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"Clothes for Kids" coming up November 9th & 10th

San Juan Rotary's Clothes for Kids program is coming up again soon! Each year several children and their families are assisted by Rotarian's and community volunteers. Rotary is now accepting donations. Donations can be sent to San Juan Rotary, P.O. Box 2105, Farmington, NM 87499. Elementary children are selected from area schools by their principals and teachers as those who will benefit the most from the program. For information call 505.599.8778.

Rachel's Challenge in October!

RACHEL'S CHALLLENGE is coming to Farmington on October 26 and 27.

Rachel Scott was the first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Rachel's acts of kindness and compassion coupled with the contents of her six diaries have become the foundation for the most life-changing school program in America.

Three presentations are scheduled on Wednesday, Oct 26 at Farmington High School and two presentations are scheduled for Thursday, Oct 27 at Piedra Vista High and a Free Community Event at the Civic Center at 6:30pm Thursday evening.

Rachel's brother, Craig, was in the library that day and lost two close friends and narrowly escaped death himself. He was the only student at Columbine who was in the library, the worst of the killing zone, and also lost a sibling.

Powerful audio/video footage of Rachel's Challenge holds students spellbound during a one-hour school presentation that motivates them to positive change in the way they treat others. At the evening event, the Rachel's Challenge presenter conducts a powerful session with parents and community leaders.

A few weeks after the tragedy Darrell Scott, Rachel's father, spoke to a Congressional House Judiciary Committee regarding issues of school violence. His speech has become one of the most widely read on the internet. Shortly afterwards he founded "Rachel's Challenge", a bullying and violence abatement program. More than 1.5 million students annually experience Rachel's Challenge and have the opportunity to accept the challenges, modeled after Rachel's life and writings. The universal message of kindness and compassion told by Rachel's story has been heard by students in several other countries. Since its beginning in 2000, the number of requests to present Rachel's Challenge to students, parents, and educators continues to increase.

Navajo Missions receives NEW SWING SETS!

Assembling the Swing Sets, were Rotarian's Tony Bennett, Jill & Paul McQueary, Jim Baker, Beth Bregar, and Bob Fitz

Rachel's Challenge Continued

The Scott family and other Rachel's Challenge certified presenters have spoken to over 15 million people in live settings, and has reached millions more through being featured on popular media outlets like CNN, Fox News, The Today Show, Good Morning America, Larry King Live, Oprah, Dateline, O'Reilly Factor, Hannity and Holmes and numerous others. Mr. Scott has also authored three books including the best seller "Rachel's Tears."

The school program founded by Mr. Scott has prevented over 350 suicides since 2008, drastically reduced bullying, and in at least 6 instances has prevented school shootings.

Sponsors for the event are Rotary Clubs of San Juan County, Tres Rios and Farmington, San Juan Safe Communities Initiatives, Farmington Schools, Farmington Police, Presbyterian Medical Services, City of Farmington, Juvenile Probation Office, Juvenile Detention Center, SHAC-School Health Advisory Committee.

For more information, call Jill at 3:00.

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Upcoming Programs at our weekly luncheons:

October 4 F.E.T. Program
Sandi Grunwaldt

October 11 911 Director
David Ripley

October 18 San Juan United Way
George Sharpe

October 25 Buy a Brick –Own a Piece of Baseball History Matt Broten, Kim Carpenter

November 1 CASA Program
Amy O'Neil

November 8 Unite Our World Riley King

Please contact Jim Baker if you would like to schedule a speaker!

Baker@NavajoMinistries.org

For more infiorm,ation about San Juan Rotary please visit our website at:
http://sanjuancountyeastnmrotary.com/

Do you have questions or comments about Rotary or our local club?
We'd like to hear from you!
Please contact us:
The Rotary Club of San Juan County East
P.O. Box 2105
Farmington NM 87499
Or you may contact us via email by completing the "contact us" form on our website!

Fellow Rotarians,

The Rio Grande Academy is coming to Farmington! RGA is a Leadership Institute development program that will be offered in 3 full day sessions. This is to let you know that the first session will be offered on Saturday, Nov 5 from 8am to 4pm. The location will be announced in the very near future. Rotary needs a constant influx of leadership as club officers, etc. change every year. It is difficult at the club level to learn enough about the exciting world of Rotary. Leadership skills in a voluntary organization are often different from business leadership skill. It is important that club leaders have every opportunity for education because the success or failure of our clubs depends in large part on the quality of their leaders.
Why should our club participate? If your club cares about its future, it will want the best leadership possible. This is an outstanding opportunity for each club to improve the Rotary knowledge of its key people, who will be exposed to new ideas o leadership.

This is to encourage Assistant Governors, Club Presidents, Board Members and interested Rotarians to attend these informative sessions. The cost is only $35 per person and includes morning snacks, lunch, a course workbook containing an Institute Manual, session program agendas, and course outlines and materials are provided to each attendee. This program can only be successful with the encouragement from the club leaders. Sessions are limited to approximately 10-15 persons. Bruce Bortner, District Membership Chair, will be the speaker at the San Juan Club on Tuesday, September 20, and will be speaking on membership and the Rio Grande Academy. For more information, please call Robert David or Jill McQueary.

CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

CASA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The San Juan Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer program is recruiting people interested in helping children who have been the victims of abuse and neglect. CASA's mission is to support effective volunteer advocacy for the best interest of abused and neglected children and to assist in helping a child to reach a safe and permanent home. Interested individuals willing to be a powerful voice in a child's life can contact Amy O'Neill or Jeannie Wright at the San Juan CASA Program, 592-0168 or 592-0167. Our Fall CASA Pre-Service Training will start October 18. CASA volunteers provide hope for a brighter future for our children! Please help us make a difference!

This PSA from

August 25 to October 18, 2011.

Thank you!