



The Sunriser August 1, 2007

Calendar of Events

Meetings

- 8/1 Cason Carter, Attorney Involved in Demolition of the Camelot Hotel
- 8/8 Garrett Bilbruck, on his year in Japan
- 8/15 District Governor Ellis Potter
- 8/22 TBA
- 8/29 J. Millard House, II - KIPS School

Other Events

- 8/4 Sunrise Day at MSNI
- 8/8 RI President Wilfrid Wilkinson At Downtown Rotary Club Meeting
- 8/25 Don Walker's Pig Roast
- 9/13-16 District 6110 Conference

News Roundup

RI President Coming to Tulsa. Rotary International President **Wilfrid J. Wilkinson** will be speaking at the Rotary Club of Tulsa (Downtown) on Wednesday August 8. Arrive early if you want a seat.

Painting at Gateway Center Continues. The project continues and we will need volunteers on Saturday mornings until everything is painted. Contact **David Dyson** if you can help.

Buddy Up. **Barney Tonquest** told us about the new Buddy System that will help us Sunrisers look after each other. Get your completed form to Barney ASAP.

Family of Rotary. Past District Governor **Gerald** and **Vickie Harp** continue their recovery

Sunrise Has Both Orrs in the Water

Or perhaps we should say over the water, as in across the pond, as in China. **Carol and Herb gave Orr** us an excellent program July 25, with an assist by **Tom Clark**.

All three participated in an Alliance for Smiles project in Shingyang (sp?) China, May 18-June 2. They were part of a team of 20, that included doctors, dentists, nurses, and volunteers.

Alliance for Smiles is a non-profit organization that provides reconstructive surgery for underserved children who are born with a cleft lip and/or palate.

Their present focus is on China, and on this trip, they performed 68 surgeries on 58 kids, ages 2 months to 15 years, at no cost to the families.

Herb noted that although team members were strangers to each other before the trip, they quickly bonded within a day, united by the common cause of service above self.

The biggest challenge faced by the team was the language difference. Although they were assigned 20 college students to assist with translation, specialized medical terminologies made it necessary for the team to invent creative ways to communicate.

Carol mentioned that facilities and cleanliness were vastly different from US standards, but the team prevailed.

Tom was the team photographer, recording not only the tourist and social aspects of the trip, but also getting excellent pix of the actual surgeries in progress.

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News Roundup, Continued

and their condition is improving. Visit the blog at <http://geraldandvicki.blogspot.com/> to read updates and leave greetings. Keep praying for their recovery.

District Conference Coming. The District 6110 Conference will be held from Thursday, 9/13 through Sunday, 9/16 in Eureka Springs, AR. The program includes a golf tournament on 9/14. Registration forms will be available on your tables at meetings.

Shoes Revisited. Sunrise will participate in the Shoes for Orphans Souls program again this year. You can buy kids shoes or donate money. Give either to **David Dyson**.

New Sunriser. **Keith Downey** was inducted into Sunrise at the 7/25. Keith will be our greeter for the next few weeks. Be sure to introduce yourself when you meet him.

Missing Secret. "The Secret" video is missing. Contact **Mike Bibby** if you know where it is.

Back from Japan. **Garrett Bilbruck**, our Rotary Exchange Student to Japan this past year, returned to Tulsa recently, and again expressed his gratitude for our sponsorship. His presentation will be our program on August 8.

He is sure to show some great pictures. Don't miss it.

NOTE: Send your announcements, events, ideas, or other items to johnhill@cox.net, or call John Hill at 808-0987. Thanks!

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Your Dues are Due

Dues notices were handed out at the 7/11 meeting. Pay soon and then you can relax.

Orrs in the Water, Continued

But Tom said that wasn't his most difficult task – his biggest challenge was ... eating with chopsticks. (Though they joked about a side profile photo of Tom that would indicate he overcame that obstacle.)

A Sunrise tip of the hat to Carol, Herb and Tom for their Rotary work and ambassadorship. We're proud of you!

Editor's Note: My special thanks to Kit Sprague for his help in taking notes at the 7/25 meeting and writing the story above! Great Job!

[JHILL]



Herb Orr with a young patient.

Car Raffle to Benefit MSNI

A 2008 Pontiac G6 Convertible will be raffled off September 15th at the District Conference.

Proceeds will go to MSNI. Tickets are \$25 each — 5 for \$100.

Call 918-832-7968 for information.