

THE PILOT'S WHEEL



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Birthdays
None this week



Anniversaries
Terry and Donna Pena 6/22

Moment for Rotary

By

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The Rotary international Convention is in full swing as this is being written. At a special appearance at the opening plenary session of the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England, on 21 June, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon praised Rotarians for their work in advancing social justice. Speaking to a packed hall, Ban called Rotary the heart and soul of the worldwide polio eradication effort and pledged the United Nation's continued cooperation and support. "Rotary's vision of a polio-free world is in sharp focus," the secretary-general said. "I am with you in this campaign. Now is the time to finish the job. I call on global governments all around the world to help us," he continued. "Together, we can fulfill Rotary's vision and give future generations a polio-free world." More than 14,900 attendees from 154 countries and geographical areas are convening in Birmingham for the 100th RI Convention. It is the second RI Convention for Birmingham which hosted its first in 1984. Ban's appearance demonstrates the close ties maintained by Rotary and the United Nations, which date back to 1945, when Rotarians helped draft the UN Charter. Ban said his appreciation for Rotary has deepened since he became secretary-general. "I am deeply

NEWSLETTER

DATE: June 24th 2009

"MAKE DREAMS REAL"

Today's Speaker

Danny Philips, Bernie Kozak, Jeni Hammond and Cindra Meilke

Topic

**"Make a Wish Foundation"
Kelley's Island Benefit Swim**

PRESIDENT: Lynn Miggins

PROGRAM CHAIRPERSON: Dan Philips

KEYBOARD: Judy Somers

SONG LEADER: Sid Jordan

NEWSLETTER: Bob Kyle

LAST WEEK:

Summer Barthel was the program. She related to us many of the experiences she had encountered during her month in Nagoya, Japan. There were two topics that kept being repeated: one - the food got to be a bit much. There was way too much raw fish or shell fish with all body parts attached, and two - how different and strange the bathroom situation was. Did you know that you needed to put on a different pair of slippers to use the bathroom? Summer's talk was full of humor and an honest approach to the entire experience. Her photos were terrific and even though it was a true immersion in a very different culture Summer expressed a desire to someday return. She made many friends and was able to visit many different schools where she was able to compare the education systems. However, she also pointed out that she only saw the very wealthy side of Japan. The people, the

- Queen of Hearts is worth: \$169.00
- Attendance last meeting: 29 members
- Visiting Lorain Rotarians: Bob Reese, Walter Glick, and Jim Smucker. Guest of Mike Burley, Mat Burley.
- Proposed new member, Jean Vance

AMERICA

My Country 'tis of thee,
Sweet Land of Liberty,
Of Thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side,
Let freedom ring.

VERMILION GRACE

Let us pause in the rush of the
fray
And reflect on our duties so high
We confess and exalt Thee today,
We beseech Thee thy care,
God most high.



SMILE

Smile and the world smiles with you
Sing a song,
Don't be weary, just be cheery
All day long.
Whenever your trials
Your troubles and your care
Seem to be more than you can really
bear, so
Smile and the world smiles with you
Sing a song!

HELLO

Hello, Hello, Hello
What a wonderful word hello,
Hello, Hello, Hello
You will hear it wherever you go.
Strangers like your friendship
When you greet them;
So smile and say hello
When you first meet them.
Hello, Hello, Hello,
What a wonderful word Hello!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to you
Anniversary too.
Have a great celebration
Love and Joy all year through

convinced the UN can continue to count on you to keep doing your part. One of the hallmarks of this new multi-nationalism is collaboration - - all partners must work together," he said. "And nothing will better convince the world that we can succeed than through completing the effort to eradicate polio." Ban also asked Rotarians for their help in addressing other global challenges, including climate change, hunger, and a lack of access to energy. RI President Dong Kurn Lee, a personal friend of Ban's, also took the stage. Lee talked about how a business trip to Africa sparked his commitment to reducing child mortality. During that trip, he said, he was escorted to a village of mud huts by a local Rotarian. From one of the huts he heard a cry, then saw a mother and her child dying of hunger. "At that moment, in my shock and horror, I wanted to do anything - anything at all to help that mother and child," Lee said. "But then, I realized that I was looking in only one hut, in only one village, in only one country of the many, many poor and developing countries of the world. "That was when I resolved to do everything that I could to reduce the rate of child mortality and to *Make Dreams Real*," he said. Noting that the child mortality rate has dropped 27 percent in the past decade, Lee said he is certain Rotarians will continue the work and keep "making this great Rotary dream of a polio-free world into a reality."

The opening plenary session also included an East Meets West celebration that featured a variety of entertainment, including a reenactment of a royal court procession followed by the Little Angels children's choir, who sang "Greensleeves" in Korean and English, and martial arts demonstration by the Tae Kwon Do Association of Great Britain.

NOTE

Your editor thanks Sue Hunt for writing both articles and supplying the photos for the Newsletter this week. I was absent last week being in Pittsburgh for the day.

homes, the businesses, the schools were those of the upper class. It is true, of course in any GSE experience. The same happens here in the USA. We tend to highlight what is best in our communities, also. Summer presented the club with many, many Rotary Club Banners. And as she said, they visited each and every club and gave their presentation. It was a very rewarding experience for her.



GSE group upon arrival



Trying to dine using "chop sticks"