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Program for December 6: Professor Rico Catalano, UW School of Social Work *Using Science to Guide Prevention of Crime in Communities*



Many of you will remember Rico as a former member of our club. His work is fascinating, and extremely important in our increasingly contentious society.

Manual Typewriters Needed



Scour your attic and junk room for manual typewriters (that work). They are needed on the island of Taveuni, Fiji, where we sponsor a Rotary Club under the initiative of Bob Goddess. Electric power is scarce and unreliable on Taveuni. They really need the manual kind. See or call Gene Goddess if you have any to contribute.

Meeting Minutes: NOVEMBER 15, 2002

Vice President Ron Schlocker chaired the meeting and Alex Hubbard led us in an a cappella rendition of God Bless America. Mike Hooper gave the invocation (The United Nations Prayer) to a very full house of 120 people, honoring his wife, Lydia Gayton-Hooper, who along with University Rotarians Jean Withers, Mike Finkenbinder and Dave Spicer are in El Salvador for two weeks.



Peter Damm gave us a funny vintage joke and Bob Davis got the honor of introducing more than 35 visiting Rotarians and their guests, many of



whom were attending the special annual awards meeting for Rotary First Harvest. What a room full of very committed and distinguished Rotarians!



Also present with us was Kathy Johnson, the district governor nominee.

Dave Holmes gave special thanks to Bill Rabel

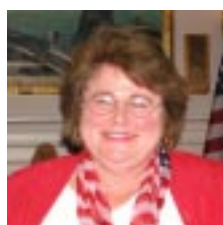
and Mike Finkenbinder for the very productive Saturday of loading donated hospital beds and equipment in West Seattle. Those items along with a fire car, fire pumper and ambulance are destined for delivery to a separatist part of the Republic of Georgia.

The main program was brought to us by Dave Bobanik, Executive Director of Rotary First Harvest. He gave special tribute to the vision and the dedication of Mike Shanahan and Norm Hillis who 20 years ago founded Rotary First Harvest. He acknowledged the leadership of then University Club President Jack Pitcher who helped turn the idea into reality. Since its founding, First Harvest has gathered and distributed more than 75 million pounds of food and fresh produce, all of which would have been thrown away!

Several local Rotary clubs were singled out by Dave for their high level of giving to First Harvest over the past three years. These clubs were Bellevue, Bellevue Sunrise, Mill Creek, Tukwila, Issaquah, Southcenter, Mercer Island, Ballard, Kent, West Seattle, Alderwood, Woodenville and our own University club.

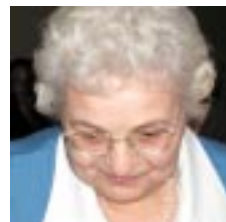
Norm Hillis Awards go to the persons whom "get things going." These people each year donate at least \$1,000 to First Harvest. Recognized this year were attendees Bud Carr, Suzanne Burke, Frank Young and Oly Wise. Seven other donors were absent but honored as well.

Mike Shanahan Volunteer Service Awards went to five people who have



given outstanding service to fighting hunger. Winners this year were Roger Morse, Kathy Paris, Helen Rector, Florence Galicic and Chuck Barnes.

Denton Hanford introduced Roger Morse as a Rotarian who demonstrates Governor Rosemary's mantra of "Find Your Passion and Act on It!"



Shelly Rotondo introduced Kathy Paris, a "semi-retired pathologist" who moved to Eastern Washington for a year. Kathy worked with growers, developing sources for fresh foods, and with a broad spectrum of volunteers and food bank administrators to help develop the First Harvest concept in the Spokane area.

One of the nicest moments came when Joe Tice of Tukwila honored Florence Galicic by saying that when he volunteered to run the Tukwila food bank he was initially overwhelmed. So, he went next door to talk to Florence, who was Joe's second mother. Florence encouraged him and volunteered to help. She's continued to help for two years and over 1,000 hours. When Florence accepted the award, she said, "I'm a doer, not a speaker. Thanks to everyone!"

The largest boiling pot in the history of the club was awarded to Bob Countryman. Bob as an example to us all, donated it to the Rotary Foundation as a way of reminding each of us that between now and the end of the year, all donations will be matched by the club!

Marty Lindemann

University Rotary would like to thank the following Rotarians, and non-Rotarians*, for their service to our Club as Husky ushers during this 2002 football season:

Bill Metcalf-40 hours
Scott Shawver-16 hours
Dale Hicklin-40 hours
Nancy Dalton-8 hours
***Wes Peterson-40 hours**
***Eric Dalton-8 hours**
Bob Weis-32 hours
Julius Debro-8 hours
Dave Holmes-24 hours
Sabah Al Haddad-8 hours
Leroy Johnson-24 hours
Art Siegal-8 hours
***Rick Hilkin-24 hours**
***Jane Wiegenstein-8 hours**
***Tom Moen-24 hours**
Dave Weaver-8 hours

As Ushers, even though we had our season's games reduced, we earned just over \$2,000.00 for our Club's treasury this season. Thanks to all of you who participated!

Dale Hicklin

Bulletin review: Please share your thoughts

In view of the fact that the bulletin is the single most expensive item in the club operating budget, a committee has been formed to "review the bulletin" with regard to its cost-effectiveness. A wide range of options is under consideration, ranging from the inexpensive to the quite expensive. Some ideas increase our reliance on the web for club news. If you have any thoughts, please share them with us, in person, by phone, or by email. The committee is: Dan Dow, Jim Tillman, Carolyn Hathaway, Alan Leader, Jean Withers, Ed Wittman, Judy Lovelace, and Peter Damm. **Please share your thoughts!**

Subject: The Honor of Being a University Rotarian

Dear Colleagues:

I want to thank you for making the 20th Anniversary of First Harvest an event I shall always treasure. I am sure Norm Hillis approved. His physical presence would have made it all the more exciting. Still he was there in spirit and is remembered.

Too often in life we miss historical moments as they occur because they are not pointed out in sufficient time to appreciate them. Today was such a moment in the life of our Club. First the honorees were recognized for genuine sacrifices in behalf of humanity. They were following the example set by University Rotary these past two decades. Receiving their awards among us was uplifting not just for them, but for us as well. Second, It was so clear to see that University Rotary is not one dimensional. Others among us have taken our Service-Above-Self ethic to Central America, Africa, Russia, and South East Asia. Few if any clubs our size have so extensive a domestic and international list of achievements.

Again, thank you for your sincere and heartfelt praise. Rotray is very special to me at this time in my life. Please pray for the success of our Sharing Rotary First Harvest efforts. We are at a pivotal point, but have one very influential District Governor - Rosemary helping us.


**God Bless Us Everyone,
Mike**



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December 13	Our Leadership	Club Assembly
December 21	Holiday Program	
December 28	No meeting	Christmas Holiday
January 3	To be announced	



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