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Good morning all, here's this week's Sunrise news:

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Sue Thompson's Excellent Adventure

Sue Thompson is preparing for a challenging adventure of a lifetime. On May 9 she is off to South America leading a team of 4 non Rotarian "water management" professionals from southern Ontario and northern New York on a month long journey through Paraguay and Argentina.

This is not just another a holiday tour. While in Argentina and Paraguay the team will meet local water management professionals to learn about local water management practices, share ideas , tour local water facilities, learn about Paraguayan and Argentinean culture, and make presentations to various Rotary Clubs... all en español! Their itinerary is ambitious and includes visits to Asunción, Coronel Oviedo, Ciudad del Este, Encarnacion in Paraguay and Eldorado, Obera, Posadas, Iguazu Falls in Argentina. Throughout the tour they will stay with local host families and will have ample opportunity to practice their español!

The team includes :



- Angela Hintz - a wastewater project engineer with Malcolm Pirnie Inc. in Buffalo, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Buffalo
- Heather Sim - a process engineer with the Region of Niagara, sponsored by the St. Catharines Sunrise Club
- Lynn Bouvier - research scientist with Fisheries & Oceans Canada, sponsored by the Hamilton Rotary Club
- James Schooley – river control supervisor with Ontario Power Corporation in Niagara Falls, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Niagara Falls

Rotary Group Study Exchange Team members look forward to touring water facilities and experiencing the culture and people of Argentina and Paraguay.

Where to Serve Norfolk Sunrise in 2009-10?

President Elect Bill and the 2009-10 Board will shortly choose the committee members for the six standing committees of RCNS in the next year (i.e. Community Concerns and Environment ; Rotary Foundation and World Community Services; Youth and Exchange; Ways and Means; Club Services; Membership and Vocational Services; and Public Relations and Communications). Please let Bill know by Tuesday May 12, which committees if you have a preference of which committee you'd prefer to serve on next year.

Don't be afraid to try something new, you might be surprised! All club committee work can be challenging and rewarding and all is essential to our club's continuing success. You can print off and complete the attached form and give it to Bill, e-mail Bill with your preferences at bclevette@kwic.com or call him at 519-426-4264 by May 12. Although there are no guarantees that everyone will be assigned to their committees of choice, the Board will do it's best.

Norfolk Sunrise is Front page news

In case you missed it, attached is a copy of the front page article in the Simcoe Times Reformer of April 28 highlighting our recent Trail Work day. The Trail is the biggest local project our club has ever undertaken and will be fantastic for Norfolk. Many thanks to the committee who has been working on this project over the years and to everyone who has come out to help. Looking forward to the September opening! It's the projects like the Trail, the Spelling Bee, the Food Fight, Toast, Welshpool, youth programs and many others that keep us coming back to the club. News coverage is a bonus that enhances our visibility in Norfolk and attract new members to our cause.

Rotarian released in Nigeria

See the attached doc (*Rotary won't be swayed*) for further information on this story.

Rotary International News -- 29 April 2009

Rotary International is happy and relieved at the safe resolution of the kidnapping incident involving Canadian Rotary club member Julie Mulligan in Kaduna, Nigeria. We also thank the government agencies in both Canada and Nigeria for their hard work and commitment to achieve a safe end to a very difficult situation.

Our top priority from the beginning has been the safe return of Julie to her family in Drayton Valley, Alberta. Rotarians will continue to provide assistance and support to Julie and her family.

Meanwhile, Rotary leaders in Nigeria and Canada continue to cooperate fully with officials investigating the case.

Julie was in Nigeria leading a Rotary Group Study Exchange team from Canada. Group Study Exchange allows non-Rotary members from a variety of professions to travel abroad to interact with their counterparts, gain valuable intercultural experience, and broaden their world view. The program is just one way in which Rotary promotes world peace and understanding. Since 1965, more than 13,500 Group Study Exchange teams totaling 65,000 individuals from over 100 countries have participated. Last year, 565 teams traveled abroad.

That's all for now
Ed. Martin