



Thom Collins Mix

"Rotary Made From The Best on Earth. . .
Just Add Sunrise and Spirit"

6TH EDITION



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Every good President knows the power of the press. Then, there's Thom Collins. He rants. He raves. He inspires (of course, what he inspires we can't print here; this is a family friendly newsletter). Although we can barely see Thom behind the podium, even when he's standing on John Greene's shoulders, Thom does have at least one important item to share (and it took him only six months to put it in writing):



"I have just recently been informed that the sole reason for there being gaps in the official club newsletter is that yours truly has failed to produce a President's column. Now to me that sounds like passing the buck. If my column is to be the newsletter, then what is the editor of that fine piece of club misinformation doing? But since I am not one to tangle with the enormous power of the press, I will gladly supply this one to see what

happens next. As I indicated at the beginning of MY REIGN¹ as the subject of jokes and rude comments, otherwise known as the club president, membership is one of the pressing problems of all Rotary clubs, including ours. We will lose members for reasons other than lack of interest or lack of culture within our club. Houses sell, members have their employment come to an end. The challenge of recruiting members is one that belongs to all of us, not a select few. We are starting to see the results of really concentrating on this problem, but we ALL need to do

¹Of terror???

more. More members means:1) more hands to help with projects so we do not have to continually rely on the same folks;2) more dues and fines means more money for the club to do our projects in the community; 3)more people to know and associate with. If you believe that we are a fun club and that we are serving the Rotary mission, then you should be proud to invite a non Rotarian to the club to check us out. If in fact we have fun meetings and good programs, (and I believe we do) the club will sell itself. So get out and hustle a new member or two. There, now you have my very first President's column. I wait with baited breath to see what our editor does now."

AND NOW A FRIENDLY CRITIQUE OF THOM FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBERS:

Letter (Sprinkling of Notes) to Editor:

We can only curse the darkness with such a dim light from our leader.

Anyone who spells "Tom" with an "h" in it, must have had terrible cursive (cursed?) penmanship in grade school.

The Christmas Party starts at 5:00; Thom will be there by 7:00.

Thom's hunting motto: "If it moves, shoot it; if it shoots back, move faster."

Thom's recent comment: "Nothing in law school prepared me to be President of this Club." Overheard response: "Obviously, nothing else did either!"

SIGNED: "Just kidding" (and if you print my real name, we will need a new Editor!)

AND A NOT SO FRIENDLY COMMENT FROM FORMER PRESIDENT DE-LIES-L:



I feel like a Grandparent (Thom being the parent). i get to spend an hour a week with the kids (kids being the members) having fun.....and then turn the little brats back over to their father ;>)

Save the Dates! Join area Rotarians for these Fellowship and Service Events.

[February 7, 2009 All Club Meeting](#)

[February 24, 2009 Mardi Gras, Rotary Club of Reno](#)

[April 25, 2009 Rotarians at Work Day](#)

[April 26, 2009 20th Annual John Haliwell Sporting Clay Event](#)

[May 14-17 District Conference, Peppermill Resort Casino, Reno](#)



Reno Sunrise Rotary Supports:



5th Annual - University of Nevada, Reno

Student World Water Forum

Why is Water Important:

From RI President Dong Kurn Lee:

Water is essential to human life, yet many people take it for granted. Today, 1.1 billion people – nearly 20 percent of the world’s population – lack access to safe, clean drinking water, and 2.6 billion live without basic sanitation facilities.

Contaminated water and inadequate sanitation exacerbate the spread of preventable waterborne illnesses, resulting in the deaths of about 6,000 people every day, the majority of whom are children. Moreover, these problems are leading contributors to worldwide poverty and social instability. Consider these facts:

More than 5,000 children around the world die every day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water and a lack of sanitation facilities.

More than 125 million children under age five live in households without access to a clean water source, and more than 280 million lack adequate sanitation facilities.

Women and children in developing countries often spend as many as six hours each day traveling to retrieve water for their families, a task that adversely affects their health and prevents them from pursuing an education.

The Water Resource Group has been appointed to support Rotary’s efforts to address this important global issue. Besides providing information to Rotary clubs and districts, it urges every Rotarian to become aware of water-related issues and participate in a water or sanitation project.

What is the Student World Water Forum:

The Student World Water Forum has been a student organized event since 2003 and has provided:

Opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students from all disciplines to share ideas and collaborate with others on water resources issues.

A venue for students to gain professional experience and advice on presentation techniques and styles by professional evaluators.

Opportunities for graduate students to gain experience with organizing and implementing a professional conference.

This year's event featured presentations from 44 undergraduates and 18 graduate students, as well as poster presentations from 12 graduate students. Topics included Water Quality/Water-Borne Illness, Agriculture, Contamination, Groundwater Resources, and Climate Change.

Students represented several departments and programs within the university including Hydrologic Sciences, Natural Resources and Environmental Science, Geography, Environmental Engineering, and many others.

In addition, 37 local professionals from many different organizations volunteered their time as professional evaluators over the two-day event held at the Joe Crowley Student Union.

Jeffrey Kinder

[A LETTER TO PRES. THOM:](#)

Thom,

The below is something I ran across that I thought might be good copy for the newsletter/website. There was no one attributed as author, but the source was a Regional Newsletter I get from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA).

Thanks,

Greta



The Miniature Earth;

If we could turn the population of the earth into a small community of 100 people, keeping the same proportions we have today it would be something like this ...

51 would be male, 49 would be female; 82 would be non-white; 67 would be non-Christian;

80 would live in substandard housing; 67 would be unable to read; 50 would be malnourished;

33 would be without access to a safe water supply; 24 would not have any electricity;

7 people would have access to the internet; 1 would have a college education

1 would have HIV; 2 would be near birth; 1 near death

News from DG Wyn:

Making Dreams Real this Holiday Season. Spinning through the current economic crisis, this quote has come to mind more than once. **Life isn't about how to survive the storm, but how to dance in the rain.** As we approach the Holiday Season this year, it seems especially appropriate that we are focused on what is most important to each of us, our families. Thanksgiving is just passed and our compasses have been realigned with what's happening with the members of our family constellation. Rotary reminds us, though, that there is a larger galaxy out there and it is in need of our attention too. Stars in that galaxy include our extended Rotary family, our students and scholars, our Group Study Exchange team, our Interactors and Rotaractors. Please remember to include them in your Rotary activities and festivities. Other stars in that galaxy are in our local neighborhood; more distant stars are thousands of miles away but very much a part of our global community. We all realize there are many in need this Holiday season both here at home and around the world. Let us be ever thankful for the many blessings we have. Let us celebrate December, the Family of Rotary Month, by extending our hands and hearts in friendship, sharing what we have as generously as we can.



ROTARIANS AT WORK DAY 4-25-2009

Since every Rotarian cannot come together for one big service project, April 25, 2009 has been chosen as "Rotarians At Work Day" so that club wide service projects can be completed all over the world. Imagine every Rotary club in every city, in every village, in every state, province and country, working at the same time for the good of their community! This day was the dream of the late Robert Watson, a past District Governor from the San Diego area. In 2006, Bob lead the 60 clubs in his district on a one day work day, then in 2007, more districts in other states joined in, with the goal in 2009 of 32,000 clubs around the world in on the secret! A number of the clubs in

our district have already selected a project and started plans to involve as many Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors and members of the community as they can. If your club has not chosen a project yet, use your creativity to come up with something that will benefit your community. Several clubs are working together on larger projects other clubs are doing multiple small projects. For more information please visit the official website www.rotariansatwork.org. There is an order form on the District website for clubs to order "Rotarians at Work" T-Shirts for . <http://www.rotarydistrict5190.org/rotaryworkday.asp> (just one order form per Rotary Club). For more information, contact Sam "Woody" Wilbanks, District Chair, at woody@digitalpath.net or Dee Russo at deedale2@comcast.net .



Looking for the perfect Christmas Tree? Head on over to the **Tahoe-Incline Rotary Club's** annual tree sale. Buy your tree from the numerous types and sizes at the lot, located at the Raley's parking lot in Incline on Highway 28. Open every afternoon and all day on weekends until Christmas, Rotarians from the club will staff the lot and will help load your tree purchase onto your car for the trip home.

Dear Paul: I am stumped as to what to buy those on my holiday list since they seem to have everything. Can you help?

Signed: Unwrapped in Winnemucca.

Dear Unwrapped: I have so many ideas for you. How about donating some polio vaccines in your friends/family's name? You can do a "named gift" in their name to a Rotary project, or make them a sustaining member.

Go to rotary.org for more information.



Need an item included in the Newsletter? E-mail Mike Kattelman at mvk@aol.com

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