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THE Fremont Fun Club

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What a great start to a great new Rotary year! In our Club meetings since July, we've heard about water projects in Ethiopia & Uganda from one of the true District heroes, Ezra Teshome. (Actually, Ezra is a national hero---not because we say so, not because his home club (University Rotary) says so, but because *Time Magazine* named him a Global Health Hero.) We've learned about nutrition from John Cartmell & about back-scenes preparation for the big theater event this fall, *Young Frankenstein*, from Seattle Theater Group's Josh LaBelle. Distinguished professor of Geophysics, Dr. Marcia Baker, brought us up-to-date on today's critical topic, "What We Really Know About Global Warming."

All this is thanks to our Program Committee, which has jumped right in. **John Davis, Jeannine Weltfelt, & Susan McCloskey** keep coming up with great ideas! (Susan, you will note, did this while vacationing in Hawaii!) Thanks, Folks! And if you have an idea to suggest or makeup at another Club who's having an especially good program, email these folks. They're responsible for 40 top-notch programs this year! So they can use all our help.



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Jean Withers set up the club program calendar online. This helps us see how we're doing at ensuring the programs at our meeting are varied & compelling. Thanks!

Next Up? Another varied set of programs

- Global Village, another dynamic project based in Fremont---and working in the world
- How Artwalk is saving troubled teens
- Ann Liberato, Rotary District 5030's top-notch trainer, telling us about easy-to-get District grants

In October, our District Governor Don Gregory will inspire us. In the last week of October, we will meet jointly with Ballard Rotary. Same time, same place. No doubt, they want the brewery tour & the beer afterward!

Brew a Cup of Coffee. Teach a Child to Read. Did you ever think your caffeine habit could give a child the gift of reading? Now, your cup of coffee---and ones you sell to family, friends & co-workers---will help fund a literacy program in Guatemala for Mayan children who speak only their local dialect & need to learn Spanish. International Chair **Shoshana Osterfeld** is spearheading this latest global project. Our goal? To help raise \$11,000 by selling 1-lb bags of Fair Trade coffee beans to family, friends, co-workers for \$13 each. Shoshana got the idea for this simple, effective way to raise money from Pura Vida, the Fremont coffee company, & **Suzie Burke** underwrote it. Contact Shoshana to order more coffee, whether you want the leaded or unleaded variety.



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A Membership Challenge from Our President: Be An Asker Rotary International President **Wilf Wilkerson** made a compelling case for bringing more members into Rotary in North America at the Rotary Presidential Membership Conference in Vancouver BC in mid-August. He pointed out that, while Rotary membership is booming in other countries, it's actually declining in North America. Who could **you** propose as a member today? I'll be calling each of you in the next 2 weeks for a name. Or you could call me first, & we'll strategize about getting them into Rotary tomorrow. Then you & I will exercise the strongest muscle in our bodies--our tongues--& **Ask & Ask & Ask Again**. **John Booker**

Comments of RI President Wilf Wilkerson
We may see a time when North America, home of RI, could shrink to a point where we accomplish little. In fact, without our youth & new members, it will only take a few decades for Rotary to disappear. Rotarians simply cannot go on with only about 13% of our members bringing in all the new Rotarians & clubs losing 16% of members each year. Imagine! What would your Club have accomplished last year with 10% fewer members? Or 25% less? Or even half your members? Now, imagine what your Club can accomplish if it has 10%, 25%, or 50% more members!

Be a Supplier for B.F. Day Kids. **Michael Osterfeld**, our Community Services Chair, is spearheading a 3-week drive to have members of our Club donate school supplies to be used by children at our favorite elementary school. All you have to do is buy a few supplies when you shop for groceries or fall clothes. Then, *bring your donations to a Club meeting by Sept. 11*. Michael & our favorite Principal will see that the supplies get to the right children. As you know, B.F. Day



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is one of the most diverse schools in Seattle. While it treasures the multicultural influence (& wins education awards in this area), this typically means that there are always children with hard-working parents --many New Americans--who could use a little help buying supplies. See list, next page.

A Starter List of School Supplies for B.F. Day Elementary Children

- ✓ Glue sticks
- ✓ No. 2 pencils
- ✓ Notebooks
- ✓ Scotch tape
- ✓ Small bottle of hand sanitizer
- ✓ Water color paints
- ✓ Scissors (blunt ends)
- ✓ Box of crayons (16-pack)
- ✓ 3-ring binders
- ✓ Kleenex
- ✓ Colored pencils
- ✓ 4-oz. bottle of white glue
- ✓ Ballpoint pens
- ✓ Pencil sharpener(handheld w/top)
- ✓ Construction paper
- ✓ Large pink eraser
- ✓ Water-based markers
- ✓ Highlighters

Claim Your Rotary Attendance & Win a Presidential Award. Because our members have fun working hard on Club projects & attend meetings reliably, we can surely meet the criteria to win a Presidential Citation for attendance. (We've *easily* won this in the past!) To do this, we need to have at least 80% attendance at Club meetings for the first 6 months of this Rotary year (through December). Here's how to make-up in Rotary now:

- Spend an hour on any Rotary activity (committee meeting, Club project, District event, etc.)
- Attend another Club's meetings in person. Find the schedule at these links.
 - ▶ In our District 5030 (anywhere in King Co.'s 2,126 sq. mi.!) <http://www.rotary5030.org/News/clubsmeet.php>
 - ▶ Anywhere in the world (via RI's Club Locator) <http://www.rotary.org/support/clubs/index.html>
- Attend an E-club website meeting. <http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/downloadcenter/support/eclub.html>
- Attend a regular meeting of a local Rotaract or Interact Club (more about those in coming issues)

And, yes, you can have *more than 100% attendance!*

At all future meetings, a *Make-Up Sign-Up* sheet will be at the desk each week to capture any of the ways we've all made-up. And webmaster **Randy Cryer** has set up a simple way for us to report this to our Club Secretary. What do you do?

- Go here: <http://www.fremontrotary.com/pages/members.html>
- Do this: At bottom of the page, click email secretary@fremontrotary.com
- Write our **Secretary Jim Rockwell** a brief message about your make-up.

Hats off to Charles! At the beginning of the new Rotary year, **President John Booker** asked for a volunteer to join our Club's Board of Directors. And one of our star members has stepped up: **Charles Coghlan**. Charles, one of the valued Charter Members of our Club, has worked in the Japanese floral arrangement style of Ikebana for 30 years. He practices his art now at Hana Design,



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His store in ActivSpace. "I see Charles as being the Board's Ambassador to our membership--literally, *your* eyes & ears," says Prez John. "I'm trusting our members to let Charles know their thoughts, ideas, & concerns. He'll bring the sense of the membership to our Board of Directors." Let Charles know what you think!

*Charles' friend in back is probably celebrating getting his beer on the shelves at Costco. Congratulations, **Mike Hale!***

Charles joins the leadership of our Club on the **Board of Directors**. Here's how you reach them:



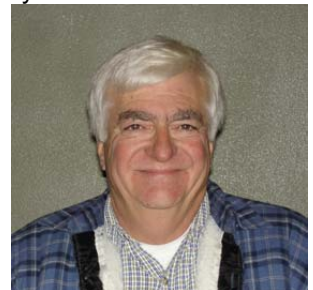
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Whazit? Rotary First Harvest (RFH) is a District 5030 project to feed the hungry. Since it's 1982 founding, RFH has collected & distributed over 120 million (that's with an **M**, folks) pounds of produce. RFH is a conduit between farmers & programs serving hungry families in our region of the country. Farmers are occasionally left with surplus fruits & vegetables they can't sell due to minor imperfections (like 2-legged carrots or wrong-sized apples), or with produce that might not be harvested because of a glut on the market. Usually, this would go to a landfill or left to rot in the fields. Thanks to RFH, however, by accessing food distribution systems, Rotarians & the RFH staff have been able to work with truckers, food processors, wholesalers & retailers to transport the nutritious surplus produce to local warehouses shortly after harvest. There, it is sorted by Rotary volunteers & put in the hands of hungry families 3-5 days after harvest. A group of dedicated District Rotarians is replicating the enormously successful RFH model in Rotary Clubs around the country. Two Clubs at opposite ends of the country--one in OR & the other in FL-- have tailored their own Rotary First Harvests to their communities.

How You Can Help. Attend an RFH work party from 9am-noon on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the Northwest Harvest Warehouse located at Pier 91, Building 50. (Note: It's a Club make-up!)

How to Learn More. <http://www.firstharvest.org>

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The Tux, Fremont Style. At Past President Larry's kick out party, our presidents demonstrate how not to take ourselves too seriously.



