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RAQUEL ZAVALA HONORED



GUS GONZALEZ and RAQUEL ZAVALA

We had a very busy meeting on June 27, 2006. For his last meeting as President, Naran Reitman presented us with a program that was nothing short of overwhelming. The first order of business was to honor our “adopted” daughter from Honduras. (continued on Page 2)

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Gus Gonzalez, who has overseen many water projects in Honduras, had an unusual request presented to him on his trip there last November. A local doctor, who also had a television talk show, asked Gus, as he was interviewing him on the air, if he would help a young lady from a very small village, whose leg was amputated. Naturally Gus, who has a heart as big as all of Rotary, could not say no. He contacted another member of our club, Dr. Ed Stempler who, in turn, contacted the Hanger Prosthetics Company. The result was truly a Cinderella story. Raquel Zavala was brought to Palm Desert, fitted with a prosthetic, had dental work done, was given a hair styling and will be sent to a camp in Krakow, Poland. All free.

This human interest story generated a lot of attention from the media and local politicians. All three television networks taped the event and showed it on their evening newscasts at 5:00, 6:00 and 11:00. *The Desert Sun* ran a feature article, which is attached to this email. And the *Press-Enterprise* is also running an article. A representative from Congresswoman Mary Bono's office presented a certificate of recognition. And Palm Desert Mayor Dick Kelly declared June 27 "Raquel Zavala Day."

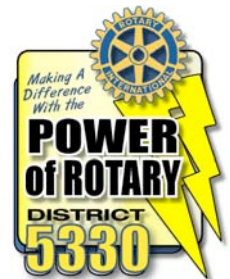
The Palm Desert Rotary Club again will have Raquel as a guest when she returns later in July. She has said she wants to become a nurse so she can help others in similar situations in her home area. Our Club is in the process of establishing a scholarship fund for Raquel so she can attend Nursing School. We are requesting other Rotary Clubs to participate in this endeavor.

This is a powerful example of Service Above Self and what one person can accomplish when the Power of Rotary is turned on.

Item number 2 on the agenda was the adoption of the Revised By-Laws of the Palm Desert Rotary Club. After some additional explanation, they were passed unanimously.

The final order of business was the election of the President and Board of Directors for the Rotary Year 2006-2007. The new board consists of Frank Marra, President;

Maui Salazar, President-Elect; Naran Reitman, Past-President
Linda Carter, Secretary; Pat Wonsler, Treasurer, Jim Doyle,
Club Service; Dayle Culhane, Community Service; Gil
Slagel, International Service; Eric Spanier, Vocational
Service; Chuck Bowling, Membership; Viola Benson, Rotary
Foundation and Mike Evans, Public Relations;.



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International President – William “Bill” Boyd

District 5330 Governor – Dr. Helene Kalfuss

Assistant District Governor – Larry Goodwin

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DESERT AREA MEETING LOCATIONS

Monday
Indian Wells Rotary
12:10 p.m.
Indian Wells Country Club
46000 Club Drive

Tuesday
Cathedral City Rotary
12:00 p.m.
The Doral Hotel
67967 Vista Chino

Indio Rotary
12:10 p.m.
Indian Palms Country Club
48630 Monroe Street

Indio Sunrise Rotary
7:00 a.m.
Heritage Palms country Club
80761 Fred Waring Drive

Palm Desert Rotary
12:00p.m.
Desert Falls Country Club
1111 Desert Falls Parkway

Palm Springs Sunup Rotary
7:00 a.m.
Rick’s Restaurant & Bakery
1973 N Palm Canyon Drive

Wednesday
Coachella Valley Rotary
12:00 p.m.
Indian Palms Country Club
48630 Monroe Street

Palm Desert Palms to Pines
7:30 a.m.
Desert Falls Country Club
1111 Desert Falls Parkway

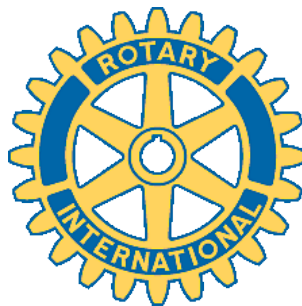
Palm Springs Rotary
11:45 a.m.
Spa Hotel
100 N Indian Canyon Drive

Thursday
Desert Hot Springs Rotary
12:10 p.m.
Miracle Springs Hotel
10625 Palm drive

Rancho Mirage Rotary
7:30 a.m.
The Commissary
69620 Highway 111

Friday
La Quinta Rotary
12:15 p.m.
Cliff House
78250 Highway 111

The District 5330 Rotary Club of the Year



Rotary's Motto for over 100 years: "Service Above Self"