

Espresso!

The Morning Grind

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Programs & Greeters

Today: Meeting Time 7:00am

President Suzie Downing.
"Celebrate What's Right
With the World."

Greeter: Paul Rumpca

July 18: Sheriff Diana Simpson
DA John Haroldson
Al Krug, Dir. Juvenile Dept.
Public Safety Presentation

Greeter: Don Wirth

July 25: No Meeting

July 27th: Fellowship meeting @
the Kibby's – Families too.

"It takes a lot of courage to release the familiar and seemingly secure, to embrace the new. But there is no real security in what is no longer meaningful. There is more security in the adventurous and exciting, for in movement there is life, and in change there is power."

Anne Frank



Paul congratulates Suzie after he presents her with her President's pin.

President's Corner – A focus on change.

Ah, change...sometimes it is so difficult for our species to accept change! Every year at this time we embrace a new club president, which inevitably involves change—for better or worse—as each new leader has his or her own ideas for the goals of the club. As we now move into this new Rotary year, I believe we need to focus on change; not as in changing others or changing policies, but focusing on our own attitudes and commitments to our club.

I was struck by the one continuing theme that jumped out at me from the recent questionnaire we filled out: our club is friendly, and we all know it! But on the other hand, some of the words that described our club were "ho-hum-ho," "complacent," "stagnant," "uninspiring," "boring." Hmm, friendly and boring...not a way to attract new members...and we NEED new members. As John Henry Newman said in 1864, "Growth is the only evidence of life."

So what is the solution? I believe it is change...change in our personal attitudes and actions. What we Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what we put into it! We have such incredible energy and talent in our club and friendships that just get better every year. I believe each one of us needs to refocus and recommit to a year of involvement and service (above self, of course!) and I admit it needs to start with me. I personally would like to see:

- EVERY member a Foundation sustaining member, which entails contributing less than \$2 per week to The Rotary Foundation, less than we pay for coffee at our meetings.
- EVERY member sharing Rotary with family and friends...invite, invite, invite! If we're proud of our club we should want to share it (this year's theme: Rotary Shares...DG Tim's theme: Share Your Story).
- EVERY member involved in service projects and fundraising efforts in some capacity.

Finally, I would like to see monthly or bimonthly fellowship opportunities that involve our families and friends. Paul's changeover as outgoing president to celebrate his successful year was a wonderful example of a fellowship event shared with others. What a great time we had just having fun and building relationships, and how special to be able to meet Albin's birth family and host families. I look forward to many more celebrations and another successful year ahead!

YIR, Suzie

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Noon- Monday

Upcoming

Fellowships:

July 27th: Fellowship @ Kibby's
Invitations will be handed
out at the July 18th meeting
Families welcomed!

Board meeting @ fellowship

Service Projects:

July 14: Old Mill School Work
Party

Aug 22: Foster Parent Picnic

Birthday Auctions, July:

Robert Thornberg, July 12
Suzie Downing, July 19
Diana Simpson-Godfrey, July 24



Albin's family visits from Sweden and joins the club change-over BBQ.



Maryanne Wirth, Francie & Mary Jensen



Paul oversees food prep.



Hal & Francie receive back issues of the Espresso.



Proud grandpa Robert



"Friends"

For additional photographs of the change-over BBQ go to the club's web page at -
www.corvallisrotary.org

Places To Do Make-Ups

Tuesday: Philomath Rotary Club @ United Methodist Church, 11:45am.
After Five Rotary Club @ Iovino's Restaurant, 5:15pm

Thursday: Corvallis Rotary Club @ Corvallis Country Club, 11:45am

Friday: Rotary Club of Greater Corvallis @ Corvallis Country Club, 12:00 noon

On the Web: www.rotary5450.org/edu