baseball opener.

**BOARD REVIEW – MARCH 18th**

**SILENT AUCTION ITEM** – A gift basket at a value around \$100 will be donated to the District Conference in May. If you are interested working on this project contact **John Reff**.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** April 1<sup>st</sup> 7:15 a.m. at the Lueken's North meeting Room. All Rotarians are welcome to attend.

**CLUB SINGING**

Harry Ruggles was the fifth man to join Paul Harris in the conversations that led to the formation of the first Rotary club in Chicago in 1906. Harry was the fellow who enjoyed singing, and this was a popular activity at the turn of the century. At an early meeting of the fledgling group, Harry jumped on a chair and urged everyone to join him in a song.

Group singing soon became a traditional part of each Rotary meeting. The custom spread to many of the clubs in the United States and is still a popular fellowship activity in the Rotary meetings of such diverse countries as Australia, Japan, Nigeria, New Zealand and Canada. Some clubs sing a national song as the formal opening of the meeting. Social singing, however, is seldom found in the Rotary clubs in Europe, South America and Asia.

**THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

Most Rotarians have never attended a Rotary district conference. They have not experienced one of the most enjoyable and rewarding privileges of Rotary membership.

A district conference is for *all* club members and their spouses, not just for club officers and committee members. The purpose of a district conference is for fellowship, good fun, inspirational speakers and discussion of matters that make one's Rotary membership more meaningful. Every person who attends a district conference finds that being a Rotarian becomes even more rewarding because of the new experiences, insights and acquaintances developed at the conference. Those who attend a conference enjoy going back, year after year.

Every one of Rotary's more than 525 districts has a conference annually. These meetings are considered so important that the Rotary International president selects a knowledgeable Rotarian as his personal representative to attend and address each conference. The program always includes several outstanding entertainment features, interesting discussions and inspirational programs.

One of the added benefits of attending a district conference is the opportunity to become better acquainted with members of one's own club in an informal setting. Lasting friendships grow from the fellowship hours at the district conference.

**ROTARY AROUND THE WORLD**

**INDIA** – Teenagers may not be able to donate lots of money toward Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, but they can give their time. Members of 24 Interact clubs in District 3291 raised \$3,200 by placing *End Polio Now* bumper stickers on cars in exchange for a donation. The Interactors sported jackets and caps with the *End Polio Now* logo during the June project, which was coordinated by Rajani Mukerji, a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Mideast and vice chair of the IR Interact Committee.

“People who work together will win, whether it be against complex football defenses or the problems of modern society.” *Vince Lombardi*