



Rotary View

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PROGRAMS

March 11 4 Way test speakers

March 18 San Diego Waterfront. Jim Bregante. An historical look

March 25 Sheryl Gonda will speak on the Fallbrook Education Foundation.

March 20: remember Highway cleanup on Saturday at 7 am. Mission Rd and Highway 15.

Planning ahead: 6/26/10: demotion party.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY AND GRANTS SEMINAR

March 20 at Joan Kroc Center at USD

7 am to noon. See club or district website for details or buttonhole Dave Breeding.

Also that day at USD will be the Grants seminar which will explain the process for obtaining grants and coordination with the Rotary Foundation.

Pat Braendel Receives Paul Harris

Pat Braendel, a tireless champion for the eradication of graffiti and the end of gang activity in Fallbrook was honored as someone whose life exemplifies the humanitarian and educational objectives of Rotary. For that she was given the honor of being a Paul Harris Fellow. RI Foundation

Chair Connie Fish made the presentation and gave Pat her bound PH Certificate, and incoming RI Foundation Chair Gordy Tinker presented her with the Paul Harris medallion and pin.



Arlyne Ingold Honored as Paul Harris Fellow

Arlyne Ingold, long time resident and Fallbrook benefactor, was recognized for her countless community contributions by making her a Paul Harris Fellow. Accepting the award on behalf of Arlyne was her daughter Renee. Our Fallbrook Rotary Club has chosen to honor members of our community who contribute greatly to Fallbrook. Arlyne has consistently supported the Lobster On The green annual fundraiser as a major sponsor. He late husband was a member and Past President of our Club. Together they made the Ingold Sports Park, where LOG is now held, a reality. Our current RI Foundation Chair Connie Fish made the award, incoming Chair Gordy Tinker presented Renee with here mother's pin and medallion, and President Tom gave her the bound Paul Harris Certificate



TOM KOEHLER PROFILE by Margaret O'Leary

Our president is a busy man, although he is retired from his career in financial services. It has been a long time since the "Who Am I" new member speech. Although I have been in the club 6 years, I knew little about this tall , warm and caring man who is at the helm of our busy club. Although most of us have made a close friend or two in the club, we often don't know much about each other . So this is the first of occasional profiles of members.

Tom has been in Fallbrook 18 years and a member of the club for nearly seven years. Tom is from Ohio and graduated from Capital University with a marketing degree. He worked in the insurance industry as an intermediary to brokers and mutual funds and advisors. The high standards he brings to the Rotary service ethic has been a hallmark of his life. He made the effort to be a leader in his field by achieving the



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most respected designations including Chartered Life Underwriter.

He is married to Sharon who was his high school sweetheart, even though there was a long detour until they found each other again. He and Sharon have two grown children, Jennifer and Bob.

Sharon's son, Bob, married an Italian woman and Tom and his wife love to travel. Now Italy has become an especially enjoyable destination. The pleasure in travel, according to Tom is in experiencing different cultures, geography and people .

When Tom takes on a responsibility he is never half way. He has held several board positions in Rotary before the presidency. He is also past president of the Church council (governing Board) of Fallbrook Lutheran church, Christ the King. He noted that his church service is an important center in his family and community life.

His hobbies and interests include golf. He will never give Phil Mickelson a run for his money but is chafing to get back to the game since he has been temporarily side-lined while he recovers from back surgery. He likes reading espionage thrillers and , in the thrill seeking vein, he is managing his own retirement

investments. He enjoys researching financial things although admits the last two years have been a frustrating challenge. We discussed the potential for a world wide" double dip" recession. As a finance MBA, your editor keeps up on financial matters but I learned something new. Tom is concerned about the Greenspan ratio (which I had not heard of)The ratio relates the size of the annual gross domestic product (GDP) to the total national sovereign debt. By that measure, the USA ranks right up there with countries like Ireland, Iceland and Greece with a ratio of about 89% debt to annual GDP.

It was easy for Tom to turn from talking about himself to one of his passions: Rotary, particularly our dynamic chapter. What is special for him is the wonderful people all united to serve the community and the larger world. One of his good ideas is to focus our international giving on a particular project or two. He cited our support last year of Holy Innocents Children's Hospital in Uganda. His idea, he called it a sister city type of international project, is to partner with a club abroad, such as the one in Uganda and continue a multi year relationship. By giving a "face" to a particular worthy project, we can motivate our own club members

perhaps to give more and receive the rewards of being able to see progress in helping others. Aside from financial support, he sees the possibilities of club members going to Uganda and participating in service vacations. He certainly convinced me that this project focus would be a wonderful supplement to the more general support we give through Paul Harris to such things as the eradication of Polio campaign.

Group Study Exchange Medical Exchange Team Arrives in Kenya

Rotarian Team leader, Janice Kurth led a team of five medical professionals. They traveled the month of February.



S.D. Rotarians do PETS

President elect training for Larry Rothacher and 60 other district incoming leaders for the training in LA last month. Training was led by



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our own Dave Breeding, former chapter president who is now San Diego District Governor elect. Incoming international President Elect, Ray Klingensmith, was a speaker. He spoke on service as part of the coming year Rotary theme of "Building Communities, Bridging Continents".

Our local leaders at the training:



Rotary fast fact

Rotary is pleased to announce that it surpassed the halfway mark in its effort to raise US\$200 million toward polio eradication. Because of the diligence and generosity of Rotary club members, as of 31 December, Rotary has collected more than \$107 million, more than 50 percent of its obligation to match \$355 million in grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.



Learn more about Rotary's [\\$200 million challenge](#) with the Gates Foundation.

An Event Coming to a Town New You

Our own Allen Shallahamer puts a wonderful local calendar together each month. Some notables:

March - April Anza-Borrego State Park 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Phone: 760 767-4684
www.parks.ca.gov . Early reports are indicating a fabulous wildflower bloom peaking the second week of March.

Fallbrook Americana Music Series Goes Irish

March 20 Paddy Doyle's Boots will be bringing to our own Fallbrook, don't ya know, a bit-o-the blarney and a wee bit of lively Irish music done by Danny Oberbeck and his group from Riverside. That would be at the Fallbrook Woman's Club.

Fallbrook Music Society Featured Symphony

March 28 The Fallbrook Music Society presents the San

Francisco Chamber Orchestra with a symphony featuring Avi Avital, a young Israeli who has garnered worldwide praise for

his skill with the mandolin. Others works by Corelli, Bach, Beethoven, Bartok and Golijov will be presented at the Bob Burton Performing Arts Center at Fallbrook High School.

Concert starts at 3:00 p.m. For ticket info call 760 451-8644