

G OD MORNING!

Thursday, May 29, 2014

"Culture is Us!"



Dr. Vera Verga, Ph.D.,

"Deep Ancestry D N A"

Today's speaker is Dr. Vera Verga, Ph.D. She is a Professor at Edison State College, and teaches Biology and Microbiology at Edison.

Dr. Verga was born and raised in South Africa, and studied at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg,, and the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Her speciality is Human Molecular Genetics. She has lived in Naples for 10 years and previously taught at a CCPS High School.

Dr. Verga will speak to us today about "Deep D N A" and will tell us what a test tube of saliva can tell us about your ancestors.

"Members, please remember to bring a guest to join us for breakfast!"



Rotary After 5
at the Turtle Club
Friday, May 30th

May is Service Above Self Month

Attendance Last Meeting

Members Present:	69	79.75%		
Makeups:	1			
Visiting Rotarians:	3		Winter Pigeons:	1
Guests of Members:	7		Student Guests:	0

Did you make up?



Guest Speaker

Next Week: Dr. Corey Howard – "Nutrition"

Last Meeting: Jeff Barr, Barr Performance – Automotive Restoration



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Member	Birthday	Age
Bernie Simmonds	May 30	61

Member	Wedding Anv.	Years
Jim McLaughlin	May 30	56
Adam Morgenstern	June 4	4

Member	Club Anv.	Years
Steve Matteau	June 02	3
Al Romeo	June 02	3



Rotarian of the Year 2013

Jim Morey



**100% Paul Harris Fellows
or Sustaining Members**

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PEACE CORPS AND ROTARY KICKOFF HISTORIC COLLABORATION

In an effort to promote global development and volunteer service, Rotary and Peace Corps have agreed to participate in a one-year pilot program in the Philippines, Thailand, and Togo.



John Osterlund (far left) and Ron Burton watch as Peace Corps Acting Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet and Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko sign a letter of collaboration on a one-year pilot program in the Philippines, Thailand, and Togo.

Under the agreement, Rotary clubs and Peace Corps volunteers are encouraged to share their resources and knowledge to boost the impact of development projects in these three countries.

Opportunities for collaboration include supporting community projects, training, networking, and community education. Through the Peace Corps Partnership Program, Rotary clubs can continue to provide small grants to support volunteers and their communities.

Peace Corps Acting Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet and Rotary International General Secretary John Hewko signed the letter of collaboration on Monday, 5 May, at Rotary's headquarters during a ceremony that was attended by RI President Ron Burton and RPCV Rotary staff. In his remarks to the audience, Burton applauded the collaboration and both organizations' commitments to service.

"Today's announcement is particularly meaningful for me because I come from a family of Rotarians," said Hessler-Radelet, referring to her father, grandfather, and aunt. "We are eager to join together in common efforts to inspire volunteerism across the country and around the world."

The two organizations also agreed to explore expanding the collaboration to more countries based on the results of the pilot. Rotary will enlist the support of its members in recruiting Peace Corps volunteers and involving returned Peace Corps volunteers in service projects at home.

ROTARY MEMBERS MADE COLLABORATION POSSIBLE

Hessler-Radelet credited Rotary members in the Denver area, particularly returned Peace Corps volunteers Sue Fox, Valerie Hopkins, and Steve Werner, with helping to make the collaboration possible.

The three Rotarians, who attended the signing, are members of the District 5450 Rotary-Peace Corps Alliance Committee, which has sought a formal

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Gavel Passing Party !!

Please join President Jeff & The Rotary Club of Naples North for a special evening meeting. We will pass the gavel, give awards and install the new board of directors...

When: Thursday, June 26, 2014
Where: Country Club of Naples
Time: 5:30 cocktails, 6:30 dinner

Cost: No charge for members & their spouse
Other guests - \$30.00
All Other Cocktails - Cash Bar



agreement between the two organizations since 2010.

Werner said they wanted to create an official relationship to make it easier for Rotary clubs and Peace Corps volunteers to connect. "[The letter] ensures compatibility and a shared value system," he added.

Jesse Davis, one of more than a dozen Rotary employees who are returned Peace Corps volunteers, said he hopes the partnership inspires more like it around the world.

"While serving as a Peace Corps response volunteer in Panama, I found myself working with the local Rotary club on countless occasions. They were an integral partner in my work," he said.

STRENGTHENING CONNECTIONS

The letter of collaboration not only officially recognizes the partnership between the two organizations, but also encourages Rotary clubs and Peace Corps volunteers to expand the connections already in place.

"It's just one example of how Rotary and Peace Corps can collaborate on the ground to achieve lasting impact in the communities where we work," Hessler-Radelet said.

Within the Philippines, Thailand, and Togo, Peace Corps posts and Rotary districts will coordinate at the country level with support from the headquarters of both organizations. Local Rotary clubs interested in working with Peace Corps volunteers should contact their district governors. Clubs located elsewhere should work through their Rotary counterparts in the pilot countries.