

# Rotary Matters



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## Club Adopts A. F. Captain



The South Hill Rotary Club has adopted the nephew of a fellow Rotarian for the holidays and for his tour over seas. The club recently sent a "Christmas Care" package filled with necessities, treats and goodies. Captain Kyle Strang (U.S. Air Force) is the nephew of Rotarian Randy Cash and he is currently stationed in Afghanistan. The club thought it would be a nice to see that he received something special for Christmas. The

club collected hand warmers, cookies, peanuts, crackers, protein bars and much more to send for Capt. Strang to share with his unit as a thank you for all that they do to serve our country and protect our freedoms. Captain Strang will be shuttling from base to base during his tour as he helps to oversee the transition of responsibilities of civilian contractors who operate and maintain bases for our troops. It is his "team's" responsibility to help insure the health and safety of the troops stationed at these permanent facilities. The club's current plan is to provide additional shipments of items to Captain Strang

during his tour. Should he request specific items that are difficult to come by in these remote areas the club will attempt to provide them.



## Firefighter Of The Year 2009

The South Hill Volunteer Fire Department presented Michael Vaughan with the Firefighter of the Year Award for 2009. Michael is always on hand for fire calls, keeping the trucks clean and responds to any other services when he is

needed. Chief Rosser Wells presented the award during their annual banquet. The award is presented in memory of Donnie Wells and Boney Hudson. The SHVFD responded to over 400 calls in 2009, held their 75<sup>th</sup> an-

niversary celebration and held several fundraisers.



## Shepherd's Inn Food Drive



The Shepherd's Inn has been in South Hill for about 7 years and they have served almost 30,000 meals to people in need. The Shepherd's Inn has helped people in a wide number of situations from domestic violence to families who have been burned out of their homes. Co-Directors, Jackie and Doug Hinman, have done a wonderful job of reaching out to our community with their kindness and hard work. Not only do they offer a place to live, they offer a place to heal

and start again. A thank you to the Hinman's for taking on such a great task and continuing to follow their hearts in helping others. The Woodmen of the World in South Hill will host a food drive for The Shepherd's Inn in South Hill for the month of January. Food donations can be dropped off at the Inn from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday. The street address is 415 W. Danville St., South Hill. In Rotary Year 2007-2008 Doug was selected by

the club as honoree of the "Service Above Self" Award which is done annually. During the past year the Rotary Club has delivered food items to the Hinman's for use at the Inn. Pictured are Jackie Hinman (L) and Bettina Batkin of the Woodman Of The World.



## South Hill Christmas Parade

It was a busy holiday season in South Hill this year and The South Hill Chamber of Commerce and Peebles Christmas parade is a part of the magical season. The parade estimates show that there were thousands of visitors to town. The parade featured numerous floats, bands, the ACCA Temple Shriner's mini

cars, the Amran Temple Hillbillies and numerous local organizations and businesses. And, of course, Santa Claus arrived on the Peebles float. The Grand Marshal for this years parade was Miss Virginia, Caressa Cameron. Also the two giant stockings valued at over \$800 each were given away on Dec 14<sup>th</sup>

to lucky winners Henry Clary and Sonya Chew by the South Hill Revitalization Committee.



## "Tell Santa" Success

Santa and his group of very busy elves welcomed over 700 people to the Chamber Depot in December and Toyland drew many more during the weeks leading up to and following the Christmas Holiday. Thanks to the Rotary Club, Chamber Board members, South Hill Revitalization members and

Robbie McMillan with Occasions Photography for all their help with this hugely successful event for the second year in a row. The event featured a visit with Santa in the Depot with a free photo, Mrs. Claus and her elves in the caboose, a ride on the Fun Time Express, goodie bags, pop-

corn and more. Mayor Earl Horne expressed his great pleasure with the head count of 701 people who turned out for this holiday event that kicked off the official Christmas season in South Hill. Plans are in the works for this to be an annual Christmas Season event.



## Filter Systems Installed

The South Hill Rotary Club has succeeded in providing the first 10 water filter systems into private homes in Haiti. The systems were installed during December. Rotarian Lee Warren is the project chair and was in Haiti and observed the first of the installations. A recent email from Haiti

provided the names of the families that have had these systems recently installed. It was made clear in the email that we have started the ball rolling and the list of families that are in need of these systems is growing. Heartfelt thanks were expressed in the email as was the hope that the

club would be able to continue this good work to bring clean water to families in Haiti.



## New Rotary International Project



Learn/Grow is a relatively new international Rotary project that addresses hunger and malnutrition in a very easy and sustainable way. It provides people all around the world with a database of edible plants so that everyone everywhere can easily identify those food plants which can grow in their own back yards. The database gives a brief and simple description of the plant, a clear photo or illustration for identification, where it's commonly found, a list of nutritional values and informa-

tion on how to prepare, propagate and cultivate it as well. Tasmanian agricultural scientist, Bruce French, has spent 30 years on a voluntary mission to document information on the food plants of the world. This achievement is underpinned by Bruce's work in developing countries, including Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. Since June 2007, Rotarian Buz Green and Bruce, with the support of the Learn/Grow committee, Rotary and other volunteers, have transformed

Learn/Grow from a concept into a dynamic international project that has come to the attention of Rotary and organizations tackling malnutrition around the world. The main obstacle to local people taking advantage of local food plants is a lack of knowledge about their identification, nutritional benefits and production methods. Learn/Grow is focused on imparting this knowledge to people in developing countries. Web site:

[www.learn-grow.org](http://www.learn-grow.org)

## Did You Know??



There are as many reasons to support The Rotary Foundation as there are ways to do good in the world. By [contributing to the Foundation](#), you advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Here are a few ways your contributions are making change possible. First the eradication of polio, the promotion of hope, peace and conflict resolution, fighting hunger and the reduction of child mortality. I am sure that we all realize that funds from the Foundation are available to local Rotary

Clubs to assist with the financing of projects. We have used District Funds to help our club with projects we have undertaken to benefit this community.



## Tom Smith Honored



The South Hill Shrine Club recently held their annual ladies night and awards dinner at Brian's Steakhouse. Club President Rob Black (left) presented a Resolution of Appreciation and Thanks to Shriner Tom Smith (right) for his 29 years of service and dedication to the club and to Children's Hospitals. Since joining the club in 1980 he has served in the capacity of president (twice), secre-

tary/treasurer (for 6 years) and has participated in almost every meeting and event held during that time. Smith, who will be moving to Gates County, NC will maintain his membership in the club. Tom was also presented a certificate for the 100 Million Dollar Club of ACCA., which is also a high honor. Tom was surprised an appreciative of the recognition. Tom has also been a Ro-

tarian since 1984. Tom has served in the same positions within Rotary as he has with the Shriners. He has been the South Hill Club President (3 times), has served as the club's combined job of Secretary/Treasurer (for 9 years). Tom has indicated he will also maintain his membership in the South Hill Club. I am sure I speak for both clubs that Tom will be missed.

## Rescue Squad Honors Members



At the December meeting of the South Hill Rescue Squad several members were given awards for their service to the squad and to the community. Brandon Vaughan and Rebecca Tanner presented the 2009 Squad Member of the Year Award. This year's recipient was Justin Burch. Justin has been a member of the squad for 10 years. The

Harvey Drew Crowder Award for 2009 was presented to Jimmy Burch by committee members David Baisey and Sandra Conner. This award was started in 2005 in honor of Harvey Drew Crowder and has been presented each year to a Life Member who continues to contribute in some way to the squad. With Harvey Drew's passing this

award will now be in his memory. During the past year the Auxiliary lost one of their long time members, Lois Overton-Blackwell.



## Affairs On The Square Announced



The Market Square Committee of the South Hill Revitalization Committee has announced its 2010 Affair on the Square events list. The kick off event for the New Year will be at the April 28<sup>th</sup> Beef Festival in Centennial Park with Liquid Pleasure providing the dance music. The Market Square parking

lot will be the place for enjoying the sounds of LEGGZ on June 3rd. And for the first time the committee will provide a band for Picnic in the Park on July 2 at Parker Park. The Fast Lane Band will perform on stage until time for the fireworks at dusk. The Monster Mash Halloween Celebration will

be held Saturday, October 30 with the little ones being able to dress up and enter the costume contest and have photos taken by Robert Harris Photography. All events will have food and drinks being provided by local clubs and civic organizations. Bring ID's and lawn chairs.

**Schedule of Events**

- ◆ **Jan 7** Meeting
- ◆ **Jan 14** Meeting
- ◆ **Jan 21** E. S. Dinner
- ◆ **Jan 28** Board Meeting

# JANUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Meeting	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Meeting	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 E. S. Dinner	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Board Meeting	29	30
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## Upcoming Rotary Events Calendar



- **Jan 1** Happy New Year
- **Jan 21** Emergency Services Dinner
- **Aug 28** LaCrosse Fest
- **Sept 23** Blue Grass
- **Sept 25** Farmer's Day
- **Dec 01** Tell Santa



- **Dec 05** Christmas Parade



- **Oct 30** Monster Mash



- **May 8** SpringFest
- **June 3** Affair On The Square
- **July 2** 4th of July Celebration