

Soundings

January 11, 2007

Song Leader.....Howard Farmer
Pledge of Allegiance.....Mary Noonan
Invocation.....Jim Robinson

♪ IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME ♪

In the good old summertime.
In the good old summertime.
Strolling through the shady lanes,
With your baby mine.
You hold her hand and she holds yours
And that's a very good sign,
That she's your tootsey-wootsey
In the good old summertime.

TODAY'S PROGRAM RICH THOMAS OUTPATIENT SURGERY TODAY

WERE YOU TEACHER'S PET??

Our Teacher Appreciation Day for this year is shaping up to be a creative and unique program with many new innovations in the presentation. You can be a part of it all! The Teacher Appreciation Committee would like to weave some of your recollections of a favorite teacher into their program remarks on February 1, 2007.

Please take a moment and write a few words about a significant educator who made a difference in your life. (Or perhaps you made a difference in theirs....good or bad!) There is a form at the Rotary Desk or you can email Annette Martino at annettem@hargray.com.

Thank You in advance for your help!

Upcoming

Programs

January 18.....Susan Ketchum & Linda Silver
Women in Philanthropy/Comm. Svcs Showcase
January 25.....Vic Arrington
HHI Rotary Club Youth Exchange Program
February 1.....Annette Martino
Teacher Appreciation Day

Family of Rotary

Birthdays

Tami Bream.....January 16
Lisa Laudermilch.....January 16
Julie Bell.....January 17

Anniversaries

Barbara and Roger Clark.....January 17

Club Anniversaries

On January 17, Gloria Daly celebrates 16 years as a member of our club. Thank you for your years of Service Above Self.

Future Events—Save the Date

Board Meeting.....January 15
Winter Walk to the Well.....January 20
Spring Fashion Show Fund Raiser..... March 1
District Conference.....March 23 & 24

WINTER WALK TO THE WELL

Have you got your walking shoes ready??? Have you starting training for this great event?? Is your team all warmed up and ready? In just one more week, we'll be Walking to the Well to raise funds for the Deep Well Endowment Fund. You'll also be a part of dedicating the new beachfront park. Registration begins at 8:15 at the park; the one mile walk ends at the Deep Well Building for refreshments. Minimum donation per walker is \$20. Bring your kids and dogs—they walk for free! Individual and team prizes will be given to participants raising the most money. See you there!

SARAH & TARA BRING GOOD WILL TO BRAZIL

GSE Brazil Trip Report

This past spring six young women traveled to Brazil to learn about life in Brazil and to share their story of life in the United States. The GSE team was led by educator Penny Summers. In 39 days they visited 16 cities and lived with 9 host families. Sarah Schmid and Tara McGrath two members of this GSE Team provided us with a look at life in Brazil.



Sarah was born in Brazil and adopted by American parents. She holds dual citizenship in the United States and Brazil and works for Park Lane Hotel suites. Tara McGrath is a Beaufort Rotary Club member; she is an attorney who served as Judge Advocate for the Marine Corp. They were part of a diverse GSE

team comprised of a nurse, translator, lawyer, social worker, hospitality executive and educator.

Their visit to Brazil centered on the city of Campo Grande with a population of 750,000. Most of the communities they visited were much smaller with populations of 40,000 or less. Brazil is a large country with a total population of 184 million. The native population of Brazil has all but vanished and most of these natives live on two reservations. Portuguese is the official language.

The host families showered the GSE team with hospitality. The host families represented the more affluent members of Brazil society and the homes had high security walls, and electric fences. Host families often had handmade gifts waiting for the team members when they arrived at their homes. Meals were provided for the team, including the national dish Feijoida, which is a hearty pork stew served over black beans and rice. Like many of the homes in Brazil the host family homes had outdoor kitchens.

Their tours included visits to schools, hospitals, a prison, and many industries. They visited 25 schools and both public and private hospitals. There is a marked difference in the care, facilities and equipment of the public versus private hospitals. The private hospitals are similar to hospitals in the United States but the public hospitals provide only the most basic of care.

Some of the industries they toured were sugar cane processing, a chocolate factory, a wood processing facility, a box and shoe factory, a pineapple farm and a hydro-electric power plant.

The area they were in is called the "Texas of Brazil", because of the extensive cow and beef production. This part of Brazil is 230,000 square kilometers, and is a wetland for half of the year and dry for the other half. Brazil has 195 million head of cattle and the United States has 95 million head of cattle. However the United States produces more beef. Although an important industry in Brazil, raising cattle is the number one cause of deforestation in Brazil.

The GSE team visited many Rotary Clubs; most of the clubs were small with only 6 to 40 members per club. They attended a district meeting and toured many rotary projects. Their host families generally provided transportation for the team. With \$9 a gallon gasoline prices this was a very generous donation of not only time, but money. Brazil is promoting ethanol as an alternate fuel source to help offset the high price of gasoline.

Sarah and Tara were excellent Rotary and United States ambassadors and they provided us with an information-packed presentation about life in Brazil.

-Paul Hattimer-

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