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Message from the President



Membership is the Center of the Rotary Wheel

When I started my planning back in December 2005 for the 06-07 year, I thought about each of the Avenues of Service and how they are all inter-related. I jotted down ideas and the common denominator seemed to come back to Membership. August is Membership Month and as a club we should think about why membership growth and retention are both so important. Without new members not only does Rotary not grow but Metro doesn't grow. Membership has an impact on every aspect of Rotary. It is our members who are the manpower behind our service projects – without our existing and new members it becomes more difficult to produce effective projects. It is our members who fund the Foundation. Without our existing and new members the Foundation doesn't grow which means that Metro's grant possibilities become limited as does our ability for RI and Metro to do projects. Without our new and existing members our Diamonds in the Rough scholarship program ceases to exist. Without our members, new and existing, who would supply the manpower to immunize the millions of children against polio? It is the members who fuel the activities of not only our club but our organization as a whole. Without growth and retention our organization becomes stalled as does the many projects Rotary takes on: the fight against Polio, Literacy, clean water and many more. I urge you all to take part in Metro's membership goal of 20 new members.

Mahalo,

Tina Yap





From Russia with Love

Dr. Arseny Berezin

This past Thursday, Dr. Berezin came to us to discuss the "Dangers of Nuclear Proliferation". With all his credentials and life time achievements as a scientist in his field, he was certainly a knowledgeable speaker on this subject. But it was clear that his love of Rotary and its accomplishments in his home country are very much a part of his life. He spent most of his time sharing stories of the development of Rotary clubs from the earlier days from both districts (east and west) that span his vast country. The stories of Rotary's work in Russia were heartwarming. And as the discussion changed to the less heartwarming subject of nuclear threats and

how these hydrogen bombs maybe used in even unconventional means to cause destruction, I was glad that Dr. Berezin's love of humankind is getting all the messages out to the world. Mahalo! More on the morning topics.....

BIRTH OF ROTARY IN RUSSIA

In year 1988 three Rotarians from Sweden asked Mr.Pankin, USSR ambassador to Sweden for an audience so that they could speak about the Rotary movement. During their conversation they told the ambassador in detail of Rotary tasks and targets, ideology and philosophy. Mr.Pankin supported the idea of a possibility to create Rotary clubs in the USSR., but the problem was that in our country there did not exist any non-government organization that worked on the same Rotary principles, so RI did not make any decisions in this regard.. In spite of the fact that foreign Rotarians participated in the non-government programs and exchanges with USSR, there was no information about Rotary in the USSR, to say nothing about an idea to establish such clubs in the country.

Some time later the first Secretary of the embassy, Mr.Losin, prepared an in-depth information sheet about the Rotary movement and forwarded it to the Union of Soviet Friendship Societies and the "USSR - Sweden" society. Several members of the Board of the society liked the idea of establishing a club with such principles. In the fall of 1988 through the invitation of the "USSR-Sweden" society, two Swedes came to Moscow. Rotarians Axel Murray of Stockholm (now honored member of Moscow Rotary club), and Vikar Saefvestad of Jonkoeping.

The Russian hosts were very serious about the visit, and the Rotarians, who had had no authority to discuss the creation of Rotary in the USSR, instead were to inform the Soviet people about the movement, and had been given broad opportunities to do so. There were interviews with "Izvestia", the "Time" show on central TV, and "Moskovskie Novosti" newspaper and radio. In Moscow they had met such dignitaries as: academician Petrakov, Tatyana Zaslavskaya, Alexander Shokhin (not a prominent figure on the Russia's political scene at that time), Vladimir Gusinski (not a well-known businessmen then). The Swedish Rotarians also visited Tallinn (Capital of Estonia), where till 1940 a Rotary had existed at the invitation of the Estonian Friendship Society.

There they also found the meeting place of the then former Tallinn Rotary club. - It turned out to be the city Palace of Pioneers. Unfortunately they did not find a single living pre-war Rotarian. Things did not go any further than information. In the spring of 1989 a return visit took place. The delegation had consisted of people convinced of the necessity of creating such clubs in our country, and those who wanted to learn more about the club's everyday work, traditions and laws.

After visits to many Rotary clubs, members of the delegation (Alexander Makartsia, Alexander Tarnavski, Sergey Yushin and Estonian Tynu Karu) came home with a desire to prepare ground for the foundation of new clubs in Moscow and Tallinn. In 1989 contacts of Rotary International with USSR had become more active, but no decision to start a club in the country was made. Only in the spring of 1990, after a visit of Mr.Rolf Kljarich, RI ex-president, to Moscow, (and his meeting with the first deputy minister of Foreign Affairs Mr.Petrovski, who had guaranteed the safety of future Rotarians), was the first Rotary club in Moscow created. RI decided that Finnish district 142 world supervise creation of the club in Moscow.

On June 5th, 1990 in the presence of numerous guests from abroad and RI headquarters, RI ex-president Mr.Rolf Kljarich among them, the Moscow club received its Charter. Among the first members of the club were such prominent people as: Prof.Mozolin (President), Prof. Y.Belenkov, cardiologist, Y.Nagibin, writer, and other representatives of Moscow business, academic and cultural world. For almost two years Mr. Yuri Luzhkov, Mayor of Moscow, was an active member of the club, and today he is the club's honorary member.

Update on Rotary Clubs of Russia

To strengthen Rotary clubs in western Russia, the RI Board created new District 2220, effective 1 July 2006. Comprised of 46 clubs formerly in districts 1430, 2350, and 2370, the new district is in the process of selecting its first governor who will be trained at the 2006 International Assembly.

Along with District 5010, eastern Russia now has 37 Rotary clubs giving Russia a total of 83 clubs and growing every year.

Rotary Changing Lives - Everyday

Mahalo to Hank Leandro for introducing Philip Myers, President and Dr. Arzeny Berezin, Director General of Technology, for Typhoon Security Technologies.

More on....

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Outsourcing to Russia with American Management
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www.armscontrol.org***



Elena V. Kornienko

***RI Rotaract Committee Member
Rotaract Club of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, District 5010, Russia***

For Rotary International Rotaract Committee Member Elena V. Kornienko, Rotaract cannot be summed up in a few words. Four years ago, she was introduced to Rotaract by Rotarian Svetlana Vassina, Rotary Club of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, District 5010, Russia, while attending the Russian-American School of Business Administration. Svetlana organized a university based Rotaract club at the school, and familiarized students with the concept of Rotary and Rotaract. In November 2000, the Rotaract Club of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk was chartered, and since then, Elena and the Rotaractors have attended club meetings every Thursday.

Elena is proud of the impact Rotaract is having on her community and in Russia. Although the Rotaract program is relatively new in Russia, it is accomplishing a number of community service initiatives. One of the most popular is supporting local orphanages. For many Rotaractors simply spending time with the children is the most rewarding experience.

Rotaractors in Russia are beginning to develop their district structure as well as their interclub relationships. Recently, Elena and other Rotaractors initiated the first District Rotaract Representative (DRR) elections in District 5010. This was no small feat considering their district is the largest in the world, comprising 475,145 square miles, 11 time zones, and three countries. Elena served as District Rotaract Secretary in 2001-2002 and as the DRR in 2002-03. Elena and Rotaractors in the district overcame the geographic difficulties associated with such a large district by utilizing the Internet and other communication tools.

Following her year as DRR, Elena looked to increase her Rotaract activities around Russia. Together with fellow Rotaractors they organized the first meeting of all Russian Rotaract clubs held in St. Petersburg earlier this year. They also created the first directory for Rotaract clubs in Russia complete with accurate e-mail addresses. Additionally, they've begun issuing a Russian National Rotaract newsletter and are currently in the process of developing a national conference.

RI President Glenn Estess appointed Elena to be one of the committee members on the RI Rotaract Committee for 2004-2005. Elena says, "It was an honor for me to get this appointment, and I am very happy that I can contribute to Rotaract on an international level." For Elena, Rotaract is simply a way of life.



Margie & Kit Smith



MANGO DAYS 5K

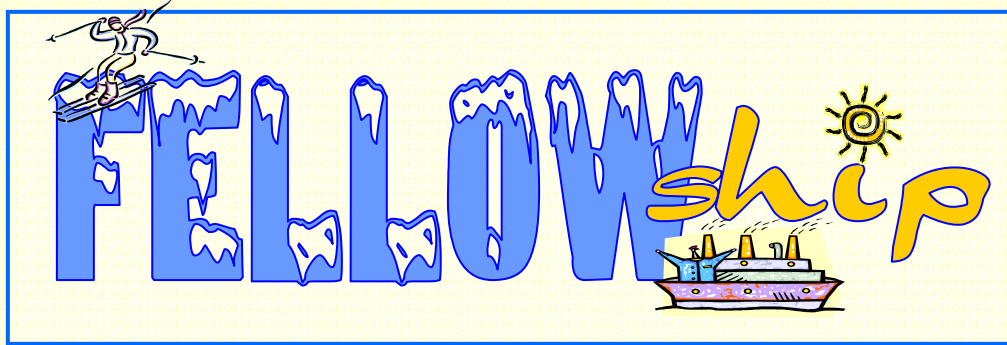


*Metro came out early and in force to show their support for the Mango Days 5k .
Margie and Kit Smith were winners in their respective age groups.
Mahalo to all that participated!*

METRO IS ALWAYS GOOD AT SHOWING UP EARLY!

Upcoming Speakers & Events

AUG 3



AUG 5

A graphic showing a person working on a project with the text 'Help complete our service project!' and 'Vancouver House 2019 Vancouver Drive 9:00 a.m. to Noon'.

AUG 10

A graphic with the Rotary logo and the text 'Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar JOCELYN CHONG'.

AUG 17

A graphic with the Metro logo and the text 'Metro Club Assembly'.

AUG 24

A graphic with the text 'Metro's 20th Anniversary' inside a decorative border.

Program and speaker subject to change

Rotary International
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The 4-Way Test of the things we think, say and do:

1. Is it the truth ?
2. Is it fair to all concerned ?
3. Will it build good will and better friendships ?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned ?



MEMBERS:

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER?
AS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS NEW ROTARY
YEAR, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE
IN THE MYNAH?

REPLY WHEN YOU RECEIVE YOUR MYNAH
ON IDEAS AND THOUGHTS TO IMPROVE!

Wanted...

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Writers - Photographers - MS Publishers

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Join the team that will allow our Metro Mynah to grow and change with our times.

Committee meeting scheduled for August.

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