Announcements

The International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians will be raising money to benefit POLIO PLUS on a “Motorcycle Ride to 2011 Rotary Convention” in New Orleans this year. Forms were on tables or you can contact IFMR Ride Captain Bob Shriner at 540-349-8193 or rshriner@aol.com or David Hall at 660-341-4335 or drairl@yahoo.com.

Rick Steele announced that on April 9 the Newman Center is hosting a fundraiser at 6:30 Dinner and Silent Auction. Dinner is $12.50 a person.

President Ralph thanked all the Rotarians who came out to support the MODOT Highway Clean-up Kick-Off on April 1 – it was a successful although windy day!

Nominations are needed for the Ruby Green-Frank Baldwin Free Enterprise Award – the award will be given at the May 18 meeting. Nomination forms were on the tables or can be sent to Ricki Trosen at rbtrosen@cableone.net.

Remember volunteers are needed for the Prayer Breakfast on Monday, April 18, for set-up at 6:30 a.m. and the Pancake Breakfast at 7:00 a.m.

Shoes for Soles raised approximately $480 and collected 268 pairs of shoes!

Ron Knight is recovering from surgery for prostate cancer. A get-well card was circulated. If you would like to send a personal card or note, you can get Ron’s address from Jim Harding.

We do have a foreign exchange student this fall from Ecuador!
District Conference
Remember to register! The morning club has a higher percentage of members registered for the conference! Volunteers are still needed – contact Mark Burger.

Hosts are still needed for out-of-town Rotarians over the weekend of the conference! Please consider hosting!

Program
Our program speaker was introduced by James Harmon. Jock Brandis, who is in charge of research and development for the Full Belly Project NGO working to promote sustainable economic development in the developing world which, today even seems to include portions of America. Jock and Daniel Ling, who is the executive director of the Full Belly Project work together to pursue the mission of this NGO: to design and distribute income-generating agricultural devices to improve life in rural communities. Their web address is www.thefullbellyproject.org

Jock Brandis is founder of The Full Belly Project; and its headquarters is in Wilmington, NC. Jock joined us via Skype from the home of the executive director of Foothills Connect in NC, where he is currently working on water pumping equipment to assist with small-scale farming support for small acreage market gardeners and small herd cattle operators.

Steve Peeler presented President Ralph with $1000 check from the Airport Committee for the Air Show. The committee asked that Rotary use the donation this year for improvements to Rotary Park. They also thanked all the businesses in town for their support of the Air Show.
The video

http://www.youtube.com/user/OnePlanetPictures#p/u/5/6aLEfNEbuQ

April Rotarian Birthdays
Ronald Winkler; Todd Kuhns; Terry Smith; Wes Roper; Wade Coorts; Erick Hanson; Nathan Walker; Ronald Gaber; Gregory Gordon; James Hughes, Michael McManis; Martin Joplin; Edwin Carpenter

April Rotarian Anniversaries
Wade Coorts; Sandra Fleak; Betty McLane-Iles; George Scheurer; Janet Gooch; David Hall; Randy Rogers; Mark Hagar

Guests
Heather Mitchell & Rick Steele (1000 Hills Club); Steve Peeler (g/o Randy Smith); Megan Burik (g/o Mark Hanley); Nate Holtz (g/o Tom Bedford); Reece Hogarth (g/o Jacob Condon); Ashley McCarty (g/o Annette Sweet)

Happy Bucks: $92
50-50 Drawing: $1068

Upcoming Programs