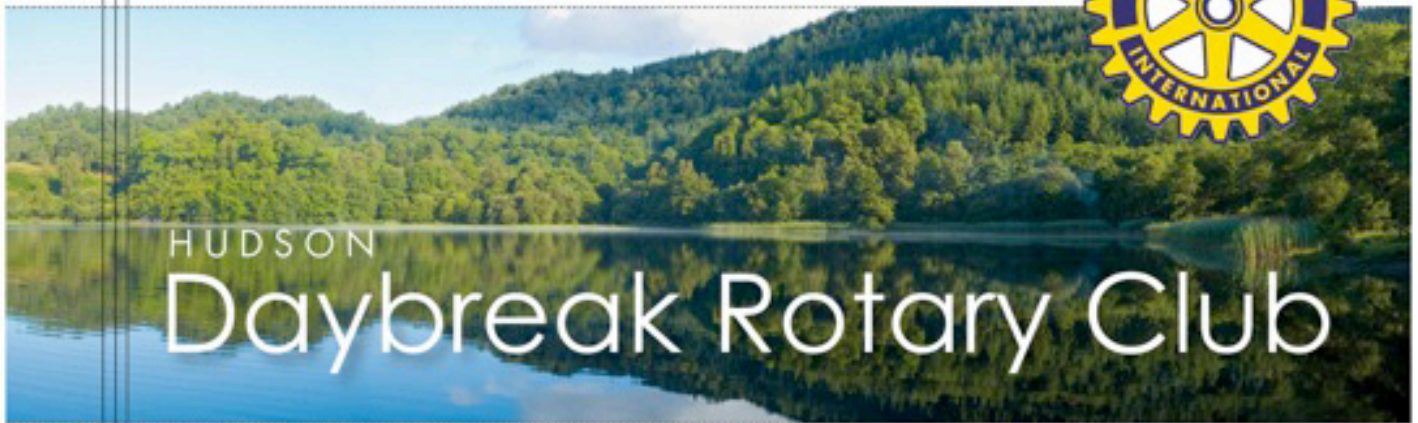


"Enhancing Opportunities for Youth, Creating a Better Community for all"



HUDSON Daybreak Rotary Club

Rotary Speaker for August 25, 2010: Impromptu Steve Wilcox

Steve reported on his recent visit to attend the Rotary Council on Legislation, which was held in Chicago. Steve also went to workshops in New Hampshire and Maine. While there he visited three Rotary Clubs. The Rotary Clubs were in Windom Maine, Boothbay Harbor, Maine and Hudson/Litchfield New Hampshire.

Boothbay Harbor Main has had its own club house for 50 years. It now has Rotary flags from all 50 states. Steve has thought of a challenge for our club to get out there and get Rotary flags for all 13 Hudson's in the United States. We don't know if they all have Rotary clubs. Steve also asked the Mayor if we could put up a sign in Lakefront Park listing all 13 Hudson's in the U.S. and have the sign pointing to the direction of where they were located in the country. The Mayor will look into it. The District Governor challenged us to visit other Rotary clubs when we travel. Steve encouraged us to do the same.

At the Council on Legislation, there were over 700 Rotarians from all over the world. The delegates worked on over 340 pieces of new legislation. One was to support corporate memberships for Rotary. A second was whether Rotary should legitimize the "Inner Wheel", which is an organization

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SEPTEMBER 8
John Knutson & Kevin Helmen

SEPTEMBER 15
Burt Witthuhn & Stew Erickson

SEPTEMBER 22
Teri Green & Dick Whitcomb

SEPTEMBER 29
Chuck Roberts & Tom Kranz

OCTOBER 6
Gregg Knapp & Jason Fredrickson

INVOCATIONS

SEPTEMBER 8 – Burt Witthuhn

SEPTEMBER 15 – Greg Young

SEPTEMBER 22 – Butch Schultz

THE FOUR-WAY TEST

- Is it the truth?
- Is it fair?
- Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
- Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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of women Rotarians from mostly Spanish speaking countries. This did pass by a few votes. Another was E-Clubs. E-Clubs are internet clubs that can be logged onto anytime to make up a missed meeting. The Mayor explained it as being similar to a webinar. E-Clubs have brought in over a quarter of a million in donations and are strongly support international causes. The discussion was very divided. Clubs still believe Face to Face time is very important.

Legislation that did pass after 7 times in Council Legislation was elevating youth to 5th Avenue Service. Now comes the task of incorporating and managing it into local Rotary clubs.

Rotary Speaker for September 1st, 2010 Gordon Hedahl GSE Team

Today's speaker was Gordon Hedahl, a charter member of the River Fall's Rotary, and their second President. He recently retired as Dean of Arts and Sciences and Professor of Theater at the University of River Falls. This past Spring Gordon was the Team Leader for the Group Study Exchange, (GSE) team to District 3202 in India.

Gordon commented on how "very" welcomed they felt in India. The two states they visited include 96 clubs, the second largest in the world. The two states included Kerala with a population of 32 million, and Tamilnadu population of over 66 million.

LANDSCAPES

The landscapes they saw in India included beautiful mountain, sea coasts, beautiful beaches, jungle, and very populated cityscapes.

The city traffic included everything from cows, elephants, goats and dogs, to cars, busses, trucks, hand carts, bicycles, and rickshaws.

HIGHLIGHTS

While in India, the group stayed with six different families in six different cities. The families were so welcoming. It was the highlight of the entire trip. Food was plentiful. The food contained lots of curry and rice, and a wide variety of fruit. The bathrooms, well..were interesting.

MARRIAGE

Marriage is a pivotal part of the Indian Culture. 75-85% of the marriages are still arranged. Whole communities are invited to weddings. It's not unusual to have 1000-3000 people at a wedding.



RELIGION

Religion is also a huge part of living in India. 85% of India is Hindu. Other religions include Christianity, Islam, Jainism, Sikh and Buddhism.

SCHOOLS

While in India, the GSE group visited over a dozen schools. They found the children to be very respectful. The boys and girls sit separately. Schools teach three languages, Indian, English, and their native language. India also has boarding schools.

INDUSTRY

Industry is heavily textile. Agriculture boasts sugar cane, coffee, vanilla, peppers and tea.

ROTARY PROJECTS

Rotarian projects are everywhere: Schools, Technical Schools offering trades and computer studies, health screening, crematoriums, and clean water wells. Polio is still an issue in India. While they were there, the GSE team got to help immunize children during National Immunization Day.

MEMORIES

Some memories that really touched the team include:

- Visiting Orphanages
- The tree planting....(for marriage blessings and fertility)
- Historical sites
- Wild monkeys
- Rickshaw drivers
- Riding Elephants,
- The honor the people of India give to all living things
- The people that were so welcoming and giving of what they had

Gordon thanked our Rotary club for giving to the GSE to make this trip and others like it a reality.

