



**We all want the same thing.**

January – February 2009

## **EVENING ROTARY CONNECTION**

### **Interfaith Service a Highlight of Year**

We all worship the same God was the message of the interfaith service on December 23, 2008. A special thank you to Frank Rycyk for scheduling the speakers: Iqbal Hussain, President, Jefferson City Muslim Community; Joe Benson, Rabbi, Temple Beth El; and The Rev. John Bennett, Outreach Coordinator, Missouri IMPACT CT Network. The Christian music performed by Charlotte Parsons, and her student, Alloch Burton, cellist, added additional meaning to the service.

### **Peace Matters**

According to Rotary International, peace has always mattered. It's part of our mission and is a critical part of the solution. Just \$100 US can buy textbooks for one elementary school in Zambia. You can make a difference with your contribution to the Rotary Foundation.



Three years ago, while studying filmmaking in Spain, Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar and now Rotarian Alissa Creamer turned her camera on a project supported by 60 Spanish Rotary clubs. The result is a documentary about two children who received prosthetic legs at a hospital that Rotarians are supporting.

<http://rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/Peacegallery.aspx>

### **A New Year's Message**

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January marks the beginning of the second half of the Rotary year. It's a time to look back on what we've accomplished so far, to assess our progress, and to renew our determination to achieve our goals in the months remaining. It's a time to discuss and evaluate the goals of our clubs as well as the goals we've set for ourselves as Rotarians.

January is also Rotary Awareness Month, a time for us to consider how our Rotary values – and our own actions – influence public perceptions of Rotary. Our strategic plan outlines five core values that define and guide us as we chart a course into our second century of service.

When we are chosen to become Rotarians, and when we choose to accept that honor, we take it upon ourselves to become representatives of the entire organization. By living by our core values and committing to Service Above Self, we build a stronger Rotary and a better world for all.

### **Off Site at the Missouri Police Chief's Association**

You'll get some hands-on experience on Feb. 24 using the training equipment at the Mo. Police Chief's Association. Some of you may want to try the driving stimulator and (hopefully) the shooting simulator. If you tend to get motion-sickness you may want to consider taking a motion-sickness medication in advance of the training.

### **Announcements**

Need volunteer for dinner on Jan. 27. No dinner in February.