



Fitz Focus

A U R O R A F I T Z S I M O N S R O T A R Y C L U B

New Officers Elected

- President:: Gale Nichter
- Pres. Elect : David Addor
- Secretary : Mair Churchill
- Treasurer: David Addor
- Service Chair: John Stanton
- Bulletin Editor: John Stanton
- Membership: John Stanton
- Internet Liaison: David Partheymuller
- Comm. Serv.:Barry Stollerman
- International Serv.: Anni Ansary
- Rotary Foundation: Mary Beth Bronston

S H O T S F O R T O T S

Aurora Rotarians join with the Aurora Fire Firefighters, Colorado children's Immunization Coalition, and the Tri-County Health Department to have children immunized against Diptheria, Tetnus, Pertussis, Haemophilus Influenza type B, Measels, Mumps, Rubella, Polio, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, Varicella, and Pneumococcus.

Clinics are held the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10:00am to 1:00pm at Fire Station #2 , 12600 Hoffman Blvd., Aurora, CO.

Low cost immunizations, prizes, tours of a fire engine, and photos with a firefighter and or fire engine are part of the incentives for parents and

children. As volunteers at the clinic, we assist parents with filling out the necessary paper work, direct waiting room area/ shot room traffic, *wipe a few tears*, distribute child rewards and parent literature, take pictures of the children, and assist set up and break down of the clinic.

Since Rotary was and is involved in the eradication of polio, this program just seems like a natural for us.

According to the Colorado Immunization Coalition, Colorado ranked last in Childhood immunizations last year. This year we have moved up to 44th place. We obviously still have a lot of work to do.

Barry Stollerman is our club's contact to arrange to volunteer. It is an easy task (we don't have to give shots).

Measels, Tetnus, Hepatitis A & B and even polio are still around. Immunizations for children not only protect the child but others who for medical reasons can not be immunized.

Call Barry to volunteer. With everyone's help maybe we can be in 35th place next y't ear.

W A T E R , W A T E R E V E R Y W H E R E ?

Is there any doubt that water (despite record rain falls in this country due to storms) is in short supply and that water is vital to survival, growth and development. Water not only has to be available, it has to be safe. Obviously, when water is neither available nor safe

severe problems result. The World Health Organization and other planet watchers collect data on such vital issues. The problem with statistical data is that it often doesn't convey the impact of events on human beings. We know that unsafe water causes dysentery, and can spread cholera and that

thousands of children die each year because their immune systems aren't developed enough to ward off such diseases and conditions. A valuable part of Rotary is its international and national connections. In this case, one of our member's husband

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Water (condt.)

is from Afghanistan. As a result of these close ties to Afghanistan, The Aurora Fitzsimons Rotary Club donated \$1,000.00 for immediate funding of Afghans4Tomorrow (A4T) and Engineers without Borders—USA (EWB) to improve the water supply in and around the community of Bustan. It is expected that this project will help restore agriculture within the 9 Bustan villages: helping to recover the economic self—sufficiency of over 4,000 residents.

Bustan, District of Farza, Afghanistan

Bustan lies along the Shamali Plains, the foothills of the Hindu Kush mountain range, whose grandiose 20,000 ft peaks provide an extraordinary backdrop to the area's ethnically diverse communities. Nine villages comprise the community of Bustan in the District of Farza: Naasar, Kalay Kona, KalayNow, Akhtar Khail, Kote Kay, Bari Kala, Kalay Murqalab,

and Khodan. Each village is a collection of adobe compounds surrounded by terrace agriculture, gardens and fruit tree stands. Community elders estimated that there are 700 homes and 4,000 people in Bustan, and many former refugees are still returning. Seasonal and year-round streams and springs flow throughout the area. Foothill elevation is approximately 1800 meters. Bustan is located about twenty miles north of Kabul (approximately one hour). Bustan saw considerable front-line action in the battle between the Taliban and the Northern Alliance before the U.S. led invasion. Evidence of war is glaring along the road between Kabul and Bustan. Rusting tanks and unexploded ordinance litter the roadsides. Village cemeteries are flush with green flags commemorating those who died resisting Soviet occupation, revered as martyrs of a holy war. Destroyed adobe

compounds surrounding community vineyards are marked with large white "OK" signs or red X's indicating the presence of mines. Homes were burned, fields were mined, fruit trees were literally uprooted by the Taliban and sent to Pakistan; so were women. According to a local militia leader, the leaders of Farza agreed to submit to Taliban rule if the Taliban agreed never to enter their community. In this way, Bustan was not targeted by Taliban aggression and escaped large-scale damage suffered by the majority of communities in the region. The people of Bustan are Tajik and Pashtun, speaking both Pashto and Farsi. (Expert from EWB report dated 4/2003)

For full details of the EWB Bustan assessment please visit the EWB website @ <http://www.ewb-usa.org/ewb/project/display.do>

STUDENT EXCHANGE

A butterfly in Tanzania flapped it's wings and shortly afterward appeared Cecilia Medina—a charming, bright 16 year old young woman from Rio de Janero, Brasil. Cecilia was originally schedule as an exchange student to a Rotary club in Florida. Almost the night before she was scheduled to leave Brasil, she and her family were notified that the Florida club was not prepared and could not accept a student. Fortunately, her father Virgilio Medina knew Bill Wiggins who had lived with Cecilia's parents some years ago when Bill was in Brasil. Bill made several calls to other clubs in Aurora and Cecilia found a home (actually several homes). Her time will be shared with Bill, Mary Beth and Steve Brunston, and Tom Synot and his family. At the time of this writing she was preparing to leave with Gale Nichter to spend Halloween with Gale's family in Nebraska.

Cecilia is attending Gateway High School. She finds our public schools

much more diverse than the private schools she attended in Rio de Janero and not as challenging academically.

Cecilia is easy to like. She is unassuming and while polite she is more than willing to join in. Her favorite mall is Park Meadows. She likes Roller Coasters, she wants to ski and snow board. She loves cheese cake from the cheese cake factory and she likes to eat at the Olive Garden. She frequently attends the Rotary Club meeting at Fitzsimons on Thursday afternoon and the members of the club all feel she is part of the family.

Cecilia's mother, Bernadete Medina and her father, Virgilio have every reason to be proud. (We need more butterflies).

Mark Your Calendars

Happy Holidays

November 24th Thanks giving

December 9th Board Meeting

December 10th—Holiday Party Deb & Mark's house

December 22nd— We be dark

December 29th—Cocktails at the Tuscany Restaurant

February 4th— Dancing with the Stars" Aurora Symphony Orchestra

