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## **DECEMBER IS FAMILY OF ROTARY MONTH:**

Club President; Alan highlighted a busy program at the last meeting in November; most events have the Family theme. Have you read the latest Rotarian Magazine? RI President; D K Lee, in his monthly letter asks us to focus on our families, to involve them in Rotary Service and to challenge ourselves to do more for the many children waiting for our help.

Our December program will give us some opportunities to take up that challenge: Our meeting on Monday December 1<sup>st</sup> is the date we visit the family at the Ability beyond Disability House, when we help decorate for the Holidays and join the family for dinner. Call Scott Senete to Sign Up and for directions should you need them. The annual Pancake Breakfast is on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> at the Alexander Room in the Town Hall, with the launching of the newly renovated kitchen, not with out a little help from this Club. This of course is an event for the family. Have you sold or disposed of your tickets to families in the town? The will be a raffle (Chris Hoeffel needs your gift certificates for this!) Amber Alert will be on duty again. And we will try and sell some TV Raffle tickets! Plus, the pancakes with the top secret recipe!! The Meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Students of the Month night, more of our extended family. We hope to actually have the Polio DVD that failed to work on the November Foundation night. This will show the student' families the Gates Challenge and it will be an opportunity to get more contributions for our goal of \$1000 per year for three years; the Gates Challenge to ultimately rid the world of this disease. Our Club Family night is the Holiday party on December 15<sup>th</sup>; Tony Strange has organized a great night out, bringing your spouse or significant other will undoubtedly impress!

You need to sign up make your meal choice and get a check in to Mike Toll. Jim Gulalo is acting as Tony's deputy while he makes another of his whirlwind trips on business. By the way we will be meeting on Monday December 22<sup>nd</sup>; rumor has it speaker chair has a festive guest that night, not sure if it's Rudolph or Kris Cringle!



President Alan announces the program for December.



November Student's of the Month with their Teachers show their well deserved awards. President Alan deputized for project chair Tony Salvatore who was away on a conference date!



Family of Rotary concept well demonstrated with a picture in the Bee of the Grossman family, including Bob's centurion mother and the one year old grandson. Sergeant at Arms Mike Snyder collects the 'obligatory' fine for such illustrious pictures! Rotarians have to be humble! Bust of course offers the Club's congratulations.



Youth Exchange Student Belek Tortusunob from the Kyrgyz Republic gave us a fascinating presentation about his beautiful home country, fleeting scenes of dramatic mountains and waterfalls made us want more, hopefully he will be back to show us more before he returns. Here he uses his host Bill Calderara to model a traditionally woven greatcoat.



Area 3 Assistant Governor Julie Reppenhagen stopped by on Foundation Night and presented the two awards picked up by the Club at the recent Foundation Dinner in Farmington – 100% Sustaining Membership of EREY and the White Knight award for exceeding \$175 per capita contributions last year to RI Foundation.

**MAKE UP VENUES \_ ANOTHER CHANGE!**

Ridgefield now meet at Biksbee's, 686 Ethan Allen Highway, Ridgefield on Wednesdays at 6.00pm. I think that now means three of the five Area 3 Clubs now meet on Wednesday!



MEMBER INVITATION NIGHT ENTERTAINED SIX POSSIBLE candidates, also saw the installation of Gus Thanasoulis – welcome Gus!

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