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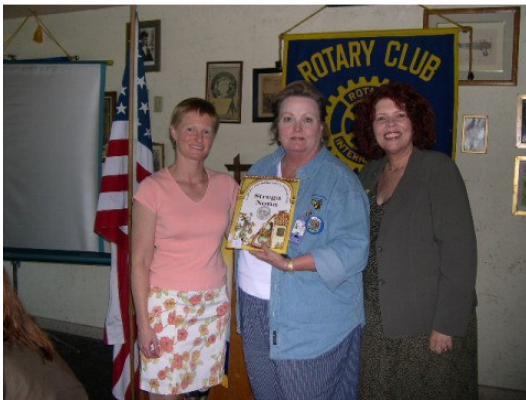
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Meeting Highlights....



Left: Karen Norris with Cherie Spamer & President Barbara Baerg. Karen signed children's book for Cohasset Street School's library.

Thank you, Karen, for an inspirational and illuminating presentation today.

We are "All" strengthened by your example.

Love, Hugs, & much Appreciation!

Today's Program—Karen Norris, "Paralympics:" Today, Karen taught all of us about the Paralympics. Paralympics is parallel with the Olympics. This organization is for the physically disabled athletes. Karen is the proud recipient of the Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals for the swimming competitions. Karen is currently working on her Master's degree at UCLA. We saw a slide show of various events held in several nations around the world, along with the local communities' support in various fashions. Examples of participants involved are the paraplegic, cerebral palsy, visually impaired, missing limbs, etc.... Examples of various sports participated in are archery, soccer, cycling, tennis, equestrian, swimming, hockey, and more. We learned about how athletes are classified and paired together with other athletes in the Paralympics. Karen further explained to us the colors on their logo, ceremonies, lighting of the torch, village entertainment, food, acceptance, attitudes, the real rewards, friends for life, meeting interesting people, family moments, and more.

Thank you everyone for a fantastic Program today & John Alexander for taking photos!

Thank you Victoria Castillo for use of your projector, etc.

Visitors....

Rotarians:

- Dick Silverman, Rotary Club of Eastwood Syracuse, New York

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Announcements/Highlights Continued....

Updates/Comments:

- John Alexander gave an update regarding the wheelchair drive. \$2,582 has been raised. Our club will match \$1000.
- Paul Davis & Barry Leonard updated everyone about the Rosarita Beach Project. It is being finalized. It will be held November 19-22. Please, everyone, check your calendar and make sure this is ok.
- Flip announced a \$50 per person fundraising dinner October 20th at the YMCA. Additionally, Flip spoke about the kids decorating and the US Air tickets for auction. This theme will be a Island Paradise with a volcano and dancers. Everyone is encouraged to come and have much fun!
- Pete Satuloff reminded everyone that on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:45 am, the Mid Valley Police Council holds a meeting at the Valley Presbyterian Hospital. Everyone is invited. Also, on October 6th, 11:45am, there will be a Citizens recognition luncheon at the Airtel Plaza Hotel. Master of Ceremonies is Chris Schauble from NBC morning news. The keynote speaker is Jim Mc Connell, 1st Assistant Chief, LAPD. A sign-up list for 10/6 is being passed around to attend this great and important event. This will assist to help provide safety equipment, provide to officers comforts that the City can't afford, and a license plate reader. Please, we all look forward to your attendance.
- Ken, Paul, & Barbara reminded everyone about the Entertainment books. They are available from Ken Worthen, Paul Davis and Barbara Mack. They are \$25.00 a piece, except for Orange County, which is \$35.00.
- Jim Tenner announced that on October 27th, Thursday night, we may pick a restaurant out of the Entertainment Book for our social evening. This will be a good time. We may use a coupon from the book. Please have a restaurant picked by next week. Open to suggestions. Please bring the suggestions to President Barbara Baerg.
- President Barbara mentioned that the District Christmas party this year will be a little different from prior years. We are planning on inviting about hundreds of underprivileged children and getting presents for them. It will be on December 10th, at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church.
- Joe DiFatta announced a Joint Service Club meeting at the Church of Chimes on Magnolia.
- On October 8th, there will be a District Leadership meeting, and Pearls Class following.
- On November 4th, there will be a Foundation Dinner. More details to follow.
- On October 12th, the Community Service Group of our Club will hold a meeting after our lunch for about 15/20 minutes for the Holiday outreach program.
- Jim Sullivan announced a dinner committee meeting regarding the joint fundraiser with El Centro de Amistad at the El Centro de Amistad. Items needed - trips, golf stuff, restaurant certificates, practical things, entertainment tickets, gift baskets, theatre tickets, etc....
- Fines for today's meeting per Paul & Flip: Victoria – for promotion to Supervisor, Aug. 31st, (Ed volunteered to pay for fine as Victoria is a major contributor to Non-Profit Charities), and Berry Leonard – turned 50 years old and mentioned in Daily News as a noted Ophthalmologist.
- As always, much appreciation and gratitude to everyone for all that they do!



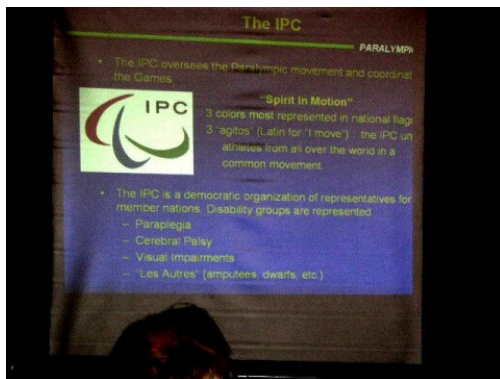
Recognition/Acknowledgements...



Left: Karen Norris speaking to our Club Membership. We are in much awe!

Karen donated \$50 to the Wheelchair Project. Thank you from all of us!

Right: Karen Norris signing Children's Book for Principal Cherie Spamer, of Cohasset Street School. "Thankyou" and we are all very proud." The Children will learn much by your example!

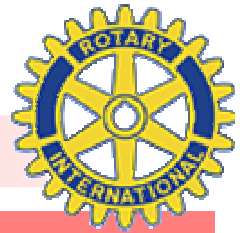


Left: Slide presentation example from Karen Norris's presentation today. IPC – International Paralympics Committee.

Right: President Barbara Baerg with Dick Silverman from Rotary Club of Eastwood Syracuse, New York, presenting their flag to our Club. They support several community projects ranging from dictionaries to 3rd Graders, sponsorship for Rotokid, Eye Bank, literacy, Polio, and Matching Funds of \$100 for the Katrina Hurricane Victims.

Thank you from All of Us!





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Upcoming Programs

Wednesday, October 5 Program

A representative from the L. A. City Bureau of Sanitation will discuss the expansion of the Tillman Reclamation Plant.

Thanks to all members

who donated to the Wheelchair Project. Your donation to the

Rotary Foundation will count toward a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Every \$41.17 means a person somewhere in the World will have a chance of a better life.

HOT DATES

Oct. 6th **Citizen Recognition Luncheon** at Airtel Plaza Hotel

Oct. 27 Entertainment book dinner

Nov. 4th **Foundation Dinner**

Dec. 10 District Christmas Party at Our Lady of the valley Catholic Church. Honored guests are underprivileged children)

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