



## Go Big ... or Go Home ~ by Michael Church Vice President



The title of this article is taken from a story written by David Sarasohn (The Rotarian February 2011) in which he discusses the art of giving and the impact we can have on our community by giving big. Discussing this same topic, New York Mayor, Michael Bloomberg, captured the essence of my personal philosophy on giving back:

“Making a difference in people’s lives – and seeing it with your own eyes – is perhaps the most satisfying thing you’ll ever do. And if you want to do something for your children and show how much you love them, the single best thing – by far – is to support organizations that will create a better world for

them and their children. Long term, they will benefit more from your philanthropy than from your will.”

Our club’s RCS fund creates a better world for hundreds of individuals in our community each and every year. The single best thing that we do as Rotarians is our gift of time and money, which make a dramatic difference in the lives of our friends and neighbors in need. We have an opportunity through our combined generosity to show our children, grandchildren and all the children in Spokane just how much we love and care for them. With our pledges to RCS, we are creating a better world for them. So ... This year. This time. With this RCS pledge. GO BIG!

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## From our President ~ by Ira Amstadter, President



Reporting to you from Grand Teton Nat'l Park where Susan and I are visiting our daughter Logan who is working here for the summer. What a national treasure this is. What a wonderful component of the incredible storehouse we share as part of our American treasure. I wonder how this asset available to all shows up in our national balance sheet? Does it impact our "deficit" - seems like it should in some manner.

Our 101st year as Rotary is exciting and ever changing. The challenge before us is to be relevant and interesting to the younger generations through opportunities for service and connections through worldwide Rotary to a peace movement of interconnectedness entering its second millennium. Personally I am proud to think of Rotary in this manner. Last night at dinner we engaged in conversation with an Indian couple about our exchange student Prashil from India . The man shared that his sister had been a Rotary exchange student thirty years ago - small world that Rotary creates!!

It's said that nothing happens in Rotary that doesn't happen in the club. Our club is amove and dynamic. I encourage you to get involved!

On the international front, in line with international initiatives focusing on the horn of Africa: we are entering into a

relationship with an orphanage in northern Uganda - one of Africa 's most impoverished regions. It's clear we will be helping 187 children - we are working out the modality for transferring the money but I am confident we will do so in a safe and secure manner. We personally know the nun involved and the investment of our weekly speakers' honorarium will be making a real difference - we are walking our Rotary talk.

Our "New Generations" committee headed by Marcus and Mike is brewing exciting plans to engage and entice new members of the younger generation to join us. Our HOHO (Hands on Hearts On Committee will be facilitating an "Adoption Fair" modelled after the very successful ones held in Bellevue in collaboration with DSHS.

I could go on and on - I invite you to engage and become more involved with your club and thus Rotary worldwide. How many children were vaccinated today? How many orphans will know that America has a heart- embrace yours and let the opportunities for real service through Rotary be available to others- who do you know that is a Rotarian at heart and has not been invited to join us?

I challenge each and every one of you to invite a perspective member. Be careful out there!!!

## ★ Make-Up Opportunities ★

All meetings at Noon unless noted

- MON** • **Spokane North** - Red Lion River Inn, Shoreline Room A, 700 N Division  
• **Spokane Valley Sunrise** - Shari's Restaurant, 320 N. Sullivan - **7 AM**  
**TUES** • **Spokane Valley** - Mirabeau Park Hotel, 1100 N. Sullivan  
• **Spokane West** - Ramada at Airport, 8909 Airport Road  
• **Cheney** - China Buffet  
• **Rotaract** - Crescent Court Bldg., 707 W. Main, Suite 500 - **6 PM** • 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues.

- WED** • **Spokane East** - Timber Creek Grill Buffet, Argonne Village  
• **Spokane Hillyard** - N.E. Community Center, 4001 N. Cook  
**THU** • **Spokane Club #21** - The Spokane Club, 1002 W. Riverside Ave.  
• **Spokane Aurora N.W.** - The Cathay Inn, 3714 N. Division  
• **Deer Park** - Pizza Factory, Hwy. 395 & 'H' Street  
• **Liberty Lake** - Denny Ashlock Bldg., 22510 E. Mission Avenue  
**FRI** • **Spokane South** - The Spokane Club, 1002 W. Riverside Ave.

Visit one of these clubs or any other club 14 days prior, or 14 days after our regular Thursday meeting to keep up your attendance requirements. (If you are doing make-ups, please remember to call, mail or Email [rotaryspokane21@nwadv.com] the Rotary office to report them.)

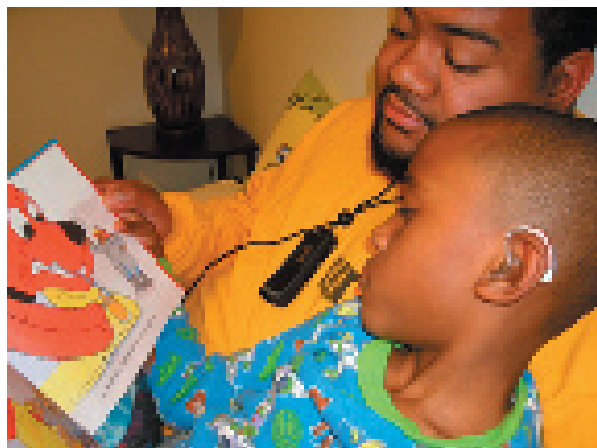
# Your investment in RCS is priceless!

Your investment in RCS changed the lives of 30 separate individuals last year with a wide array of physical, emotional and mental challenges. Your investment also impacted the lives of many students at the Guild School & Neuromuscular Center and the HOPE school for children with hearing loss. The Disability Services Committee spent our entire \$25,500 budget while leveraging another \$4000 from community partners like the Post Falls Rotary who sent \$500 to help with a shower/com-mode chair. Our friends Dr. Joseph Luchini and Inland Rehab and Medical gave discounts



while Rockwood Property Management built a stair railing.

We were good stewards making home visits to make sure we serve the neediest. We helped folks who were hearing and sight impaired, one had lost a leg when he was a teenager



water skiing and another had suffered paraplegia at the age of 16 as the lone survivor of a plane accident. One boy now 18 had a viral infection before birth leaving him completely dependent. One woman in her 40's, was never told she had cerebral palsy only that she was clumsy and not coordinated enough to drive. Little Jaden has 100 seizures a day. One lady with many physical challenges is the daughter of a deceased Rotary 21 member. Eighteen people with multiple sclerosis received air conditioner units.



We were humbled by these people as they remind us that but for a chance accident or twist of fate we could be requesting an accommodation to better our own lives. Your investment in RCS is priceless.

## Nominating a Member for A Director or Officer Position

Any active member of the club can nominate a qualified member of the open positions on the board of directors. The positions that are open are listed separately and members who are qualified for the various open positions are also listed separately. All you need to do is call or email the Rotary Office. A member of the nominating committee or club staff will ask the person nominated if they will agree to serve if elected.

### The process is as follows:

**September/October:** Explanations outlining qualifications and members eligible and posting of Nominating Committee in HUB and a special email to membership

**October:** Nominating Committee meets to elect the Officers & Directors for upcoming year

**November:** Club is presented with the slate of Officers & Directors at the meeting prior to the Annual meeting which is the first meeting in December in accordance with the by-laws

**December:** The club is presented with the slate of officers and directors at the Annual meeting to ratify the Nominating Committee's election.

## Officer & Board Positions to be Filled for Rotary Year 2012-2013

The following positions will need to be filled for 2012-2013.

**Officers:** Vice-President – 1 year term

**The Nominating Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 19th, 2011 at 4:45 p.m. at the Spokane Club in the Cutter Room. The doors will be locked at 5:00 p.m. and no late comers will be admitted. Following is a list of members selected to serve on this committee by our president. Members need to RSVP to the Rotary office at 534-8998 or email at [rotaryspokane21@nwadv.com](mailto:rotaryspokane21@nwadv.com).**

Jerry Altig, Dan Austin, Steve Becker, Brian Benzel, Laura Bracken, Clark Brekke, Tana Brende, Duane Broyles, Joe Bruce, Bruce Butterworth, Dan Cadagan, Darin Christensen, Mike Church, Ed Clark, Thelma Cleveland, Maggie Crawford, Larry Coulson, Linda Davis, Dick Denenny, Doug Durham, Dan Edwards, Larry Ellingson, Brook Ellingwood, John Everett, Gloria Farrow, Roger Flint, Max Gallotti, Lloyd Gray, Eric Green, John Hancock, Amy Higgins, Beth Hodgson, Brian Hunter, Murray Huppinn, Norm Jangaard, Barry Jones, Patrick Jones, Jim Kalamon, Nancy Ross Kennedy, Dave Kliewer, Laurie Kriet, Rich Kuhling, Tom LaLone John Langenheimer, Kat Langenheimer, Maxine Lammers, George Lathrop, John Lee, Bruce McEachran, Brad McQuarrie, Jason Miller, Bert Mills, Scott Millsap, Karen Mobley, Bob Morrow, Bob Mulder, Ben Nielsen, Paula Nordgaarden, Rick O'Connor, Linda Oien, Pat Partovi, Tom Patrick, Steve Phillabaum, Martin Phillips, Dick Pierson, John Pilcher, Brian Pitcher, Debbie Rauhen, Harley Reckord, Jack Reeves, Marcus Riccelli, Rig Riggins, Terren Roloff, Kalen Roy, Brooks Sackett, Jahn Schmitz, Joe Schmitz, Steve Schneider, Sara Sexton Johnson, Mark Sonderren, Tana St. Marie, Larry Stanley, Tom Stebbins, Dale Stedman, Tom Stevenson, Frank Storey, Bill Storms, Greg Tenold, Tom Thoen, Homer Todd, Dave Troyke, Paul Viren, Jerry Walmsley, Ed Walker, PJ Watters, Kyle Weir, Cathie Winegar, Sonny Wittkopp.

**Any "ACTIVE" member whether they are on the committee or not can nominate a member for either a director position or an officer position. There are (3) three director positions and (1) one officer position, Vice President.**

To nominate a member for any of the positions, please call the Rotary office to make sure your candidate is eligible.

*\*Before nominating a member for any position on the board, the member must have been asked and have agreed to serve if chosen.*

## Members Eligible for Officers & Directors-2012-2014

### Officers:

George Cole, Ray Cortner, Don Foss, Nate Batson, Lee Brown, Bob Tenold, Dan Cadagan, Laurie Kriet, Duane Broyles, Bill Hyslop, Bruce McEachran, Ben Nielsen, Gordon Ruehl, Skip Nelson, Steve Walker, Gene DiRe, Linda Oien, Jim Quigley, Tom Patrick, Tom Stebbins, Rig Riggins, Ed Clark, Bruce Bixler, Larry Stanley, Scott Jones, T Ray Looper, PJ Watters, Paul Viren, Thelma Cleveland, Bruce Butterworth, Kyle Weir, John Everett, Clark Brekke, Larry Ellingson, Joe Bruce, Mike Church, Bob Mulder, Pat Partovi, Beth Hodgson, Steve Schneider, Ed Walker.

### Directors:

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## Youth Service Committee Report

The Youth Service Committee leveraged your dollars this year to fund 23 community projects at an average of just over \$2000 a contribution. Additionally, we continued our long-standing tradition of recognizing local high school students from all the high schools in the Spokane Public Schools with our Youth



Achievement Awards. We focused on funding projects which address the needs that nurture the children in our community and help them develop the skills, attitudes, and values needed to become responsible adult citizens. In these tough economic times, some of our most exciting projects this year were really about delivering basic needs to our most at risk children. We worked with Community Horizons Church to provide sweatshirts to kids at Holmes Elementary – sweatshirts

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also attack weekend hunger among children from low-income families. We funded the Tshimakain Creek Camp put on by The Mission where our just under \$2000 sent 23 homeless youth to camp, some of them were able to get out of the city for the first time in their lives. We also strongly backed Harriet “The Shoe Lady” who has brought thousands of new shoes to children in the Headstart and ECAP programs. No other person or entity that has come through Youth Services

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