

December 17, 2009

THIS WEEK'S MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2009
NOON-AMERICAN LEGION HALL

HOLIDAY MUSIC
PHS SINGERS

LUNCH: JAMBALAYA
GREETER: KEN BREWER
THOUGHT OF THE DAY: DICK WOLD

CHRISTMAS PARTY, FRIDAY DECEMBER 18TH

The Club's annual Christmas party will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, the 18th of December, at the



American Legion Hall. Michelle Breuer is in charge of arrangements. The dinner will be potluck. Ham will be provided, but members should bring other main

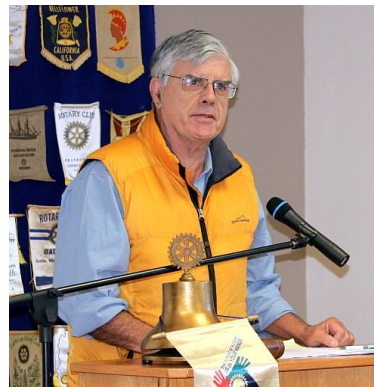
courses, side-dishes, salads, deserts, etc. There will also be a rotating gift exchange. The gifts should be inexpensive (\$10 and under was suggested) and amusing. It is perfectly ok to bring back the gift you got last year that is still sitting in your closet. Each

person coming should bring a gift, labelling it for either male or female.

December 10th Meeting

WHAT IS POVERTY?

"What is Poverty?" Hal Kibby asked when he spoke this week at Rotary. He has seen it first hand in his



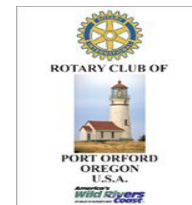
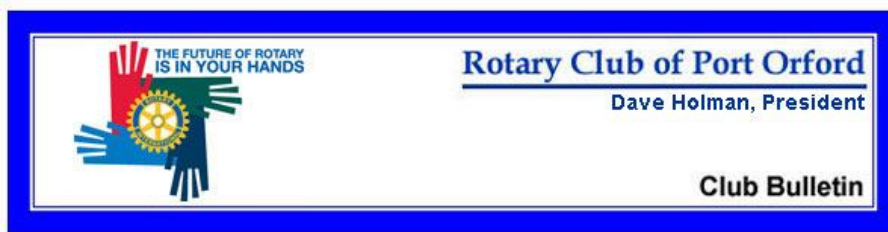
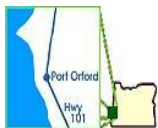
travels in Africa for The Rotary Foundation and in the migrant labor camps in Mexico. Poverty is hunger, lack of shelter, illiteracy, polluted water, dying of preventable diseases, living one day to the next without hope for improvement .

Hal Kibby, past district governor, and his wife Francie have spent the past 2 winters face to face with poverty in a small rural agricultural village on Mexico's West Coast. They are working with Project Amigo to help improve education and living conditions for children at a migrant labor camp in Queseria in the state of Colima, Mexico. The people living in Mexico's migrant camps are Indians from the South of Mexico that come north in hopes of finding work in the sugar cane fields. The Kibby's story is inspiring and underscores the difference The Rotary Foundation is making in the future lives of children caught in the poverty cycle.

Along with construction projects, Project Amigo offers incentive programs to needy 4th, 5th and 6th graders in these rural agricultural communities to

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attend school. To encourage children to stay in school Project Amigo provides mini libraries of fun children's books in Spanish, day trips to the beach, to museums, a Christmas fiesta with gifts of clothing and school supplies. The Kibby's believe that to achieve their highest potential, children need hope, educational opportunities, material support, enrichment activities, and medical and dental services. Rotarians arrive at the vision clinic with suitcases of donated glasses, one small gift that makes a world of difference. Hal and Francie return home each year with a heightened consciousness of how they want to live their lives helping others and a belief that our neighbors' problems in other parts of the world are our problems. Who is "Al-Qaeda's biggest ally?" asks Hal. "Not religion, not a nation, but poverty".

More than 150 volunteers (mostly from USA and Canada) visit Project Amigo each year. It is one of many projects world wide providing children with educational opportunities and making a difference in the lives of hundreds. For more information visit www.projectamigo.org or contact Hal Kibby through the Sisters, Oregon Rotary Club or Ron Kerr for contributions to The Rotary Foundation. www.portorfordrotary.org.

END OF THE YEAR TRF DONATIONS

If you want to make a TRF contribution that can be deducted from your 2009 taxes, you either need to do it on line with a credit card before December 31 or by check to Ron Kerr by our last December meeting on December 17.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Honored this month for outstanding achievements are Pacific High School senior, Ashley Curry and Driftwood Elementary 8th grader, Kyle Dahms. Kyle's proud parents, Paul and Kathy and sister, Amanda agreed when Principal Sean Wells praised Kyle for his 4.0 grade point and being "just the nicest young man."



Kyle Dahms

Ashley's Mom, Debbie, applauded as well when Principal Tony Smith honored Ashley for her scholastic achievements and her athletic and community contributions. Ashley, a Senior plans to attend the Culinary Institute in Portland.



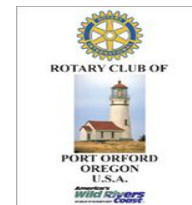
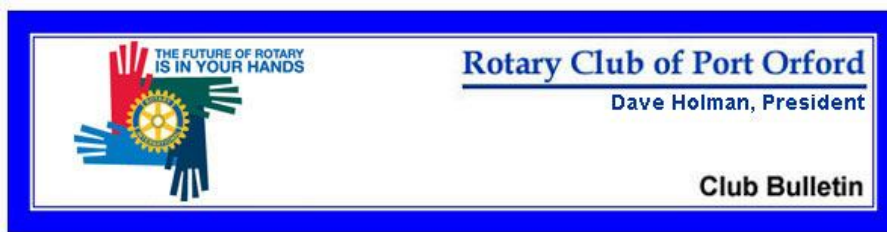
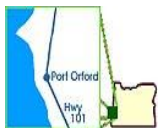
Ashley Curry

SEE'S CANDY

Don't forget to purchase your See's Candy for the Holidays and aid Rotary projects at the same time.

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UPCOMING HOLIDAY MEETING SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24 – NO MEETING

Christmas Eve

DECEMBER 31 – NO MEETING

New Year's Eve

JANUARY 7 – BUSINESS MEETING

December 10 Meeting

SNOWFLAKE PROJECT

Courtney Lakey, representing the National Honor Society, spoke briefly of their Snowflake project.



Courtney Lakey

Each member of the National Honor Society is attempting to raise \$35 for a snowflake, which will then be used to buy a gift for a needy child this Christmas. The hat was passed to help Courtney collect money for this worthy project.

THE ORIGINAL CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

“Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people”

KITCHEN REMODELLING PROJECT

Keep in mind that we need to complete the kitchen remodelling project at the American Legion Hall. Dick Wold will be announcing the next work party soon and we need everyone's help to complete this project quickly.

ANNUAL CRAB FEED

With the crab harvest begun, we can look forward to the annual Port Orford Rotary Club Crab Fest, which is set for Saturday evening, February 20.

GOLF TOURNAMENT PLANNED TO BENEFIT THE SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

A tentative date of February 27th has been set for a golf tournament to benefit the Scholarship Endowment Fund. Further information will be given as planning for the event proceeds.

THIS WEEK IN PORT ORFORD ROTARY:

December 17, noon, ALH – Weekly Meeting – PHS

Students Holiday Music

December 18, 6 pm – ALH – Christmas Party

December 24 – No Meeting, Christmas Eve

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

December 31 – No Meeting, New Year's Eve

January 6 – 8 am, ALH – Board Meeting

January 7 – First Regular Meeting of New Year

February 20 – Annual Crab Feed

February 27 – Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament

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