

EARLY BIRD WEEKLY



We often begin the morning meeting with a **"Pig Inspiration."** If you don't know, we place piggy banks on every table to contribute to Rotary's polio eradication effort. According to [Rotary International](#) it costs around \$3.00 to fully protect a child against the ravaging effects of poliomyelitis. This loose change and stray dollars add up.

Gary Stewart's pig inspiration took us back to the root of Rotary's global effort. It began with a single Filipino Rotarian back in the 1970s, "We should do something about this." He was referring to just the Philippines at the time but Rotary picked it up as a global campaign in 1985.



The Early Bird Foundation awarded \$10,000 to Providence Newberg toward the purchase of a SAVI SCOUT®, a nonradioactive, minimally invasive, lump detection technology designed to conserve loss of healthy breast tissue.

Dr. Janell Yutzie, Breast Surgeon, says of SCOUT, that it improves the patient experience before, during and after surgery. Providence didn't have the budget for this technology so Yutzie approached local groups that stepped up, ourselves included.

Youth Exchange Update: Our outbound students learned where they will be going for their terms.

Thomas is heading to France, Cai will be in Turkey, Justice (was short term, now long) is also bound for Turkey, and Mason is heading to South Korea.

Last week was our annual Valentine's Day program.

Since Dr. Love's inaugural appearance in 2001 by GFU's then president, Dr. David Brandt, we have had some version of Dr. Love most years since.

This year we laid Dr. Love to rest.

Dr. Love was briefly eulogized by President-

Elect, Doug Cain (pictured with Dr. Yutzie).

Dr. Love is best known for his appearance at annual Rotary Valentine's Day events. His colorful style and lack of restraint left an impression on many. "When he entered the room, everyone knew he was there," says Kenneth Austin III (local Rotarian and llama rancher).

"He really shattered a few boundaries," gushed fellow Rotarian, Tom Irwin. "Indeed he did," blushed Casey Hostetler, coyly.

"He was so adorable, yet so very creepy," chimed in, Linda Sandberg.

"That dude was weird," added Tom Tesmer.

The last word came from Newberg's City Manager, Will Worthey, describing Dr. Love as "a real wingnut."

Our Program was aptly titled, What The World Needs Now.

Doug opened with a few quotes.

"Love is always near. It doesn't hide or fade away." "When darkness overshadows, Love is a beacon of hope." "When hearts are heavy, Love lifts them up.

Then some definitions of love.

Eros: romantic, passionate ... of the body. Philia: friendship, brotherliness. Ludus: flirty, playful uncommitted love. Pragma: committed, lasting patience and tolerance. Storge: family, especially parents and children. Philautia: self love (could be self care or self-ish). Agape: pure, unconditional.

Then some Valentine's Day trivia.

An estimated 250 million roses are grown each year for Valentine's Day.

St. Valentine is said to have been born in Rome around 226 AD.

Oregon (1859) and Arizona (1912) became states on Valentine's Day.

According to Hallmark, about 145 million Valentines are exchanged each year.

According to Billboard, *Endless Love*, recorded in 1981 by Diana Ross and Lionel Richie, is the top love song of all time.

How is love expressed by our club and Rotary at large? Polio eradication is the most obvious for Rotary, the organization.

Our District 5100 is 1st in the US and 2nd in the world for Rotary Foundation contributions.

For us, Doug thinks our club does an amazing job in our local and global community that, locally, we would be missed if we no longer existed.

We grant dollars to local requests, we pick up roadside trash, build and accessorize local parks, lend sweat equity to Habitat for Humanity builds, host Pancake Breakfast and Summerfest, cemetery cleanups, sponsor high school grad nights and freshman socials, Christmas and Thanksgiving Families with meals and gifts.

Our participation in Youth Exchange is a great act of love and the club as a whole raises thousands of dollars each year in our annual Christmas Auction paddle raise.

What does love mean to you, was his question to those in attendance.

Amy considers us all lucky that we have one another.

Mark mused that brutal, torturous death can be portrayed as an act of love, referring to Jesus' sacrifice. He had asked this of his brother who simplified the question as "sometimes we think too hard about meaning. That love means giving part or all of yourself."

Raquel cited Caritas (Latin for charity) as a big part of what we offer our community in time, skill, passion and resources.

Dave says of his wife, Mary, that she was the first in his life to offer him unconditional love. He wondered where that acceptance came from, until he met her mother.

Julie cited a favorite movie, *The Family Man* that love is a daily choice, be it money or people.

John Roberts says love is like water. Will yours be stagnant like a pond or flowing like a stream. Let love flow through you. If you're not experiencing love in your life, is it because you're blocking it like a pond?

Doug Cain recalled his son, Jonathan's, comment after returning from their service trip to Colombia, "Dad, this was the greatest trip I have ever taken with you."

