

THE EYE PENER



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President Murray with the gavel got everything going in fine fashion.

Desk: Kyle Chatterson & David Popkin

Editor: as a fill in for Wayne Walling - Harold Empey

Guests: YES César Janssens & Lynn Fluery

Make ups: Can't remember who – but thanks anyway.

18) This week's **Rotary Foundation Thought** is about **Group Study Exchange (GSE)**.

A GSE team from Holland spent four weeks in California, USA. During their time in California, the Dutch GSE team raised \$2,913 for the Inca Educa charity based in Cusco, Peru to build a school library for underprivileged young adults. The team, led by retired firefighter, Bob Boersma, was composed of people from diverse professions: working in public service, administrative law, public broadcasting and financial services. The team participated in vocational and cultural days and returned home, having made new friends and business contacts, ready to share new ideas with their Dutch countrymen. Has your club sponsored a GSE? It's a great way to create Service through Acquaintance. Contributions to our Foundation are the oil that makes the Rotary Wheel of service turn.

Announcements:

- **Harold Empey** thanked the committee and everyone who helped organize the 25th Anniversary party and to all who attended. A terrific evening.
- **Garth Courtney** spoke enthusiastically about the Lobster Fest **June 5 Soccer centre**

1. Sell tickets - \$50,00 (same as last year with a \$20.00 receipt) We are going for over 400 in attendance.

2. We will promote that funds go to Ronald McDonald House and Jubilee Residences as well as other community efforts.

3. Members were asked to sign up to help.

Members will be asked to bring delicious desserts.

- **Ian Sutherland** appealed to members for help with the Meals on Wheels.

Program: YOUTH EXCHANGE

Cesar spoke with feeling about the program:

- It is very important to students
 - Host families make a big difference
 - Encouraged us to host a student – a great experience
- Has enjoyed the Monday morning meetings.

Murray encouraged all of us to think seriously about hosting because if we do not come forward and offer to host the program will be in danger of failing.

- The program helps kids and is a wonderful experience
 - Partners also gain – we were encouraged to talk to our partner.
 - YES provides us with contacts throughout the world.
 - It is preferred to have Rotarians host rather than non- Rotarians.
- It may be a little work but it is a lot of pleasure.

John B said even with a big family it is very rewarding.

- They have hosted several since 1993 and each a pleasure.
- The entire family found it a wonderful experience.
- Hosting is a real joy.

The key is to talk to your spouse.

David P also encouraged us to step to the plate.

- The partner is an anchor to the program.
- Their son had a wonderful experience as a student.
- We learn a lot about other countries and cultures.

Students become a part of the family.

Leanne is living proof of the value

- Told of her experience as a YES and made an excellent point of emphasizing that it is not necessary to have young people in your family.
- Encouraged members to offer.

Ron L

- We also need a counselor as soon as possible.
- The program is important to our club and the program of giving young people an experience of their lives.

And **Robert Fisher** said being a counselor is a responsibility but also very satisfying, and then told some crazy story about a cat. (if you missed it too bad)

Ralph's Raffle – which became Cliff's Raffle with good prizes for a change. A baseball won by Kyle and generously donated to David Popkin; Glen Bailey choose alcohol to settle his tax time nerves and Pam Bennett took home a wonderful Cop Refinery car kit...

Adventure in Technology

Hosts are needed

Call Dave Sundby, 242-3609 or Res 652-5610

It is this weekend – get on your phone and help out.

Betty and I did.

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Sgt Claypool** raised money for the Foundation by acknowledging achievements for Foundation awards, and helping with the 25th. President Murray knew what the YES 4 "D's" meant but Cesar had a much better answer. Ken Howland paid for winning the big draw at the 25th. Happy dollars flowed in from members who bragged a little.