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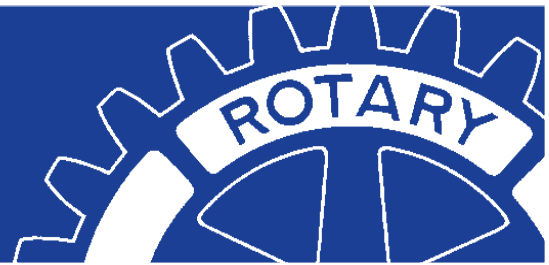
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## Imagine Life as a Tegucigalpa Market Child

A decade ago, many parents in Tegucigalpa, Honduras did not see the need for their children to attend school. Mothers too often watched helplessly as their sons moved from petty theft to gangs and their daughters ended up as prostitutes.



Rotarians have changed that . . . for now.

Each week, when Club 21 thanks its luncheon speaker by sponsoring a Tegucigalpa Market Child in his or her name, our club supports the efforts that began in Kelowna, B.C. with a 3H (Hunger, Health and Humanity) grant from the International Rotary Foundation. In 1992-1995, this 3H project studied the

problems of street kids and the working poor in Tegucigalpa and then proceeded to address a critical root cause of the problems they saw.

Rotarians in our District (5080) and District (5060) in Canada and the U.S. joined the Rotary Club of Tegucigalpa (District 4250) to support Alternativas Y Oportunidades (AYO), a NGO (non government organization) aimed at breaking the cycle of illiteracy, poverty and child mortality.

allow AYO to monitor their children's school attendance and school progress. Monitoring committees formed in each market are composed of 'parents' of the children in the program. Because the vast majority of market children's families are single females, the committees are currently composed exclusively of mothers, some who have as many as eight children, and grandmothers who are raising their grandchildren.

### Educators

AYO Educators function as counselors to organize tutors for the children, child development activities and parenting classes.

### Health Care

AYO provides a doctor for the families in the program, and the Government of Honduras pays for preventive health programs to address hygiene, smoking, drug and alcohol abuse and STD and AIDS.

### Higher Education?

Tuition is free at the public University in Honduras but the cost for books and supplies is \$350 per year, an amount well beyond the means of single mothers working in the markets.



In 2007, AYO extended its support to help successful graduates from secondary school and, in 2008, 31 market children were attending University. Although AYO stresses gender equity, only one girl has advanced to University. She is studying

Systems Engineering and has been very successful.

### Now What?

This year, the program hit a high hurdle, however. Resources that have been available in the area are beginning to withdraw their support. An Irish Disaster Relief Organization that came to the area following Hurricane Mitch in 1998 is beginning its three-year withdrawal. Their resources provide the AYO office, clinic and the Educators who assist families in the program.

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## ★ Upcoming Programs ★

All meetings are held at The Spokane Club unless otherwise noted

- May 07** County Commissioner Panel Discussion  
*Mager, Mielke, Richard, Guest Speakers*
- May 14** Sustainable Farming & Food Production  
*Russ Zenner, Guest Speaker*
- May 21** Bright Promise  
*Jim DeWalt, CEO, Associated Industries, Guest Speaker*
- May 28** Washington, D.C. Update  
*Cathy McMorris-Rogers, Guest Speaker*
- June 04** Club 21's Foundation  
*Jason Miller, Guest Speaker*
- June 11** Empire Health Foundation  
*Mike Senske, Guest Speaker*
- June 18** "Change Your Mind About Recession"  
*Ed Clark, Guest Speaker*

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## ★ Make-Up Opportunities ★

All meetings at Noon unless noted

- MON** • Spokane North - The Red Lion, 303 W. North River Dr.
- Spokane Valley Sunrise - Shari's Restaurant, 320 N. Sullivan - 7 AM
- TUES** • Spokane Daybreak - The Spokane Club, 1002 W. Riverside - 7 AM
- Spokane Valley - Mirabeau Park Hotel, 1100 N. Sullivan
- Spokane West - Holiday Inn - Airport, 1616 S. Windsor Dr.
- Cheney - China Buffet
- Rotaract - Crescent Court Bldg., 707 W. Main, Suite 500 - 6 PM • 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues.

- WED** • Spokane East - Timber Creek Grill Buffet, Argonne Village
- Spokane Hillyard - N.E. Community Center, 4001 N. Cook
- THU** • Spokane Club #21 - The Spokane Club, 1002 W. Riverside Ave.
- Spokane Aurora N.W. - The Cathay Inn, 3714 N. Division
- Deer Park - Pizza Factory, Hwy. 395 & 'H' Street
- Liberty Lake - George Gee Auto Dealership, 21502 E. George Gee Avenue
- FRI** • Spokane South - The Spokane Club, 1002 W. Riverside Ave.

Visit one of these clubs or any other club 14 days prior, or 14 days after our regular Thursday meeting to keep up your attendance requirements. (If you are doing make-ups, please remember to call, mail or Email [rotaryspokane21@nwadv.com] the Rotary office to report them.)

# 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ROTARY SKI DAY - RECAP

By John W. Lee

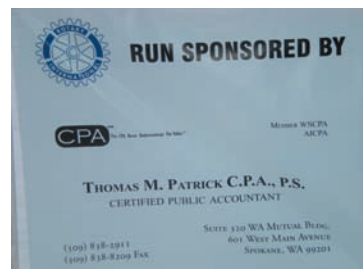
do is quite remarkable and a huge help.

The big blue Rotary tent gets more people curious every year about who we are and what we do. And it offers nice protection from the elements. This year Mother Nature was a bit confused as to which card she wanted to play. We had a bit of snow, a bit of fog, a bit of wind, a bit of hail, a bit of calm, a healthy dose of rain and then beautiful sunshine. The only thing missing was thunder and lightning



Congratulations Rotary Club 21! You did it AGAIN! We raised just over **\$7000** for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rotary Ski Day at Mt Spokane. That is an extra 7.7% on top of the great job during the RCS fund drive. I am so proud to be involved with a group like ours. In the last seven years the Rotary Ski Day has raised just over **\$50,000** that goes right into RCS and our community!

We didn't have record ticket sales (like last year) but we did have some pretty amazing sponsors. And as you have heard me say from the podium... "it isn't the ticket sales - it's the sponsors that make this such a success." Brad McQuarrie and the rest of the folks at Mt Spokane have really made this a go to event for us and them. The behind the scenes activity that they



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## Mystery Rotarian

Many years ago our Mystery Rotarian developed a system of membership development that brought about such a growth in the membership of the Spokane Rotary Club that it caused Rotary International to send a representative to Spokane to determine what was happening. After a week of study, the system was taken back to RI and was eventually adopted world-wide, resulting in the tremendous growth in Rotary over the following decades.

He was our President during Expo '74. He purchased an Information Booth that was manned every hour of Expo and provided information for Rotary guests attending Expo. He also had a bus at the gate each week day at noon to take Rotarians to the meeting that day. He then expanded the service to all service clubs. For his services during Expo, he received the Distinguished Service Award from Governor Evans of Washington State.

While serving as District Governor, his motto was "HEAL THE CHILDREN". He raised \$50,000 and took thirty doctors and medical specialists into the jungle of Guatemala for a brutal 10 days where they performed medical services and selected children to be taken to the U.S. for surgical procedures. When they came out of the jungle, exhausted, the U.S. Ambassador welcomed the group with a banquet and told them they had done more for international relations in 10 days than he had been able to achieve in his years of service. They received world-wide recognition from RI, the State Department of the U.S., and the President of the United States sent letters of appreciation and congratulations.

Following his District Governor achievements, he was selected and chosen to serve as an International Director. However, he turned down the RI Directorship to return to his local club for service. He created the Ryder Trust, and in the next ten years he delivered over a half-million dollars for youth and handicapped children. He served as Chairman of the Trust with a high investment yield, growth, and not a dollar of expense for administration.

Answer to our Mystery Rotarian is on Page Four.

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and we would have had it all covered. No matter what the weather we Rotarians seem to have a great time – inside and out!

The continued success of this event would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors! Please take the time to thank the following people and their businesses for helping to clear **\$7000** this year and over **\$50,000** in the last seven years for our RCS! Thank you!

- Charlie Watson – MMI
- Tom Stebbins – Vision Marketing
- Tim Boze – Pacific Northwest Title
- Scott Millsap – Automated Accounts
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- Dan Austin – Austin's Jewelry
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These resources need to be replaced by other sources of support.

**Canadian Rotary Collaboration for International Development (CRCID)**

In 2005, the District 5080 representative on the CRCID began “Project Honduras” to spread support across Canada. A similar program was started for the Tegucigalpa Dump Children, for Market Children in Danli and plans are underway to help children in Santa Barbara, Honduras. CRCID is working to pick up some of the program’s functions and is giving sponsors the option of adding \$20-\$30 to their annual donations to help pay essential program expenses. The CRCID will add \$16-\$24 to match these additional gifts.

**Rotary Clubs Step Up Support in 2009**

To continue this successful program, CRCID has also provided a \$2000 match for each of the following Canadian Club’s contributions:

- Kelowna Sunrise - \$2,500
- Castlegar Sunrise 2000 - \$2,500

**In addition to sponsoring 59** children this year, Club 21 is providing an additional **\$9,000.00** to help during this transition.

Your generous support for Rotary Community Services (RCS) makes programs like this possible.

**A Day in the Life of a Market Child Mother**

- 3:00 a.m. Suyapa starts her day making breakfast for her two daughters (ages 4 and 7)
- 4:00 a.m. The family travels by bus to the wholesale market
- 5:30 a.m. Suyapa purchases fruit and vegetables from the farmer, loads backpacks for herself and daughters to carry and carries two large bags of produce by hand.
- 7:00 a.m. Suyapa opens her stall at the Peri Sur Market and sends her 7-year old to school
- 6:00 p.m. Suyapa closes her stall and the family goes home for supper
- 9:00 p.m. Suyapa goes to bed

Last year, in her spare time, Suyapa organized a group of children to perform traditional dances for visiting Rotarians.

- Article submitted by PJ Watters with gratitude to Lloyd Gray and Patrick Jones for providing the information and for leading Club 21’s involvement in support of the program.

# Pony Tails!

Your Youth Service Committee is supporting what we deem to be a very worthwhile endeavor: Pony Tails – a program domiciled in the Northtown Mall to provide tutoring and mentoring services for at-risk kids that hang out in the mall. They are in need of used computers and monitors for the kids to use. We can arrange pick up. We are not computer gurus, so please ~ only working equipment. Thank you - please contact Ira at 747 6011 or drop off at Express Employment Professionals at 331 West Main and we will get them there. We need around 10 -12 of them. **Pony Tails is a non-profit and can write you a tax donation receipt.** Will you help them with us? Thank you.

- Ira Amstadter



*Pictured above is our very own Rotarian Gorilla, Ira Amstadter, entertaining kids at the St. Patrick's Parade.*

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