



# Greene Rotary Newsletter

## Old Mill Diner

### Wednesday @ 12:05 pm

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Members Present last week 09/10/2008: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sherry Guiles, Jeff Henry, Bob Sternbergh, Jim Saroka, Nancu Kemmeter, Cindy Furgesen, Fibber Magee**

**Make-ups**  
**Guests: Sally Magee**

#### Important Dates To Remember

Sept 18, 2008 - Groton Rotary 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Sept 19, 2008 - Annual Golf Outing

October Vocational Service Month

Oct 18, 2008 Membership and Foundation Seminar

October 30, 2008 - Foundation Dinner

November Rotary Foundation Month

Nov . 8, 2008 - Rotary Day at the United Nations Headquarters

Dec 2008 Elect Club President and Secretary

Dec 31, 2008 - 2008 Deadline to report new slate to RI

#### Last Week's Meeting:

The primary thrust of today's meeting was the preparation for the upcoming golf outing.

Bob Sternbergh is busy getting prizes, he has 18 so far and a few more to pick up. Sherry will picking up something from the Pub. Jim reported that he has 10 foursomes and possibly a couple more in the works.

Members should continue to line up prizes and golfers as well.

Those who are not playing golf are encouraged to attend the dinner on Friday Evening. This is a club function. A nice turnout would certainly make a positive statement that The Rotary Club of Green Rotary is a vibrant organization.

#### Meals On Wheels:

We are well into our month of delivering meals on wheels. Sally & Cindy covered Wednesday.

Cindy & Sherry will cover (9/19)

We need coverage for 9/15, 9/17, 9/22, 9/24, 9/26, 9/29, and 9/30.

Remember this is a Green Rotary Function. It is considered a make up.

Please contact Jim & Nonie Saroka to arrange for your day to serve.

#### New country added to Rotary map

By Ryan Hyland  
Rotary International News -- 11 September 2008



MayGovernor Jack Davies of District 9220 presents the Rotary Club of Kiritimati charter certificate to club president Ruta Uatiao. *Photo by Sharon bee*

Members of the first Rotary club in the island nation of Kiribati spent a week in August celebrating its charter.

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On 11 August, RI General Secretary Ed Futa, on behalf of the RI Board, approved a charter for the Rotary Club of Kiritimati, Line Islands, Republic of Kiribati, adding another nation to the more than 200 countries and geographical areas on the Rotary map.

"Rotary will have an important and positive impact on improving the lives of people in Kiritimati (formerly Christmas Island)," says club president Ruta Uatioa. "Rotary represents leadership, something we are excited to adopt here."

The 35-member club, along with guest Rotarians from District 9920 and the United States, held its first official club meeting on 23 August, the kickoff to the weeklong festivities. As part of the week's programming, Kiritimati club members visited schools and hospitals to assess potential projects.

Participating in the activities were members of the Rotary Club of Commerce City, Colorado, USA, who led multiple World Community Service (WCS) projects on Kiritimati and were instrumental in introducing Rotary to the islands.

George Maybee, a member of the Commerce City club, has vacationed with his wife, Sharon, on the island for years. During a trip in 2006, Maybee became convinced his club should get involved with helping people there.

A year later, the club launched a multiphase WCS project consisting of improved medical care, water quality, and educational opportunities.

The club then joined efforts with Past District 9220 Governor Warwick Pleass, who was already working with RI to get a club chartered in Kiribati. Maybee and members from the Rotary Club of Suva East, Fiji, made several trips to Kiritimati to help a provisional club.

### **Island nation**

Kiribati (pronounced KEER-ah-bhass) consists of 33 islands scattered across 2,400 miles of the Pacific

Ocean, with a population of more than 105,000. The three main groupings are the Gilbert Islands, Phoenix Islands, and Line Islands.

In 1995, Kiribati drew international attention when it petitioned to change the International Date Line, which divided the nation into two time zones. The entire nation now lies west of the date line, which zig-zags around the easternmost islands.

Kiribati gets a large portion of its income from overseas, including fishing licenses, development assistance, and tourism.

"Our people are used to being on the receiving end of help," says Uatioa. "With the first Rotary club here, our members can now be on the giving end."

Projects in the works for the Kiritimati club include completion of upgrades to the Banana Village Medical Clinic; construction of working toilets for all six schools on the island; distribution of dictionaries provided by the Rotary Club of Brighton Early, Colorado; and distribution of toothbrushes and toothpaste.

"The future is bright; Rotary can surely look forward to a glowing success with the Kiritimati club, as well as an additional club in Kiribati," says Maybee. "I'm very much looking forward to seeing the Kiribati flag at the RI Convention in Birmingham."

### **POLIO PLUS:**

Sherry delivered six plastic jugs that she got from Nathaniel Greene's Pub. The food labels have been removed and the Goodbye Polio, Thankyou Rotary Stickers have been attached. I am attempting to get polio plus posters to place by the collection jars. Hopefully we can get the collection jars along with Polio Plus information into the community shortly.

Google has donated 3.5 Million Dollars to help with the eradication of polio.

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Sept 19<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday - Debbie Eggleston

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