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WE ARE A BUSY CLUB...

6/5 – Tag Sale at Christ Lutheran Church, Shepard Avenue

PLEASE – We need everyone’s help with this. We need items donated (bring to Owen’s church on 6/4 or by 8:00am on the morning of 6/5). All items should be marked in advance with a price appropriate for a tag sale. We also need people to help with the event on 6/5; please contact Eric Lind to volunteer.

6/7 – Regular meeting to be held at the Playwright Restaurant

6/13 – Bowling Fundraiser (please see flyer attached). Again, we need everyone’s help to spread the word and sell tickets.

6/14 – Meeting will be held at Knights of Columbus, 2630 Whitney Avenue (Athletes honored from Hamden High School)

6/21 – Family Fun Night at Chili’s Restaurant in Hamden (2100 Dixwell Avenue in the Hamden Plaza) in lieu of regular meeting. Bring your friends and family.....Chili’s is going to donate 10% of the night’s sales to the Hamden Rotary Foundation. Everyone.....please make an extra effort to attend with LOTS of friends!

6/27 – Relay for Life Pancake Breakfast – to be held at Quinnipiac University.

6/28 – Installation of officers; to be held at the Playwright Restaurant. There will be a buffet this evening; friends and family are welcome to join us.

If I can ask everyone to please make every attempt to make these events; each one of them is extremely important for different reasons. We NEED you!!

Thanks,

Cathy

A MATTER OF CONVICTION

By Tara Kalmanson Rotary International News -- 14 May 2010

Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars always impress, but Roxana Saberi, who left the United States for Tehran in 2003 as a foreign correspondent, has become an international celebrity and a face for human rights in Iran.

The former political prisoner, released from Tehran’s notorious Evin Prison in May 2009, sat down for a Q&A luncheon at the Union League Club in Chicago on 13 April. Her national tour served to promote her book, *Between Two Worlds: My Life and Captivity in Iran*, published 30 March. Saberi recalled the many lessons she learned from fellow female political prisoners, the events that led to her freedom, and her life before Evin.

After the Iranian government revoked her press pass in 2006, Saberi stayed in the country and began writing a book for American readers that profiled the diversity of its people.

Eleven days after U.S. President Barack Obama’s inauguration, she was kidnapped, questioned, and detained in Evin Prison for 100 days, accused of using her book as a cover to conduct hundreds of interviews with Iranians and spy for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Using nonviolent “white torture” (extreme sensory deprivation) techniques, Saberi’s interrogators forced her into making a false confession by guaranteeing her freedom if she admitted to espionage. Without knowing she would be released in a matter of days, Saberi recanted, setting in motion a sham trial that resulted in an eight-year sentence, her own hunger strike, and a successful appeal.

“Unfortunately, a lot of Iranians are falsely accused of crimes, including espionage,” she said. “It made me wonder, do they knowingly falsely accuse people to tighten their grip on society and to silence people?”

Road to Iran

In Evin, Saberi met many of these silenced political prisoners and members of marginalized groups like the Baha’is. Their stories strengthened her will to recant.

“Sometimes through suffering we can have an opportunity to become stronger,” she said. “And even when you’re imprisoned, you still have power to control your attitude.”

Saberi’s road to Iran included a stop at the Miss America competition, where she finished in the top 10. Her talent was playing the piano, a gift she would later put to use as a diversion while in solitary confinement at Evin by tapping her fingers against the wall. She used her scholarship money to attend Northwestern University’s Medill Graduate School of Journalism, and furthered her education with the help of a 1999-2000 Ambassadorial Scholarship, obtaining a second master’s degree in international relations at the University of Cambridge in England. She has written for ABC Radio, Feature Story News, the BBC, NPR, PRI, and Fox News.



"I felt like I had the journalism background, but I didn't have the foreign relations background," she said. "My aim was to become a foreign correspondent."

For now, Saberi's future plans are unsure. Since her return from Iran, she has completed her book and has been relaxing with her parents in Fargo, North Dakota, as well as participating in a number of human rights gatherings after the Iranian election. She cowrote a film, *No One Knows About Persian Cats*, with her longtime boyfriend and award-winning Iranian-Kurdish director, Bahman Ghobadi. While Saberi hopes to eventually return to Iran, she says she has been too outspoken to ensure a safe visit.

"Often I get worried about the Iranian people," Saberi says, "but I know they're very courageous, and I admire them. In the long run, they can prevail."

AUSTRALIAN ROTARIANS SEND AID TO CHILE

By Ryan Hyland Rotary International News -- 21 May 2010

Australian Rotarians have been pitching in to help communities in Chile devastated by the February earthquake that killed hundreds and caused an estimated US\$30 billion in damages.

A 40-foot cargo container arrived in the country last week at a port in San Antonio, filled with medical and school supplies, including 63 hospital beds, two humidifier cribs for premature infants, dozens of boxes of clothes and school uniforms, and student desks. The Rotary Club of Bondi Junction, New South Wales, loaded and shipped the container.

"We used every inch to pack as many supplies as we could," says Russell Paine, club president-elect and project coordinator. "Good things were going into that container -- lifesaving equipment."

The club paid \$5,000 to secure the shipping container from Maersk Line. The supplies were contributed by Australian Rotarians through the [Donations in Kind program](#), a project of [Rotary Australia World Community Service Eastern Region](#). Clubs in District 9750 helped load the container.

Paine reached out to Blas Martino, past governor of District 4320 (Chile), shortly after the earthquake to ask what Australian clubs could do to help.

"They contacted me immediately to offer their assistance," says Martino, whose district has worked with Bondi Junction Rotarians and other Australian clubs on past projects. "The truth is, we need all the help we can get to assist all the people who are now homeless because of the earthquake."

Cristina Gutierrez, a native of Chile and a member of the Rotary Club of Maroubra, New South Wales, worked on projects with Martino in 2006 and says it was important for her to get involved in helping quake victims.

"It has been heart wrenching to see my fellow Chileans enduring such devastation," she says. "As a result of our previous projects in Chile, we have developed a good working relationship between Rotarians in Chile and ourselves."

Martino, who is coordinating the distribution of the supplies, says his district has allocated an initial \$10,000 to recovery efforts. [Bondi Junction](#) club members aims to raise another \$10,000 to help in the end-to-end delivery of this shipment.

"I felt very emotional after seeing the magnitude of the devastation," says Paine. "We needed to help them as our brothers and sisters, not as people who are begging for our help."

The Rotary Foundation has established a Chile Disaster Recovery Fund to help those affected by the quake.

ROTARY PRAISES U.S. LEADERS FOR POLIO EFFORT

By Ryan Hyland Rotary International News -- 18 May 2010

In recognition of their ongoing support of a polio-free world, four members of the U.S. Congress and one government official received Rotary's Polio Eradication Champion Award on 5 May in Washington, D.C.

The award, presented by RI President-elect Ray Klinginsmith and Past RI President James L. Lacy, chair of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for the United States, was established in 1995 to recognize governments and world leaders who have made outstanding contributions toward the goal of eradicating polio.

The 2010 recipients include Maria Otero, Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs; Senators Mark Begich, of Alaska, and Ron Wyden, of Oregon; and Representatives Phil Roe, of Tennessee, and Henry Waxman, of California.

Lacy acknowledged the continued work of the U.S. government in securing critically needed funds for polio eradication.

"The leadership of these individuals has been crucial to ensuring that every child is protected," he said. "Together we can make sure no child anywhere will ever again suffer the crippling effects of polio."

Since the mid-1980s, the government has contributed \$1.7 billion to the cause. President Barack Obama also announced a global push for polio eradication in conjunction with the Organization of the Islamic Conference during a 2009 speech in Cairo. The location was chosen for its symbolism: Ancient Egyptian artwork features the earliest known depictions of people disabled by the disease.

In addition to the 2010 honorees, Lacy acknowledged the ongoing leadership of the more than 40 other members of Congress whom Rotary has previously recognized.



THE CHARM



“The progress made toward polio eradication is seen through the collective achievement of the current and past congressional recipients of the Polio Eradication Champion Award,” he said. “When Congress began its support of this effort, nearly 60 countries had polio. Today there are only four countries. We must maintain this level of dedication to end polio forever.”

Klingsmith honored volunteers of the Stop Transmission of Polio program who have been killed during eradication efforts in hostile regions, calling them “heroes.”

Other global leaders who have received the Polio Eradication Champion Award include President Laurent Gbagbo of Côte d'Ivoire, former President Mamadou Tandja of Niger, Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India, and United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A 90 year old couple die in their sleep after a long and fruitful life. St. Peter welcomes them in and shows them their mansion. “How much” asks the man. “It’s all free,” says St. Pete, “Any kind of food, alcohol, golf, bowling, baseball, everything is free.” The man asks “What about calories and cholesterol and all that?”. “No problem”, says St. Pete, “It’s heaven you can do and eat whatever you like with no consequences.” The old man looks at his wife and says, “You and your bran flakes, we could have been here ten years ago!”

MEETING SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Event
Mon	May 24 th	Top 10 Scholars @ the Knights of Columbus
Mon	May 31 st	NO MEETING- Happy Memorial Day
Sat	Jun 5 th	Tag Sale @ Owen's Church
Mon	Jun 7 th	ADG Paul Mangels & ADG Elect Rick Benson Board Meeting
Sun	Jun 13 th	Rolling for Rotary – Johnson Lanes @ Hamden Plaza 3 - 5PM
Mon	Jun 14 th	Athlete Night @ the Knights of Columbus
Sun-Wed	Jun 20 th – 23 rd	International Convention Montreal
Mon	June 21 st	Family Fun Night @ Chili's
Sun	Jun 27 th	Relay for Life Pancake Breakfast @ Quinnipiac
Mon	Jun 28 th	Fiscal 2010-11 Officer Installation Night

CAN'T MAKE THE MONDAY MEETING?

Town	Day	Time	Location	Address
Branford	Mon	12:15 PM	Italian-American Club	40 Hamre Lane
Hamden	Mon	05:45 PM	The Playwright	1232 Whitney Ave
North Haven	Tue	07:15 AM	Breakfast Nook	448 Washington Ave
New Haven	Tue	12:15 PM	Graduate Club	155 Elm St
West Haven	Wed	12:15 PM	App's Ristorante	283 Capt. Thomas Blvd
Orange	Fri	12:15 PM	Race Brook Ctry Club	246 Derby Ave
Woodbridge	Fri	12:15 PM	Coachman Square	21 Bradley Rd
E-Club (Dist. 7890)			http://www.rotaryclub7890.org/	

“In truth, people can generally make time for what they choose to do; it is not really the time but the will that is lacking.”

~Sir John Lubbock 1834 – 1913 British Statesman, Banker, Naturalist

Of the things we think, say, or do...

