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June 17, 2008

**Meeting located at
Dunlap Community Hospital**

Board Meeting- Wednesday, June 25, 2008
Meeting will be held at the Rotary Pavilion in the park. Please RSVP to Nadine so she can order lunch.

**TODAY: Greeter – Nadine Landaw
Program – Steve Criss**

Officers for upcoming Rotary Year:
We will print the following nominees in the bulletin for two weeks before voting upon these positions. If anyone would like to include additional nominees, please let Amberly know.

**Members at Large:
Stacey Underwood- 2 year term
Eric Badertscher- 1 year term**

Upcoming Meetings

June 24: Greeter- Justin Haislip
Program- Officer Installation

July 1: Greeter- Ken VanSickle
Program- Club Assembly

News from Rotary International:
www.Rotary.org

Volunteer teaches Turkish earthquake survivors
By Joseph Derr
Rotary International News - 10 June 2008



Don't forget! We will be serving pancakes to GOBA on the morning of June 21, 2008. Please sign up to flip some flapjacks.

June Birthdays



Karen Shultz	06-07
Darrin Wasniewski	06-11
Terry Kline	06-20



When Margaret Curtis, a retired professor, began looking for an opportunity to teach English as a second language overseas, she turned to Rotary. Her Rotary Volunteer experience would take her to a community that had survived one of the deadliest earthquakes in recent memory.

Friendship Meals



June 26, 2008:	
Don Smart	Justin Haislip
Donna Miller	Amberly Wolf
Eric Badertscher	



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Searching for volunteer openings on the RI Web site, she found a program posted by local Rotarians that would require her to teach for about four weeks at Sarayli Primary School in Değirmendere, Turkey. Located in the country's northern coastal area, Değirmendere was near the epicenter of the İzmit earthquake on 17 August 1999, a disaster that lasted less than one minute but claimed more than 17,000 lives and left thousands homeless.

In July 2007, Curtis taught English to two classes of 10- to 13-year-olds who had survived the disaster. "They were too young to remember the horror of it all, but the lives of their families were forever changed," says the member of the Rotary Club of Bowling Green, Kentucky, USA.

A professor emeritus of religion and philosophy at Western Kentucky University, Curtis was used to the classroom setting, but in Değirmendere, she faced a few challenges. Loud bleating goats outside the school, for example, competed for the students' attention.

On one occasion, she noticed some 16-year-old girls trying to listen in on the class from outside. She invited them to help tutor the younger students. It quickly became "a slick operation, with helpers and children all joining in enthusiastically and everyone benefiting from the learning process," says Curtis.

"To my amazement, the teaching methods worked, and the children started to speak very nice English."

The Bowling Green club donated supplies including posters, activity books, pens, and stickers, and members of the Rotary Club of Kocaeli-Gölcük, who had arranged Curtis's volunteer trip, invited her into their homes. "I have experienced a camaraderie and warm fellowship that extends way beyond language and culture," she says.

It all added up to an unforgettable journey. "I could never have imagined how much fun and excitement the children would bring into my life," she says.



<http://www.orrvillerotary.org/main.html>

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