



July 27, 2006

This Week

Group Study Exchange Program Host: Don Robinson

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and way of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

Led by District Governor Nominee Gene Hernandez, this year's Outbound GSE occurred in May-June with District 1910, which includes 5 countries (Austria-East, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Hungary and Slovenia). We will hear from Hernandez, Chief of Police of Chino and the other members: Robert Curtiss – Senior Financial Advisor/Merrill Lynch, Aurora Jackson – Transportation Manager/MTA, Liz Molina – Regional Program Manager/Junior Achievement and Kelly Roberts – Supervisor Ride Maintenance/Knotts Berry Farm. ○

MAKING Sence!

by President Mike Noll



Gon Fishin'!

On Friday, I flew to Bozeman, Montana with my father Gene and older brothers Doug and Scott for our annual flyfishing trip. Since my joining Rotary 7 years ago, we've been to Oregon (Rogue River), Alaska (Naknek River), British Columbia (St. Mary River), Idaho (South Fork Snake River), Washington (Sol Duc River) and Utah (Green River at Flaming Gorge). These have been wonderful times and the source for some really great *fish stories!*

What's not a fish story, though, is how great this Altadena Rotary Club really is and what fun it is to be the President! We had our first board meeting last week, which was held at Bella Italia Restaurant. We were visited by Mark Persico and Viktoria Rosenbaum from Leadership Pasadena who asked for our involvement in a Welcome Back BBQ at Altadena Elementary in early September. You'll be hearing more about that from David Smith in August. The board reviewed last year's financial reports and approved this year's budget, which Boyd Hudson will report to you in the near future.

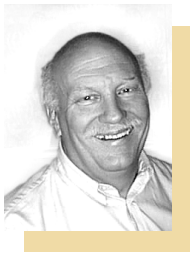
We just inducted our newest member, Dale Wehmeyer, whom you can read about in this and/or next issue of Sparks. Be sure to introduce yourself to Dale and even visit his place of business and/or go out for a cup of coffee or lunch. Accolades and M&Ms to David Smith for sponsoring Dale!

This Monday marks the first day of training with 50 youth in Lusaka, Zambia under our grant with the US Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and partnership with Rotary Club of Lusaka. Many thanks to the board of Altadena Rotary Charities for their support and faith in this project. You'll learn more about Zambia and this project with

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Greeters

July 27
Regina Bette
August 03
Craig Cox
August 10
John Diehl



Program Review

Food Glorious Food

Patty Falllahee has it about right...No need to make a living banging on doors when Life is Art...and Art is Food!

From her own mouth she discovered this great truth. From Kinkos to Cajun, from Chicago to Creole.... What a huge step up in the world!

From Forest Gump to *Gourmet to Go* is the story of Falllahee's life. And there is a connection from Bubba Gump Shrimp Comp to Louisiana Gumbo and Shrimp Etouffé.

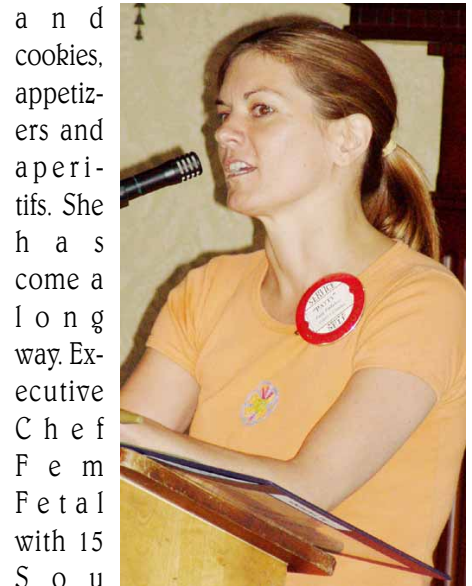
I can see her at a Fe-Do-Do with chicory coffee and binettes and powdered sugar streaming from her month as surries rush by with their parasols and poodles...and all that jazz.

Craft talks are all that unless they wind their way into your heart through your pallet. And it has only been a moment in

time since Altadena Rotarians were feted at the Vintage Café with Salad Delight and Peach Cobbler extraordinaire... A taste of Falllahee's kitchen craft. What to say but Bon Appetite!

Fresh, healthful, tasty, affordable and quick as a wink... What a motto to live by in a world consumed by the cost of everything and the value of nothing. Falllahee is destined to restore the value of something and that is an honest repast at an honest price to brighten the forlorn and despondent and bring cheer to those who stop to sniff the flowers and those who have forgotten. Spreading happiness and joy, a little *joie de vivre* seems her destiny, all the while doing what she loves to do.

She has discovered her unadulterated self amidst the pots and pans of noble kitchens from Cal Tech to Bakers Square. A graduate of the Cordon Bleu Cooking School, Falllahee learned her craft from the bottom up. Assistant pastry chef, maker of sorbets and salads, cheesecakes



and cookies, appetizers and aperitifs. She has become a long way. Executive Chef Fetal with 15 Sous

Chefs at her beck and call toughened Patty for career as Restaurateur. On the side she dabbles in international relations, politics, economics and French, which she confesses she no longer articulates. She also confesses to having once *embellished* her resumé to obtain a job... Hardly necessary for a talent so great and heart that has found its true calling.

Certainly you have found your way into our hearts Patty Falllahee and into our culinary souls. We love you for who you are ...and for your craft!

John Frykenberg ○

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July Programs

Program Chair, Don Robinson

July 27 - GSE

August Programs

Program Chair, Hal Yorke

Aug 03 - To be announced

Aug 10 - To be announced

Aug 17 - To be announced

Aug 24 - To be announced

Aug 31 - To be announced

September Programs

Program Chair, Ray Carlson

Sep 06 (Wed) - District Governor - Dinner - 6p

Sep 07 - Dark - No meeting

Sep 14 - To be announced

Sep 21 - To be announced

Sep 28 - To be announced

Congratulations



Birthdays



7/27 - Tony Hill



Anniversaries



7/01 - Bill & Ruth Reeder

7/04 - David & Rose Steinbacher

7/15 - Craig & Susan Cox

If we've missed your birthday or anniversary or the date is wrong, please let us know.

Nostravilla

by Mike Noll

Weeks 2 and 3

The beginning of week 2 was a sight to which I'm not accustomed: a dozen or so men of uncertain immigration status wielding hammers and other implements of destruction at our kitchen. In other words, wreaking havoc! As Wendy said, "I'm amazed how my house can be destroyed in just a few hours!"

By the end of week 2 the kitchen was a memory, the existing footings were tunneled underneath and reinforced with rebar. This is called *underpinning* and is required to support the new second floor. Week 3 began with the pouring of 2 truck loads of cement into the footings and finished with the remaining demo of the kitchen and dining room walls, studs and roof.

Next week...framing! ○

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a special periodical produced by Carlton Gustafson. It will be award-winning, I'm sure.

This week we will be visited by the Group Study Exchange Team that traveled to Central European District 1910 last spring. Team leader Gene Hernandez puts on a terrific program, so if you're not *gone fishin'* please plan to attend and ask a friend to join you. You'll also have a chance to meet Riley Steiner, our exceptional candidate for an Ambassadorial Scholarship.

I'm having fun Serving the Best! ○

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The Demolition begins



Existing footings are "underpinned".

The term "open air kitchen" takes on new meaning



20 yards of concrete gets pumped into the footings while 3 supervisors "super-vise"

Demo and footings complete. Ready for framing

