

August 27, 2009

August 20th Meeting:



Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar 2008-09

Heather Huhtanen is a strikingly beautiful young woman who last year traveled to The Hague, The Netherlands as Rotary's Ambassadorial scholar. She returned to Port Orford's Rotary to share some of her amazing experiences in cultural diversity in the middle of Western Europe. Her fellow graduate students were from Asia, India, Europe and Africa. She saw with increased awareness how people's intrinsic values are embedded in their culture. She learned as well to see herself and her own culture differently. She noted how the US economic system frames her own expectations. For example family time is set aside in The Netherlands and in

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**“THIS ISN'T YOUR FATHER'S
ROTARY”**

PDG JUDI BEARD STRUBING

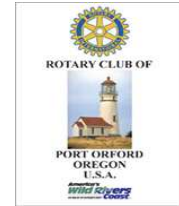
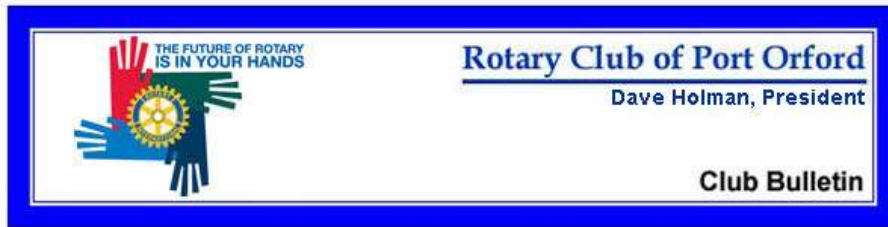
many European countries. Stores are closed at 5 PM and on weekends. Regardless of class differences, business models have family time carved out.

On the other hand, prostitution and marijuana are legal in the Netherlands. Not that the government approves, but as pragmatists, it was observed that criminalizing the behavior did not help alleviate the problem.

Heather felt hugely blessed by her Rotary host family, Hans and Ina Birkhaus. In the year since she has been abroad, she has become more thoughtful and diplomatic in the midst of a very politically opinionated culture. Heather looks forward to returning to The Hague's Institute of

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Social Studies to finish her MA thesis in Women and Gender Development.

She sees a lifelong responsibility to extend civility in international discourse. Her goal is to work for the UN helping women in developing nations.

Heather presented President Dave Holman with a Rotary flag from Scheveningen, The Netherlands. Heather has a very interesting web page and blog at <http://web.me.com/halisan/Site/Heather-Homepage.html>.

SHOW AND SHINE – SEPT 6

Sonja Mason reported that there are a record number of pre-registrations for the 11th annual **SHOW AND SHINE** on Labor Day, September 6. A sign-up sheet for those who can help out with the event will circulate Thursday.



SPECIAL GUEST:

To celebrate his one month birthday, Kampbell Grant Kudlac joined his Mother, Shala, at the Rotary

Meeting Thursday. He may appear to be sleeping, but he is actually contemplating the excellent presentation of Heather Huhtanen.



WORK PARTIES

KITCHEN: There will be a work party to help finish up the kitchen on Tuesday, September 1, from 5-8.

DRIFTWOOD SCHOOL: Dick Wold will ask for a show of hands at the meeting to see if there are enough people who are willing to work on the basketball area at Driftwood on Saturday, August 29.

THE UPCOMING WEEK IN PORC

Every Wednesday – Community tennis, 7 pm

Thursday, August 27 – Weekly Meeting, 12:00 at the Legion Hall – PDG Judi Beard Strubing

Saturday, August 29 – Possible work party at Driftwood School

Tuesday, September 1 – 5-8 p.m. Work party at American Legion Kitchen

Thursday, September 3 – Weekly Meeting, 12:00 at the Legion Hall – Business Meeting

Next Week

September 3, 2009

BUSINESS MEETING

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