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Last Week at Rotary... July 13th: Live Healthy Red Wing!

Dave Anderson, Pam Horlitz and Michelle Leise: Live Healthy Red Wing is working on a core set of initiatives. Some are new; others complement or expand current community endeavors. Michelle Leise, Project Coordinator, Pam Horlitz, Co-Coach and David Anderson, Co-Coach shared what is happening and how Rotarians can help.

This week at Rotary... July 20th: 2010-2011 District Gov. Craig Leiser

Today we have the pleasure of having DG, Craig Leiser as our esteemed guest.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 27: 2010 Miss Red Wing Candidates

It's that time of year again! Be sure not to miss this meeting, as we meet the 2010 Miss RW Candidates for the upcoming Red Wing River City Day's. Andrea Hanson, Miss RW coordinator will introduce us to the lovely ladies, as they make one of their first public appearances. It's a great time to get to know them and show your support!



Come For Lunch, Stay for the Governor! Meet Craig...

Newly sworn in District 5960 Governor Craig says, *"I look forward with eager anticipation to learn more about Rotary, its programs and activities. I welcome the opportunity to serve you as Rotarians and the clubs to which you belong in the spirit of leaders past, present and future. I plan on making many more friends and getting very involved in developing challenging and rewarding individual, club, district and international projects and programs. Along the way I hope to meet each Rotarian in our district and share thoughts, ideas and plans about what we can do to make our world better."*

"Don't miss the 28th Annual River City Days Parade 2010"

The Rotary Club is once again putting together the fun filled River City Days Parade. There will be entertainment for all ages. We will have Beauty Queens from all over the state, music to please everyone, animals of all varieties, local politicians, businesses intent on pleasing the crowd. So the moral of the story is bring your family....your friends....your neighbors.....bring EVERYONE to River City Days Parade on Sunday, August 8th at 1:00. You don't want to miss it!



INVESTING LESS THAN \$2/week WITH THE FOUNDATION... CHANGES LIVES

Worldwide, Rotary Foundation Matching Grants are saving and changing lives. Since the first Matching Grant was awarded in 1965, more than US\$335 million has been distributed through more than 30,000 grants.

This is a tremendous achievement for Rotarians, who have made these grants possible through their generous donations to the Annual Programs Fund , and dedicated their time and talent to help carry out projects that put Service Above Self.

By giving \$100 a year -- less than \$2 a week -- to the Annual Programs Fund through the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative, Rotarians become part of **the Foundation's mission to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.**

Here are just a few of the projects made possible through Matching Grants.

REPAIRING CLEFT PALATES

Australian, Dutch, and Indonesian Rotarians have helped repair cleft lips and palates for more than 2,000 children. One of the most common birth defects, clefts can interfere with eating, speaking, and breathing.

Thalca Hamid, an orthodontist from the Rotary Club of Surabaya Central, Surabaya, Indonesia, and two other club members began the project in 2001, arranging patient transportation, educating parents about postoperative care, and providing children with books and toys. Rotarians also recruited local villagers to talk to rural families about the benefits of the surgery.

"The children and their families have unbelievable pressure and stress because many feel that such defects are a curse," Hamid says. "Previously, few in our community realized how complicated this defect is."

NEW HOPE AND SELF-ESTEEM

The Bitone Center for Disadvantaged Children , located in Kampala, Uganda, is home to two dozen children ages 8-18. Many are orphans; others have lost their homes or been estranged from their families by disease, war, or economic hardship. clubs of Kampala-East and Traverse Bay Sunrise, Michigan, USA, are providing support with help from a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant.

By connecting children to traditional Ugandan dance, music, and theater, as well as providing shelter, food, and education, the center strives to give them new hope and self-esteem.

WITHOUT WATER, THERE IS NO LIFE

In many parts of the world, people lack access to clean water, leading to disease and death. More than 3.5 million people die from water related diseases each year, and more than 40 percent of those deaths are due to diarrhea, which UNICEF lists as the second-leading childhood killer. Polio also spreads through contaminated water.

Rotary club members have helped install 19,000 bio-sand filters, which make water safe to drink, through the Rotarian-led Children's Safe Water Alliance in the Dominican Republic. They've reached an estimated 100,000 people in 300 communities.

For seven years, more than 200 clubs in 18 districts in Canada, the Dominican Republic, the United States, and other Caribbean countries have supported the effort, as has the Foundation, with 30 Matching Grants.

We believe every Rotarian has a story about EREY. Why do you give through Every Rotarian, Every Year? Send your story to my.erey.story@rotary.org , and it might be chosen to appear in the next EREY ad in *The Rotarian* .

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HELP MAKE PROJECTS SUCH AS THESE POSSIBLE.**