



“The Farmer’s Choice”

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Enthusiastic students who attended Camp Royal, last week are, from left: Lily Roberts, Hannah Cronin, Alex Correia, Jared Awender, and Dylan Coito. Not pictured is Tyler Gomes.



Julie Schaefer speaks on Rotary projects in Haiti.

## Guests

Gene welcomes Camp Royal students, as well as Julie Schaefer from Brentwood Rotary.

## Really amazing!

That’s how students described last week’s adventure at Camp Royal. Jared is so amazed that he’s speechless. So, Dylan takes a stab at it, describing camp activities, such as the zip line and the “wall,” two exercises designed to boost self-esteem, teach teamwork and enhance communication and personal relationship skills.

Hannah describes the always adventurous, 7 hour, less-than-comfortable bus ride with no A/C. (*Don’t worry Hannah, no one is ever quite prepared for that.*) All students truly enjoyed being out of their comfort zone as they performed exercises that taught them to accept, rely on and trust others.

## Community project

While in camp the kids planned a project to pick up and recycle litter at Sandy Beach.

## Milestones

Rick & Betty, birthdays; Betty, an-

niversary; Beverly, Rotary anniversary; Hector, wedding anniversary. Tequila y Más

Hector touts this scholarship fundraiser supported by 6 local restaurants and 9 vendors. There’ll be music by Cub, cigar rolling, and silent auction. We’ll need volunteers to pour. Tickets \$35 now or \$40 at door. Program

Gene introduces Julie Schaefer, who presents a very professional video she made in 2010 showing the plight of the very poor people in Haiti. Only 1 in 4 kids attends school, there, where they receive one meal each day, and it’s likely the only meal they’ll get that day. She describes a Rotary matching grant program that’s helping the poor, there.

Julie is also active with the “New Vision Ministries,” a Christian school with a similar program.

She describes an ag program utilizing green houses and chicken coops. There is 40% unemployment, with the average wage being \$5 per day.

Currently, Rotary clubs of Clayton, Pittsburg, Antioch and Brentwood

are supporting this program. It is difficult for us to relate to some of the obstacles that Haiti faces. Providing power to operate equipment such as pumps for a fish farm is problematic because solar generators are likely to be stolen. Transmitting electricity is also difficult as electrocutions often occur.

## Confessions

Rick thanks Gary and Evelyn for his retirement bash at Foster’s. He’s celebrating with whirlwind trip to Alaska & Maine and assuages his conscience with \$100 for Rotary Foundation. He suggests his replacement superintendent from Woodland will make good Rotarian.

Bev pays for Atalie’s scholarships. Ken’s son-in-law is back in TX.

Cool hand Betty rides again...on a zip-line, no less. She pays \$40 to PHF. Jack’s #2 son makes Deputy Superintendent of Instruction at FL.

Gene’s daughter’s okay after fire.

Dylan Coito joins Montezuma F. D. Gene thanks Derek for gavel care.

## 50/50 Raffle

Jack gets clear marble; sorry, Jack.

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSON</u>
Friday, June 28	No morning meeting	
Friday, June 28, 6:00 Social, 7:00 Dinner	Exciting Demotion at Peter’s Steak House	Derek “The Cub” Abel
Friday, July 5	No meeting	Yankee Doodle
Friday, July 12	John Dwyer, Assistant District Governor	Beverly Bowman
Friday, July 19	Club Assembly	Derek Jones & Beverly Bowman