

Espresso!

The Morning Grind

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Programs & Greeters

Nov 28: Evening meeting at O'Brien Dental Lab.

No Morning Meeting!

Greeter: Dick Schroff

Dec 5: No Meeting

Dec 7: Holiday Party @ Hanson Inn Potluck.

Dec 12: Cornerstone

Greeter: Don Studier

Dec 19: Judy, Historical Cemeteries

Greeter: Karen Brockett

Holiday Party

Date: Friday, December 7

Time: 6:30 p.m. - about 8:30-ish

Place: Hanson Country Inn (if you need directions let me know)

Eats: We all bring something - I'm not going to limit it to hors d'oeuvres because you're all going to bring whatever you want to anyway!

Entertainment: Bret Godfrey will be bringing a group to regale us with song.

Attire: Whatever you'll be comfortable in!

Janice Muir
Party Queen & Coordinator

Special Issue-Greetings from Project Amigo

Below is an e-mail from Francie and Hal Kibby sent 11-22-2007.

Many of you know that we have just begun a 2-month stay at Project Amigo in a small (1,500 population) village in the State of Colima in Mexico called Cofradia de Suchitlan - near the city of Colima. Am sitting at the computer table near our room with 2 books - "The Zen of Eating - Ancient Answers to Modern Weight Problems" and "Guide to Tequila." Hmmmm - It's a no brainer, right? Tequila.....

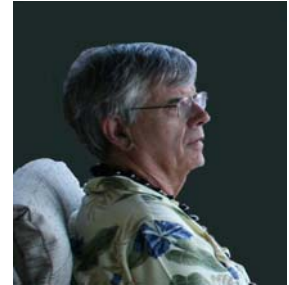
We arrived here on 11/18 - taking the "red-eye" out of Portland at 1am that day. Yawwwwnnnnnn.

So much has happened in the time that we have been in the village. So many nice people; high school Spanish coming into play. People so friendly - and weather which is warm in the day and cool in the evenings. We are at 4,000 feet and can see 2 volcanoes out our bedroom window - one dormant, the other that spews steam from time to time. I am going to have to try to get my thoughts together so as not to bore you.....

We live at the moment in sort of a compound - very comfortable - where volunteers for this project stay. The project is involved in making a better life for very impoverished children through education and nurturing. The people we have met - Americans and Mexicans - are very dedicated to making a difference.

We personally want to thank those of you who contributed children's clothing, sheets, towels, pencils and pens to the project - which we brought down in our suitcases. They are now being dried out from their very harrowing ride atop a van through a thunderstorm. It was a very spectacular way to be introduced to our "new life" for the next 2 months.

Some random thoughts - lovely children - sugar cane fields - mountains - cobblestone streets - roosters crowing in the morning - seeing the agave plants that are the source for Tequila - very happy sounds of living such as laughing, playing games in the streets, wonderful smiles, weird-looking dogs, great food (not hot and spicy!), very friendly people, music emanating from open doors (It is warm.), modest homes, tar paper homes, lots of washing hanging out on the lines, a celebration of the Mexican Revolution in the town square, going to the city of Colima to Sam's Club and a Mexican store that is similar to Safeway - both very huge stores like Costco - and helping one of the caretakers shop for food for Thanksgiving, feeling safe while walking the streets at night, eating outside with an American couple who are the innkeepers here on the project who are from Marin County and eating spaghetti and drinking wine while listening to crickets, guitar and singing by one of the cooks
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Project Amigo continued

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Upcoming

No Meeting In Morning!

**Nov 28: Evening meeting at
 O'Brien Dental Lab 6:30pm meet
 prospective members.**

Nov Birthdays

Francie Kibby Nov 5th.

Club Holiday Party

Dec 7: Hanson Inn. Time and
 additional info at a later date.
 Janice Muir coordinator.

at Project Amigo last evening, relaxed outdoor living due to the warm temperatures.

Hal will be working on helping with problems at a fish farm that is somewhere around here – fish are dying – why? I will be working with a bilingual (thank goodness!) Mexican woman to help with some public health problems. We have not started on these actual jobs yet, but have done some small chores around the compound.

Hal went out this morning to help count agave plants (did I mention the Tequila that you can get from the agave plants?) with some others while I went on a walk with Susan Hill who is the wife of the person who developed Project Amigo about 20 years ago and another woman who lives in Seattle who works with the public radio station up there.

We just finished celebrating Thanksgiving with a few Americans and many Mexicans. The Project invites its employees and their families to join us for a traditional American Thanksgiving dinner. There were about 95 of us. It was very memorable and we had all the usual things (remember we were shopping at Sam's Club, etc.) for the ingredients. It was great. The only things "foreign" for us in terms of Thanksgiving was the addition of tortillas. It was very good – and 5 of us worked out buns off today getting everything ready. Think we had 7 turkeys and 2 hams. It was a wonderful experience.

Hope all of you that celebrate Thanksgiving have had a happy one – and those of you who don't, have had a great day.

Francie and Hal

The Four Way Speech Contest

The District 5110 Vocational Service Committee sponsors a district-wide speech contest for high school students on the Rotary-4 Way Test.

If we can promote the 4-Way Test in a younger generation it will be to the community's benefit. We feel that a speech contest will help spread the word to our communities about what Rotary stands for.

It is envisioned that clubs will have a local contest and provide prizes to first, second and third place winners. Club winners might be given prizes in the magnitude of \$100, \$50 and \$25. Participating D5110 clubs will recruit students from their local areas, bear the cost (if any) of promotion, execution and prizes at the club level.

The club winner will advance to the Rotary Area semi-finals. The area winners will advance to the finals to be held at the District Conference. The District winners will be awarded prizes in the magnitude of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250. We hope that all clubs in D-5110 will participate.

Contact Helen Lucas (helen@comcast.net)

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

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