

June 18, 2009

June 11th Meeting:

*PAY IT FORWARD

Most of us don't face the subject of organ donation unless we or a loved one have a failing vital organ and will die if it isn't replaced by a healthy one.

Jim Auburn has a new lease on life due to a kidney from a young woman who had the foresight to register as a donor when she got her driver's license. Jim gave a talk to Rotarians to impress on people the importance of



registering as a donor. The easiest way to register as a potential donor is to put it on your driver's license, or you can go online to www.donatelifenw.org.

For a transplant to take place the deceased donor must die in the hospital and have a compatible organ; the recipient must be available to receive it in a few hours. To be a transplant candidate there is extensive physical, medical, and psychological testing required. Nationally there are 100,000 patients waiting for organ transplants, 85,000 for kidneys. In 2006 there were only 16,500 kidney transplants; a similar number of patients die waiting. Several friends and relatives offered to be donors for Jim, (you can live with one kidney) but only his youngest son was eligible and was going through tests when Jim's donor kidney was made available.

Jim was in the end stages of a chronic autoimmune disease, which had been kept in remission since

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Greeter: Lois Miller
Lunch: Sonja's Surprise

1995. In April of this year when Karen and Jim were driving home from a medical appointment in Portland they received a call that there was a kidney for Jim. They turned around and Jim was in surgery at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital within a few hours. His new kidney started functioning almost immediately and he was discharged after a week in ICU with \$16,500 in drugs and feeling better than he had for years. The costs were covered by Medicare and Tricare, (Jim was a Captain in the Navy.)

As a consequence of this life giving experience Jim has become highly informed about "state of the art" transplant hospitals in Portland, the high percentage of Oregon donors compared to the rest of the country, the ins and outs of medical coverage for hospital procedures and medications.

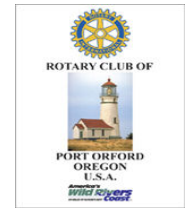
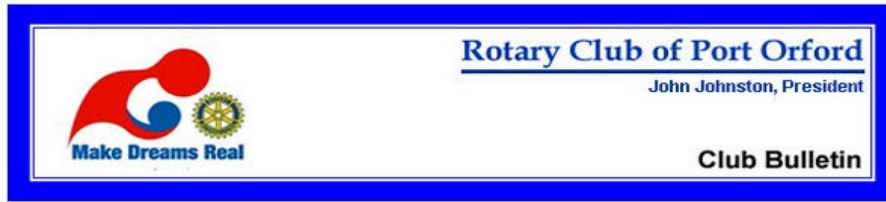
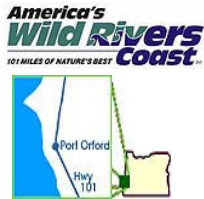
Jim has his cell phone programmed to buzz him for the many anti rejection meds he takes and he is enjoying eating good food that was previously restricted. He thanked the Lord, his friends and family who have been praying for him, his doctors and the fellow "transplantees" he bonded with in the hospital, but especially his beloved Karen who has been taking excellent care of him.

*FRANCONA SEEKS GSE TEAM MEMBERS

Last year Emily Francona led her GSE (Group Study Exchange) team to Argentina for a successful vocational exchange. This year Rick

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Francona will be leading a GSE team to the Eastern Caribbean and will be interviewing applicants in the near future. To be eligible the candidate must be a young professional between the ages of 25 to 40 and not a Rotary member or related to a Rotary member. Contact Rick Francona @portorfordrotary.org.

*STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Patrick McKenzie was honored at the meeting as the Pacific High student of the month. He is the son of Scott and Carol McKenzie. He spoke briefly about his athletic and academic accomplishments and his future ambitions.



THIS WEEK'S MEETING:

Paul Harris: At our meeting this Thursday, June 18th, several new Paul Harris Fellows will be inducted. All present Paul Harris Fellows are asked to wear their medallions to the meeting, or face the penalty.

Kitchen Work Party: There will be another work party on Thursday after our meeting, just like last week. We had a great turn out last week. There will be opportunities for painting, laying floor tile, carpentry, and plumbing, as well as landscaping and weeding outside. Last week 10 Rotarians completed over 35 hours of Community Service. Come one, come all. This truly is "service above self".

July 4th Pancake Breakfast Signup
There will be an opportunity at the meeting to sign up to help with our traditional July 4th Pancake Breakfast.

JUNE 25TH MEETING MEMBER RECOGNITION LUNCH

INSTALLATION DINNER - JUNE 26TH

If you have not already done so, sign up at the meeting this Thursday for the dinner on the June 26th to show our appreciation to President John Johnston and to install our new president for 2009-10, Dave Holman. The dinner is only \$10 per person (steak or chicken).

"FREE FISHING WEEKEND"



Robert Webber and Ken Flizar, hatchery employee, are shown working during "Free Fishing Weekend", June 6-7. A total of 32 Rotary Club of Port Orford hours were contributed. Thanks to Chet, Steve, John, Ken B. and Bob W.

THE UPCOMING WEEK IN PORT ORFORD ROTARY

Every Wednesday – Community tennis, 7 pm
Thursday, June 18 – Weekly Meeting, 12:00 at the American Legion Hall – Ron Kerr
Thursday, June 25 – Weekly Meeting, 12:00 at the Am. Legion Hall – Member Recognition
Friday, June 26 – Installation Dinner, 6 p.m.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS

Remember Port Orford's Hazardous Materials Disposal Days on Friday, June 19th, for businesses and Saturday, June 20th, for homes – 9 am to 2 pm at the city hall.

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