

Meetings are every Wednesday at 12:15 at the Holiday Inn Express on Reservation Road.

This years theme is "Lead the Way".

marina rotary

What we're all about - Service above self, that's us.

We support the local community.

FOOD BANK. Join the Marina Rotarians at the Second Harvest Food Bank at 815 West Market Street in Salinas July 22, 2006 from 9 to noon. We form a production line and pack grocery bags with nutritious food that will be distributed to Monterey County residents. The Food Bank is the largest supplier of emergency food in Monterey County by distributing nearly 6 million pounds of food in fiscal year 2005. Call Father Carl Faria to let him know you are planning to join in the fun at 959-3547.

TEEN CENTER CHESS SET. On June 21, 2006 Marina Rotary dedicated a large outdoor, patio size chess set to the Teen Center of the City of Marina at 304 Hillcrest Ave. The club installed and donated the tile game board, measuring 12' x 12'. They also donated the chess pieces which stand 3' tall. Players stand in 2 perches which elevate the players to 6' above the patio. A third or fourth person moves the pieces. All teens are invited to stop in and play an athletic game of chess.

MARINA'S NEW HIGH SCHOOL. In a true sprite of community service Marina Rotary joined forces with two other local organizations to host a barbeque fund raiser for the new Marina High School. Led by the Marina Chamber of Commerce under the leadership of Cecil Potter the Rotary, Lions, and Kiwanis Clubs all joined forces to cook, serve, and promote the new school. This event was attended by approximately 350 people. All in all, this event raised \$16,000. All proceeds were turned over to the Parent Teacher Association. What a great way to start school.

International Service:

Solar Cookers. We fund the purchase of these solar cookers used in Africa instead of wood to cook food. They are light weight and portable and provide a very real, sustainable alternative to using a natural resource.

Wheelchair Foundation. We fund the purchase of wheelchairs in third world countries.

Marina Rotary and Amigos de Guatemala

Our 2005-2006 year was an exciting and fulfilling year on the international level as our club was introduced to, and participated in the Amigos de Guatemala project in Zacualpa, Guatemala.

It all started when our then (2004-2005) International Services Chair, Tim Ledesma, returned from the 2005 Rotary Central American Project Fair in Antigua Guatemala, where he met Robert Hatmaker, the leader and creator of the "Amigos de Guatemala" project.

In March 2005, Tim was able to get Robert Hatmaker to give the Marina Rotary Club a presentation about the Amigos de Guatemala project. Mr. Hatmaker explained the concepts of Amigos de Guatemala, and what they had been able to accomplish in prior years, along with a vision of what they would like to do in the future. Bob ex-

MARINA'S ANNUAL AIR FAIRE.

Held annually we just hosted the Eighth Annual Marina Air Faire honoring veterans of WWII at the Marina Municipal Airport, at the intersection of Reservation & Imjin Roads. This is a special event because we are honoring and celebrating our Military Heritage of WWII with vintage plane rides available in P-51 Mustangs, Yak-11, B-25, CJ-6, and BT-13 and more recent WACO Biplanes and a Turbo Helicopter. Extra special this year was the return of the B-25 Bomber, one of the most famous American planes of the war as it was used by General Doolittle for the Tokyo Raid on April 18, 1942. Visitors can fly back in time in one of these classic planes out over the Monterey Bay. Other activities at the air faire include a car show by Gold Coast Rods with customs, antiques, classics, and hot rods; a silent auction featuring skydiving, limo ride, golf, restaurants, and hotels; a pancake breakfast by Marina Volunteer Fire Fighters; a Chili Cook Off; Hidden Secrets Tour of Ft. Ord by the Ft. Ord Alumni Association; a children's entertainment area, and vendors.

This event is co-sponsored by the City of Marina. It highlights the Marina Airport facilities, promotes local businesses, and provides visitors with a very unique opportunity to fly over the bay in vintage planes.

Past recipients of the net proceeds from the Air Faire have included:

Marina Teen Center, Civil Air Patrol Squadron, Marina Food Pantry, Olson elementary School PTA, Locke-Paddon Park Marina Vista PTA, Marina Youth Arts

plained that Amigos de Guatemala was a multi-club project that was started to help the educational needs of the people of Zacualpa, Guatemala. Each club became a "partner" in Amigos de Guatemala to give support to the project and help build classrooms, kitchens and bathrooms at the elementary schools. He also explained that individual Rotarians could become "sponsors" of the Guatemalan children to help give them an education above the 6th grade level, when public schooling ends.

The Marina Rotary Club immediately decided to become a partner of Amigos de Guatemala. In addition, our club decided to apply for a Simplified District Matching Grant to purchase a computer system and 6 months of internet access for the "Instituto", or Jr. High-School in Zacualpa. Our district came through with the matching grant. Rotarian Tom Hornick and his wife also sponsored one of the Jr. High students to help him complete his education. Since then, Rotarians Cliff Guinn and Roger Meidl, as well as Tom Hornick's mother and brother have also become student sponsors. It is our hope that the 3 students that are being sponsored will complete High School and receive a degree that will allow them to give back to their community.

In September 2005, Cliff Guinn, our 2005-2006 International Services Chair

flew to Guatemala with Bob Hatmaker to make the final decision as to which project would be worked on during the upcoming January. After visiting several schools, Cliff and Bob decided the next service project would be at the La Vega Elementary School, where they desperately needed an additional classroom and a kitchen with a vented stove. Upon his return from Guatemala, Cliff also gave presentations about the Amigos de Guatemala project to several other clubs in our area.

In January 2006, led by Robert Hatmaker, Marina Rotarians Cliff Guinn, Tom Hornick and his wife Adelia, Soledad Rotarians Fred Ledesma and Bill Lenoble, Groveland Rotarian Claudia Day, and volunteers Tom and Miki Gilbertz flew to Zacualpa to help build a classroom, a kitchen, and dig a well. We laid brick for the classroom and kitchen, and dug a well by hand, 25 feet deep, 3 feet in diameter - what a great feeling when we finally hit water! It was a wonderful experience, and the people of Zacualpa were overwhelmingly grateful. It was the kind of hard work that really made you feel satisfied at the end of the day! It also created some very close friendships amongst people that really care.

In addition to the manual labor, we were also supposed to install the computer system that the Marina

SENIORS HOME REHABILITATION.

The club assists low income seniors with home maintenance and safety problems within and around their home. We have many club members knowledgeable about construction and we are able to repair or replace most items in a home. These are a hands-on project by the entire club.

SENIORS HOLIDAY DINNER. We provide a complimentary holiday dinner between Thanksgiving and the New Year for all seniors in our community. This project involves the entire club and is well received by the Marina community.

SENIORS SEMINAR. The club sponsors a luncheon for seniors in conjunction with local and county service agencies and group to distribute literature to explain to seniors the types of assistance that is available to them.

FOOD BASKETS. The club prepares and distributes baskets of food during the holidays for needy families.

LIBRARY EXPANSION. We contribute funds to build and maintain our own library.

ROTOCARE. We combine our efforts with other local Rotary clubs to support the free clinic with club funds and have member volunteer their time at the county clinic and a free dental clinic in Seaside.

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING. We provide volunteers to the City of Marina's tree lighting ceremony.

Camp Royal. The club provides full scholarships for 2 selected local students. The camp program provides an opportunity for personal growth.

Club and Matching District Grant had purchased, but unfortunately, a mix-up on Dell Computer's part led to a delay in the delivery of the computer. It did not arrive in time for us to set it up. As a matter of fact, it did not arrive until late in March of 2006. Once it did arrive, Bob Hatmaker and Tom Hornick worked hard with a dedicated Peace Corp volunteer (Meghann Mulherin), and a local businessman from Zacualpa to seal an internet access deal to provide wireless internet access to the Instituto.

Bob Hatmaker, along with Tom Hornick and his wife Adelia, flew to Guatemala in June 2006 to install the microwave (wireless) link to provide internet access to the Instituto. Working with a sponsored student's father, they were able to assemble and install a pair of microwave antennas to create a wireless internet link to the Instituto from a local business a few miles away. This is the first and only wireless internet connection that exists in the small town of Zacualpa.

In January 2007, Amigos de Guatemala is planning to again go to the city of Zacualpa. This time we will be building a fence around an elementary school that is located adjacent to a dangerous highway. This fence will provide a great level of safety to the students of the elementary school. With the assistance of Marina Rotarian Richard Holm and

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ROTARACT. We support a club at California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB).

SANTA CRUZ BLUES FESTIVAL. The club organizes club members and Marina community volunteers to staff beverage booths at the Santa Cruz Blues Festival. The club has always used the \$3300 plus dollars raised each year for the Los Arboles Middle School Librarian Fund.

CITY-WIDE HALLOWEEN PARTY. Rotary organizes a free, fun, and safe Halloween event for Marina's elementary school children in cooperation with the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District's Marina area schools.

his Dental Hygienist, as well as volunteers from other Amigos de Guatemala clubs, we hope to be able to give simple dental procedures and hygiene lessons to the children of Zacualpa. The team has also sponsored the rebuilding of the bathrooms at the La Vega Elementary school, where we helped building the classroom and kitchen this year. During the rains and storms of summer, the bathrooms were completely washed away. Marina Rotary has also received a District Simplified Grant to purchase desks, a podium, a large chalkboard, and bookcases for an elementary where they currently conduct their scholastic activities on the floor.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Rotarians to help on an International Basis. We look forward to an ongoing effort to help this community in their educational needs. So far, 11 Rotary Clubs have partnered in the Amigos de Guatemala project. We also now have an Amigos de Guatemala website, hosted by Tom Hornick, and created by Robert Hatmaker. Check out our website at www.amigosdeguatemala.org, and you can request more information about Amigos de Guatemala and the Sponsorship program by contacting **Robert Hatmaker** (hatmaker@amigosdeguatemala.org), or **Tom Hornick** (tom.hornick@amigosdeguatemala.org). ■