

theHUB

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provide transportation, grooming and other services. The biggest continuing need is for cat food. The shelter is a private agency which receives public funding.

WE MISSED YOU TODAY-

Adams, Brinson, Burg, Cain, Dusil, Eade, Heard, Hendrix, Mendenhall, Stout, Stroud, Sturgill, Underwood, White,

Visit www.FurniturelandRotary.org to report a make-up.

THE 4 WAY TEST

of the things we think, say or do . . .

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to All Concerned?
3. Will it Build GOODWILL and Better Friendships?
4. Will it Be BENEFICIAL to All Concerned?



Sponsor Coy Williard places a Rotary pin on our newest member, Barry Kitley, Project Development Officer with Samet Corporation.



June Arnold represented the Guilford County



Animal Shelter, which is the largest animal shelter on the east coast. The shelter ranks 15th in the nation in pet adoptions. June took the opportunity of her presentation to try to dispel the myth that animals turned into the shelter are euthanized after 3 days. The animal shelter can always use volunteers to



A YOUTH EXCHANGE STUDENT. IS FURNITURELAND ROTARY READY?

Meet **Noopa Lin**, High School Student from Shuili, Taiwan. Noopa's father,

Rotarian Toky (Kuolong Lin ... see explanation of Rotary nicknames in *theHUB*, November 12, 2007) is the owner of Snake Kiln, a working pottery museum in central Taiwan. Noopa tells me that "Toky" is a term used in pottery. Toky is the president of the

Shuili Rotary Club. Noopa spent her first three months with Steve and Anne Fleming (Greensboro Airport Rotary Club.)

She has just changed homes and is now staying with Tony and Cynthia Hooimeijer (Gate City Rotary Club). I mention this because Tony and Cynthia do not have children, which leads me to suspect that having children at home is not prerequisite to hosting a Youth Exchange student. Tony is a new Rotarian in the area, although he was in Rotary in New Jersey. Noopa is their fifth Youth Exchange Student. (I wonder if we were to call on them for a program on the Youth Exchange program...)



Kuolong Lin (Rotarian Toky) and his wife – Noopa’s mom and dad. Taken during the October Friendship Exchange visit to Taiwan.

The reason I am telling you about Noopa is that our District is looking for families who will host a Youth Exchange student next year. Because it is not funded by the Rotary Foundation children of Rotarians (as well as non-Rotarians) may participate in the program.

From the ABCs of Rotary

Youth Exchange is one of the most popular programs to promote international understanding and develop lifelong friendships. It began in 1927 with the Rotary Club of Nice, France. In 1939 an extensive Youth Exchange was created between California and Latin America. Since then the program has expanded around the world. In recent years more than 7,000 young people have participated annually in Rotary club- and district-sponsored exchange programs.

The values of Youth Exchange are experienced not only by the high school-age students involved but also by the host families, sponsoring clubs, receiving high

schools and the entire community. Youth Exchange participants usually provide their fellow students in their host schools with excellent opportunities to learn about customs, languages, traditions and family life in another country.

Youth Exchange offers young people interesting opportunities and rich experiences to see another part of the world. Students usually spend a full academic year abroad, although some clubs and districts sponsor short-term exchanges of several weeks or months.

Youth Exchange is a highly recommended program for all Rotary clubs as a practical activity for the enhancement of international understanding and goodwill.

---Cliff Dochterman

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Dec. 17 – Christmas Exchange –

Please bring a wrapped \$10 surprise gift to share with another member. If you are bringing a guest, and/or family member please let Barbara Frye know by Wednesday, December 12. If your guest is over 12 years old you will need to bring an additional \$10 wrapped gift so they can share in the festivities. Barbara will have small gifts for the children attending if you let her know to expect them by Wednesday.

- Jan. 4-5 – Foundation Scholar & GSE Team Orientation
- Jan. 20 - Deadline for PETS Registration
- Feb. 28 – Furnitureland Auction 2008
- Mar. 3 – Taichung Odyssey
- Mar. 14-15 - President Elect Training Seminar (PETS)
- Apr. 12 – Rotary Peace Fellows Seminar - Global Education Center at UNC-Chapel Hill. The program is free, Rotarians are encouraged to attend, a meal is included.
- Apr. 24-27 – District Conference - Chateau Elan

DEAL ME IN . . . I GOT THE QUEEN



\$1562... sounds more audited than usual!
Sorry Ivan Garry, even accuracy didn't help!

AND FINALLY:

My brother-in-law, the preacher just had all of his teeth pulled and had new dentures made. The first Sunday, he preached 10 minutes. The second Sunday, he preached only 20 minutes. But on the third Sunday, he preached one hour and 25 minutes. When asked about this by some of the congregation, he replied: "The first Sunday, my gums were so sore it hurt to talk. The second Sunday, my new dentures were hurting me a lot. The third Sunday, I accidentally grabbed my wife's dentures ... and I couldn't shut up."

Furnitureland Rotary Club Auction 2008

FURNITURELAND ROTARY CLUB'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

"On the Tuesday before Christmas, I was standing in front of Wal-Mart ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. It was 32 degrees, a light breeze was blowing and freezing rain was falling. I had been ringing the bell for about 45 minutes. Even though I was warmly dressed, my face and ears were cold and my feet were beginning to ache. I begin to question why I had let Bill Green talk me in to ringing the bell.

A young man about 25 years old came up and stood beside me. We exchanged greetings. I could tell by the way he looked and talked; he had had a hard life and was shy. After a couple of minutes, he said, "That is a good organization".

I replied, "Yes, it is. It helps a lot of people."

"I know." he said. "It is helping me now."

"How's that?" I asked.

"About six weeks ago, my wife and I had a baby," he replied. I got laid off of my job and we didn't have no money. I've got a new job now but I don't start to work until after Christmas. My church and the Salvation Army gave us some baby clothes, some money and gift certificates. I just brought some milk, a special formula, for the baby. It costs \$12 a can."

He paused and with a lump in his throat said, "One day-one day, I will be able to put some money in that pot."

We talked a little longer and then he left. As I watched him walk across the parking lot in the freezing rain, I noticed that I was not cold any more. Instead, I felt warm all over and I remembered why I had volunteered to ring the bell. This is just another way that Rotary helps to make our world a better place to live.

Thank you, Rotary and thank you Bill Green for letting me ring the bell."

--HORTON GODWIN - theHub, December 18, 2000

This is a club event – a whole club event. To help make sure that every member understands what this means, the board has approved the following:

Every club member will be responsible for the following four duties:

To work in the auction process if asked;

To sell or buy at least four auction tickets;

To sell or buy at least \$100 worth of raffle tickets;

To obtain item(s) for auction with at least \$100 "anticipated auction" value.



Odell McBride rings Horton's bell



Furnitureland Rotary Auction

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Please feel free to contact any of the auction chairs if you have any suggestions pertaining to area.