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## Helping those in Need

By Leslie Reynolds-Taylor on Friday, May 21, 2021

One of our members came to Port Orchard Rotary meeting and asked for help of one of her employees. She was feeding 5 mouths, paying rent, car payments, etc, etc, and she worked in the health care industry. She never complained and was always warm and kind to her patients.

So this emails was read to the group, and was asked if we could help this family. We raised \$2600 right then and there, within minutes of us asking.

This group of ours is so giving, loving, willing to help at a moments notice.

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## Port Orchard Rotary ♦s Crab Feed and Auction

By David Weikel on Saturday, May 22, 2021



Every year for about 27 years, we have had our Auction. Every year, our community comes together to enjoy dressing the theme, eating large amounts of Dungeness crab and raising money for our community. It ♦s the social event of the year.

Last 2 years, we needed to reinvent the wheel. How could we have an auction and raise money for our community and still abide by Governor ♦s mandates. We researched the On-Line Auction way of raising money. Last year, we did alright. This year, we not only had the On-Line Auction but we all celebrated our time together finally, met at one of our local restaurants, dressed the part of the theme, which was the Roaring 20 ♦s, and raised money. What a fun evening of fellowship. We made more money then the last 3 years and our funded item was raising money for our local businesses. We will be handing out checks to these businesses at the end of May.

We look forward to 2022 to having our social event of the year. Please look for it coming next spring.

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## Minister of Fun

By Leslie Reynolds-Taylor on Friday, May 21, 2021

I was asked in Dave Selbig ♦s Presidential year to be Minister of Fun. I told him I didn ♦t think I could do him justice. I just didn ♦t know what to create. That was maybe 6 years ago, and that position still exists, only now it ♦s a committee.

The MOF committee creates fun events for our members of club. We go wine tasting, walk in the Alzheimer ♦s walk to raise money, visit restaurants we haven ♦t eaten at for a while, backyard picnics, just creating fun activities.

Part of our group is creating Firesides. Firesides have been a part of Rotary for a very long time. Its works by one member creating a function in their home for 3 other couples. They get to know one another on a personal level and in a social atmosphere rather than just in business meeting. They are fun.

Any member may join MOF, Minister of Fun committee. The more the merrier.



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## Birthdays

Pat L. Oster  
June 7th  
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June 26th  
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June 30th  
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July 6th

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## 36 YEARS OF YOUTH EXCHANGE

Monday, March 15, 2021



Founded in 1973 and coming up on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023, Port Orchard Rotary has served its local and worldwide communities with distinction. Nowhere is the Rotary Motto of **SERVICE ABOVE SELF** more evident in the Rotary Club of Port Orchard than in our 36-year commitment to Rotary International's Youth Exchange Program. **Building peace one student at a time** has made the Rotary Exchange program the envy of the world and deserving of respect from nations spanning the globe.

WE welcomed our first inbound youth exchange member in 1985/86, Asa, from Sweden. At the time, the Youth Exchange Program was headed by Charter member Pete Holt, who became our first Youth Exchange Officer.

The following ten years we not only accepted an inbound student each year, we also sponsored an equal number of outbound students, sent abroad for a life changing year.

Each of our inbound students found their way into our hearts and we learned as much from them as they did us. They are a colorful bunch who have gone on to growing young families and successful careers:

1986/87 BOLIVIA ♦ Goren  
1987/88 GERMANY ♦ Tanya  
1988/89 SPAIN ♦ Blanca  
1989/90 JAPAN ♦ Aki  
1990/91 BELGIUM ♦ Benoit  
1991/92 BRAZIL ♦ Soria  
1992/93 SPAIN ♦ Mire Tena  
1993/94 ARGENTINA ♦ Natalia

Past Host families and past Youth Exchange Officers are still in touch with many of our exchange students. For example, Natalia is a successful attorney employed by Argentina's largest port in Buenos Aires. She now has a beautiful daughter LARA who is five.

Bill Evans took over the reins of the Youth Exchange Program from Pete in 1993/94 and carried the tradition welcoming:

1995/96 ARGENTINA ♦ ♦ Ampy ♦ Amporo  
1996/97 GERMANY ♦ Fabian  
1997/98 POLAND ♦ Bartek  
1998/99 HUNGARY ♦ Krisztina  
1999/00 JAPAN ♦ Satoko  
200/01 JAPAN ♦ Eriko  
2001/02 HUNGARY ♦ Hellie  
2002/03 FRANCE ♦ Flore

2003/04 BOLIVIA ♦ Karlita  
2004/05 FINLAND ♦ Elisa  
2005/06 DENMARK ♦ Anne  
2006/07 SWEDEN ♦ Helena  
2007/08 BRAZIL ♦ Paulo  
2008/09 BELGIUM ♦ Jean

In 2009/10 Bill Evans stepped down from the Youth Exchange position to qualify to become a Host Parent for the 2009/10 inbound student from the CZECH REPUBLIC ♦ Bara. Bill was replaced at the time by Ron Hutchinson, who continues yeoman duty as Youth Exchange Officer to this day in March, 2021!

The friendships and memories the exchange program creates impact lives all over the world. Flore is now an accomplished young lady managing her family's restaurant outside of Paris, France. Elisa is now married with two darling children and is living in Finland. Jean LeJueaune is an accomplished Dr. of Medicine in Belgium. Our special memory of Helena is upon her arrival in America she was most excited to ♦go to the ball♦ --- which deciphered, eventually meant the High School Prom. Bara is now living in Berlin and has a marketing job with clients all over Europe. A select group of special and talented achievers to say the least!!!

2010/11 NETHERLANDS ♦ Juliette Evenhuis

2011/12 CHILE ♦ Bea

2012/13 ITALY ♦ Serena

2013/14 FINLAND ♦ Jonna

2014/15 TAIWAN ♦ Paul

2015/16 AUSTRIA -- Theresa

2016/17 SPAIN ♦ Lorena

2017/18 COLUMBIA ♦ Maria

2018/19 INDONESIA ♦ Fayza

2019/20 returned to home country after 6 weeks

Juliette is an outdoor adventuresome, kite surfing, extreme skiing young lady and a practicing Dentist in The Netherlands. Serena is now living in Sardinia and making her way through the hardships of the COVID Pandemic. Maria is still living in Columbia and has a job utilizing her English skills working as a translator for UBER in America.

Each one of our inbound students have made a lasting impact on our club. Individual club members have reciprocated by making an impact on the student's lives, particularly those who volunteer to be host parents. We know we touch lives with our commitment to ♦Port Orchard Cares♦, the scholarships we reward every year, and our support of water projects in Africa to name a few. But the tearful gracious gratitude of thanks from a departing exchange student is hard to beat!!!

## Skatepark

By Leslie Reynolds-Taylor on Monday, March 8, 2021



The skatepark came about by conversation

over dinner table, in 2007. I bought a book How to Build a Skatepark in our Community.

We started with our Commissioner, then went to every civic group, city official, county official to talk about how this community, our kids needed to have a place they could call family.

It took kids out of parking lots of our businesses, but even more than that, it gave the kids to recreate.

Port Orchard Rotary gave \$12, 000 towards this world class skatepark. First phase completed in 2012, and second phase completed in 2014, as Vandenburg plaza, in honor of the was my partner from day one to build this gem.

This last fall, skatepark needed to be cleaned from those that tagged it. We made a call out and Rotarians came out to scrub and clean the skatepark.