

August Programs

August 7

Steve Martineau
Friends Forever

August 14

Mike Sweeney
The Movable
Vietnam Wall

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program idea,
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Loretta at
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**EVERY ROTARIAN
US \$100
EVERY YEAR**

Guess Who Met Miss Canada?



President Michelle

called our meeting together Thursday, rang the bell with a decisive hit causing Reverend Bill to start God Bless America!

Jo Ann Noyes gave the blessing. We had a substantial attendance and Michelle reminded everyone that our board of directors meet next Thursday.

A Glowing Bob Dugas

showed everyone photos of his recent trip to Nova Scotia, Canada and a surprise meeting with Miss Canada 2008!

Bob told us that one of the major differences with their Canadian "Miss" with those in other countries is that the winners are chosen by what they have done to help other people. Canada International is the largest scholarship



Alesia Fieldberg, Miss Canada International 2008 meets Rotarian Bob Dugas!

achievement program in Canada for young ladies age 18-26. The scholarships are scholastic awards given to the titleholders exclusively for use in furthering their education.

Miss Canada International is not a beauty pageant or model search. Delegates are not judged on height, physical beauty or their body. Miss Canada International delegates are judged on personality, intellect, ability to communicate with people, public speaking, charity platform and overall desire and passion to help people and make a positive difference.

Sounds like a good Rotarian prospect!

Our \$333 Pot

speaking of Bob Dugas, was attacked by Bob and Ron Johanson! Guess what? The money is safe for another week!

Eleven years ago

at the 88th International Convention in Glasgow, Scotland the incoming 1998-99 Rotary President James Lacy when asked "Why are you a Rotarian?" answered: "I care about promoting peace and goodwill and I care about helping children who are starving, abused and on drugs. I also care about children who can be saved from polio and other diseases and children who can grow up to be productive citizens if given a chance. Most of all I care about Rotary's ability to make a difference in people's lives." Jim held true to his words as his presidential year was extremely productive in many children's initiatives culminating in an additional US \$20 million dollars in humanitarian grants through the spectacularly successful Opportunity Grants (COG).



James Lacy
RI President 1998-99

By chance, immediately after D. K. Lee (RI President 2008-09) delivered his stirring "theme" speech at the International assembly in San Diego recently, a Rotarian journalist met with Past President Jim Lacy and asked, "Are you excited to hear so much of the direction this year is towards children?" "Of course I am" Jim replied "and I cannot think of a more passionate leader than D.K. to show the way this year."

Rotary International President Dong Kurn Lee said he was in disbelief when he learned that **30,000 children** under the age of five **die every day** from preventable diseases such as pneumonia, diarrhea, measles, and malaria.

"Once I understood the issues behind that terrible number, I knew what I needed to do," Lee said. He told the incoming governors that Rotary will keep the service emphases of recent years -- water, health and hunger, and literacy -- but asked them to focus their efforts in each of these areas on children.

"In 2008-09, I will ask you all to Make Dreams Real for the world's children," he said. "This will be our theme, and my challenge to all of you."



A GIFT A GIRL A GOAT

This is a true story!
An amazing story about lifting a child out of poverty and illiteracy and stunningly setting the course of change... and it's the story of having the power to make a difference .. to transform lives. Yes! This is the true story of a goat that was a gift that eventually sent a little girl to college!



Beatrice Biira, Uganda

Her family had spent generations living in abject poverty and Beatrice was right on track to become another African woman with no hope nor escape from the life before her.

A non-governmental agency (NGO) called **The Heifer International Organization** (<http://www.heifer.org/>) was catalyst for the change. This is a wonderful organization whose goal is to alleviate world hunger and is dedicated to the work of justice and peace around the world. On the other side of the world in Niantic, Connecticut USA , the children of a local church wanted to donate to a good cause and they bought a goat (US \$120.00) through Heifer International that eventually found it's way to Beatrice's family. Beatrice was living with her mother and five younger siblings in a rural Ugandan village in Africa.

Mugisa the goat (whose name means Luck) provided the benefits of nutrition and income from her milk. With the sale of her milk, Beatrice's mother was able to send her to school. Beatrice's mother also passed on the gift of the first female baby goat to another family who was in need, continuing the benefits of income and nutrition to another family in their village.

Granted, foreign assistance doesn't al-

ways work and is much harder than it looks. "I won't lie to you. Corruption is high in Uganda," Beatrice acknowledges.

A crooked local official might have distributed the goats by demanding that girls sleep with him in exchange. Or Beatrice's goat might have died or been stolen. Or unpasteurized milk might have sickened or killed Beatrice.

In short, millions of things could go wrong. But when there's a good model in place, they often go right. That's why villagers in western Uganda recently held a special Mass and a feast to celebrate the first local person (Beatrice Biira) to earn a college degree in America. Moreover, Africa will soon have a new asset: a well-trained professional to improve governance. Beatrice plans to earn a master's degree at the Clinton School of Public Service in Arkansas and then return to Africa to work for an aid group.

The challenges of global poverty often seem insurmountable. Working with the Rotary Foundation, through its Humanitarian Grants helps change lives dramatically. Smaller clubs are able to utilize matching grant money and do projects similar to 'Beatrice's Goat'.

It's important to contribute to our Rotary Foundation Annual Programs Fund You can help to make a difference in the world.



Let Gene know if you would like to help!

GREETERS' SCHEDULE

August 7 - Bob Kennedy & Rich Cuffe
August 14 - Virginia Doocy and Obie Barker
August 21 - Jerry Bovardi & Loretta O'Donnell

Please remember, Greeters have to BREAK DOWN also !!