

Rotary Club of Mead

January 8, 2010

Mead, CO, USA

District 5450

Happy New Year!
January 2010

Agenda for January 8, 2010

Welcome Back!

Breakfast: Marni

Greet Guests/Rotarians

Introduce Speaker: Tony Bottagaro/Mario the Peddler

Items for Discussion

Upcoming Speakers:

January 15 – Sugarbeet Planning/Fundraising

January 22 – Jay Heeter

January 29 – Chris Woodruff

February 5 – Steve Pischke

February 12 – Sugarbeet Planning/Fundraising

February 19 – Terry Enright

February 26 - Open

Please read the
Six Month President Review
article below...

Upcoming Breakfast Schedule:

January 15 – Cindy

January 22 – Terry

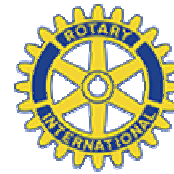
January 29 – Art/Jeanette

February 5 –Terri H.

February 12 –Monica

February 19 –Denise

February 26 - Dale



Mead in the News!

The Gift of Water : Area Rotary Clubs
offer help for filtration projects in
Nicaragua

Times Call - Sunday, December 27, 2009

Press for Kids/Newspaper in Education
“Long Walk to Water” series

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6 Month President Review

Please take a few minutes to read the next few pages. It is a review of what we've accomplished and what we need to work on during the next 6 months.

We've achieved many of the goals we set in 2009 such as the following:

- Evening in Nicaragua Dinner and Fundraiser
- Peaches/Pears Fundraiser
- Mead Sugarbeet Festival
- Polio Plus Event & Breakfast Fundraiser
- Social Gatherings/ Assemblies/ After Hours
- Road Clean-up
- 'Zero Waste' grant and initiative
- 501(c)3 status
- Mead Rotary Club Foundation Board established

Moving forward there are additional things we need to do to grow our club:

What brings you here?

What's so unique about our club is our camaraderie, laughter, friendship and energy. A way to keep that energy level high is to increase our membership. Since each person brings something new to the table – perspective, personality, ideas and history... by growing members, we grow as a club. Why are you in Rotary? Your answer to that question can be used to draw in others.

Walk right in – Sit right down...

Good Speakers and Programs are the mechanism to get potential members in the door. If you know of someone who has a message to share (in a 25-30 timeframe), then let our Program Director (Terri) know. Good speakers are a necessity for a great club.

Don't Leave:

While it's great to get new members in our club, the most important thing is to keep the members we have. Education, friendship, service opportunities, entertainment and networking are ongoing methods that help to keep us alive, active and strong. Join in, speak up, suggest new ideas and we will all benefit. If you hear of someone who is struggling for some reason, please let me know.

Show me the money!

Next week in our Sugarbeet Meeting, I will also have a review of our finances. We need to build up our coffers.

Two new fundraisers on the horizon include:

- Mario the Peddler (February 27, 7 pm)
- Wine Cellar Fundraiser

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Like all projects, in order for them to succeed, we need buy-in. Are you willing to sell tickets? Are you ready to get on the Wine Cellar committee? If so, please let me know.

Look what we've done now!

Rotary International & Peace Corp Volunteers are sitting at the same table sharing ideas and finding ways to create a partnership. This movement came from an idea and suggestion from our club member, Ted Bendelow. What idea do you have? New ideas are like gifts – we love to get them, share them and keep on giving them. What gift do you have to share with us?

Did you want CLEAN water?

Our water project in Nicaragua is currently underway. Club members are encouraged to visit the village at the beginning of the project and in June when it's finished. One visit to Los Pinares will lead to a new appreciation of the things we take for granted.

Stand up and be counted!

As president of our club, I've learned there is so much more to Rotary than just our local club. Our efforts are making the world a better place in Nicaragua, our contribution are helping eradicate polio, our ShelterBox purchase is keeping someone warm and dry, our Sugarbeet proceeds are adding books to middle school's reading program, and so on. Being a part of Rotary allows me to see how much we matter.

Now our club needs someone to stand up and be part of the team. My presidency ends June 30. Our new president, Cathy Mosciski will step in and guide you for 2010-2011 We need someone to raise their hand and say they will join the Leadership Team as President-Elect.

The best part?

Serving as club president allows me to develop my leadership skills, become a better speaker, increase my awareness of Rotary locally and beyond, meet new people and continue to grow. However, the best part of my job as president ... is I get to ring the bell!

Thanks for reading. If I've forgotten something or someone, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Marge K. Mercurio
Rotary Club of Mead
President 2009-2010

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