

Puterbaugh Choir Brings Annual Christmas Program



The Puterbaugh Choir, directed by Amanda Karch, brought the club a Christmas musical program Dec. 12.

The Christmas medleys had parts of all the noted Christmas carols and hymns. They were named “A Joyous Christmas,” arranged by John Leavitt; “The Most Precious Gift,” by Ruth Elaine Schram; and “Antiphonal Deck the Hall,” arranged by Greg Gilpin.

The last three were “Perfect Christmas Night,” arranged by Greg Gilpin; “It’s the Holiday Season,” arranged by Jill Gallina; and “Santa’s On His Way,” arranged by Greg Gilpin.

That evening, the choir sang the songs for the annual Puterbaugh Middle School Christmas program.

In All of Rotary

District 6110 Has Top Medical Supplies Program

Our Rotary District’s model Medical Supplies Network was started by a Rotarian 10 years ago, who visited the Phillipines and saw the need for medical supplies there.

The program started with wheel chairs, and since then has grown to the most successful program for providing medical supplies and equipment of any district in Rotary, Larry Biron, director of operations and former Assistant District Governor, told us.

District 6110 sends two containers per month to underdeveloped nations. A container is about the size of a railroad boxcar. A total of 109 shipments have been made since the program started, Biron said.

East Timor is where some shipments go at the present time. It is an island in Indonesia, and only 4.7 percent of the land area is usable for farming, the Rotary leader said.

The island is a Christian country, but Indonesia took over the country and killed 300,000 citizens. As a result, there are many “street children,” the Rotary speaker said. They had an election seeking independence, but Indonesia destroyed most communications.

The Rotary District 6110 was able to get medical goods into the country without tax or duty. The clinic which the goods went to has one doctor, who has 350 patients each day.

Biron showed pictures of the clinic, up in the mountains. Many of the children wore hats because that was the best

clothing they had, he related.

The Rotary District uses government hospitals, World Vision, Catholic Charities or Perapette Clinics to work with. “We go to the most effective groups...and serve as many as we can, however we can,” Biron stated.

In East Timor, it took three hours to get up the mountains to the clinic. All trade there is on the barter system, he said.

Visitors find not to drink the water, not to put tin roofs on buildings due to the heat, and never to drive at night because of holes in the roads. Biron said he also found out not to wear short pants, because of the mosquitoes.

He said the people there were skeptical at first, because so many groups had promised help, but did not provide help.

Every Rotarian in District 6110 pays \$7 of their dues to support the program.

“Everything is donated,” he said about the equipment and supplies. Some equipment is outdated, but supplies come from surplus at hospitals, nursing homes and doctors.

District 6110 has its own building in Tulsa, for a warehouse. Biron said he gets many calls asking how to set up such a system.

Rotary Notes & Quotes

ROTARY BELL RINGERS raised over \$950 the first day and over \$1,000 the second, as the kettles brought in more than ever before.

Mens', Womens' MHS Basketball Coaches Give Program



Coach Wood

Coach Dotson

Trevor Cooper

Derrick Matthews, a guard

Dion Hall, a forward

Trey Harrison, a center

Coaches Patrick Dotson and Chris Wood gave us a look at their teams and their basketball season, at our Dec. 5 th Rotary program.

Coach Wood, who graduated at Southeastern State and lived at Stuart, said she has five seniors, seven, juniors, six, sophomores, and 10 freshmen

“We want to go to state this year,” she told us.

The team has a “booster club” and backers who buy them shoes.

“It’s great to have that support in the community,” she said.

Coach Dotson brought four players with him.

Last year they were beat in regionals, by the regional champs, by six points.

“They do a great job,” he said. They are “very unified” and he said he is “very proud” of his players.

He assured he will keep the team “working hard.”

“We appreciate your support very much,” he stated, “and we’ll look forward to seeing you at the games.)

ROTARY FRIENDSHIP EXCHANGE

Ever wish you could go on a GSE?

*District Governor Elect
C. Ellis Potter*

The Rotary Friendship Exchange program gives Rotarians and their families the opportunity to experience other cultures firsthand, by participating in reciprocal visits with Rotarians from other countries and their families. The program aims to advance international understanding among Rotarians and give the opportunity to form personal contacts and make long-lasting friendships.

There are three types of Friendship Exchanges, the visitor exchange, the team exchange and the univocational exchange. The Visitor exchange gives individual Rotarians, and their family members, the opportunity to spend a few days in the home of a Rotarian in another country. The team exchange provides the opportunity for several Rotarians or Rotary couples to travel to different communities in a host district for a period of up to one month. A Univocational exchange gives Rotarians of the the same profession an opportunity to be hosted by their counterparts.

All Friendship Exchanges are arranged through the District Friendship Exchange Chairman. The Friendship Exchange is funded entirely by the program participants. Although it varies with the exchange, participants usually are house guests of Rotarians.

RI World Headquarters compiles a listing of all Friendship exchange chairmen. This listing serves as a primary resource for arranging exchanges. Contact and host Rotarians come from a variety of sources

including but not limited to GSE participants, Rotarian contacts at the International Convention and the Governor-Elects at their training assembly

This program works in many ways like a group study exchange, except it is for Rotarians and their families. More information is available on the Rotary web site: www.rotary.org. Check RI Programs followed by Friendship Exchange. If you have an interest in travel, being a Rotarian ambassador or getting to know other Rotarians world wide please contact me. To contact Ellis: Email: epotter@iolaks.com h) 620-365-7458 c) 816-651-0373



STUDENTS OF THE MONTHS, for two months, attended the Dec. 5 th meeting. They are, from the left, Randilea Nichols, Senior Class President; Adam Wiley, a wrestler; Elizabeth Auld plays volleyball and golf, and is a “Diamond Doll” cheerleader for the baseball team. Steven McClintock plans to go to OSU.

Attendance, Visitors, and Handshakers

There were 44 in attendance at the Dec. 19 meeting. Taylor Brumley was a guest of Don Brumley. Maynard Phillips was a guest of Steve Smith, and Drew Smith was a guest of Brett Smith.

On Dec. 12 there were 55 attending. David Lerblance was a guest of Ashley. Ron Underwood was a guest of John Freeman. Ashley Miller was a guest of Robert Miller. Crystal Warren was a guest of Larry Auld.

On Dec. 5, there were 62 present. Jeff Samford was a guest of Helen

Wheeler. There also were several students guests from McAlester High School.

HANDSHAKERS-On Dec. 5, Mary Shannon gave the dollar to Karl Scifres, keeping it among the school people. On Dec. 12, Don Harris gave the cash to Sandy Brock-Bahe, giving it back to the women. And Dec. 19, Wayne Hanway handed it to Gary Boyd, for playing the piano.