

THE PILOT'S WHEEL



VERMILION ROTARY CLUB

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Birthdays

Phil Schultz 12/30



Anniversaries

Bridgett & John German 12/28

Moment for Rotary

By
Sue Hunt

This is a reprint from District 6600 concerning the accomplishments of MESA for 2009:

“The trustees of MESA would like to send out a special “thank you” to all of you in District 6600 for a very improved 2009 MESA year.

Some of what you have accomplished

- Shipped an estimated \$970,000 in valued content to Belize and Honduras
- Reached our interim financial goals
- Furnished hospital beds to hospitals in LaCeiba, Choloma, Placencia, Tegucigalpa, San Pedro Sula, and Tela and Progreso,, Honduras, San Ignacio, Belize.
- Supplied 21 Dental chairs and associated equipment to the National Autonomous University of Honduras in the Sula Valley to facilitate hands on Dentistry.
- Obtained a gift of use for the Bob Perry Dental Free Clinic in San Pedro Sula, a store within the mall adjacent to the Copantl Hotel.
- Furnished learning labs with computers for children and adults to learn to read Spanish.
- Saved the lives of an estimated 125 children with the supply of water sand filters who would have died in Nueva Merendon mountains.
- Enabled 7 of our clubs to partner with clubs from

NEWSLETTER

DATE: December 30th 2009

“The Future of Rotary is in your Hands”

This Week

Bag Pipes

History and some bagpipe sounds for the group

“Speakers”

Chief Bob Kish

PRESIDENT: Terry Pena

PROGRAM CHAIR: Listed above

KEYBOARD: Judy Somers

SONG LEADER: Sid Jordan

NEWSLETTER: Bob Kyle

Last Week:

Hurray for Sue Hunt ! Sue won the 50-50 drawing and then went on to pick the ‘Queen of Hearts’ to the tune of \$400. Sue announced that she will be donating the money to purchase one of the on-site carvings for an ice sculpture for the ‘Ice-A-Fair’ on February 20th. Sue said that she will instruct them to carve a dove and the sign will read ‘Donated by the Vermilion Rotary Club - World Peace and Understanding.

Thanks, Sue for this generous offer/contribution !

Last week, after the luncheon, Sid Jordan announced the round table ‘brain-storming’ discussions to pick the member’s brains to come up with new and better ways to use time, talents, and facilities of our schools. The members broke up into three tables headed up by Amy Hendricks, Phil Pempin, and Sid Jordan. The following comments were discussed and written down for the school

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Queen of Hearts is worth: ? \$

- The winner of the \$400 was/is Sue Hunt (see article above)
- We will start with a new deck of cards and new money today

Members present last week: 25

• Visitors: Son of Mike Roztas, Jimmy

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

Colorado to build a new water tank of 100,000 gallons in Zapotal, Honduras

- Sponsored 5 different Rotary Clubs in successful efforts to do hands on work, Swanton in La Pradera, Perrysburg in Nueva Merendon and 3 clubs from Mi in Santa Cruz.
- Joined with D5890, 5730, 6600, and 4250 to provide 2mm meals for the people of Mexico, Tegucigalpa and San Pedro, Sula, Honduras
- New - Developed plans for the 2010 Bike Ride that will be a Land and Sea effort in the Northern part of the District.

Editor's note: They have been busy !!!!

A message from Ambre Denis

(Our last French Exchange student)

Hi my favorite Rotary Club! How are you doing? I hope everything is going well! I miss all the meetings and the speakers. Here, in France, everything is going well. I'm studying English and Spanish grammar every day and it's pretty hard, but I get good grades. I just found a job at the airport. I have to speak English all the time because most of the clients are from Britain and they come to ski a week. Its pretty fun. I get to place them in the plane, I love it! I'm trying to save money in order to come back because I miss Vermilion soooooo much! It must be really cold by now. Did the lake freeze yet? Thanks again to all of you for the Rotary shirt. I love it! Merry Christmas!* Miss you, Ambre

to ponder:

Amy's group: (Positives) We have wonderful performing and visual arts programs

The all day Kindergarten helps with those who don't have pre-school opportunities.

Keep South Street School building due to historical features?

Communicate what repairs are urgent and/or a timeline and how much they will cost to make informed decision from the public.

It was a good idea for the High School to go back to the block scheduling - better use to the staff.

Academic performance - 'pretty good' but needs to be excellent.

Suggestions: Smaller class sizes in the elementary grades

Larger class sizes in the High School grades

No VHS busing. Make common start time for all buildings.

Reduce Number of stops at individual homes. Buses should not wait for students who are not waiting at their pick-up spot.

Phil Pempin: Construction possibilities: Small buildings within a building. Community wants to be sure kids are safe and building is set up in a way that allows sharing but to be separate as well. Split building. Socialization aspect for grades 8 thru High. Keep dances and athletics separate. Make sure that we continue to involve the community. Common Sense business skills need to be taught in our schools. Business Owner Seminars - offer a seminar that business owners could come in and run. Model, serving and greeting customers at the counter.

Sid Jordan: (Positives): Academic performance continues to improve. Pre-school needs individual attention. Need cost cutting of pre-school, ESC doing excellent. Need 'gifted education' classes.

(Negatives): Financial education for daily life must improve.

'teaching to test' procedure should change.

Salaries should be based on 'performance, not tenure'

Editor's note: Thanks to all who stayed to give their input.

Message from Pat Stein: Rotary is still looking for good, well qualified people to go to Brazil as business exchange group. Remember, the person cannot be a Rotarian or in the family of a Rotarian.

They must commit to 4 weeks of their time to be spent in Brazil.

Happy New Year !

Have a prosperous 2010 and stay safe!