

Rotary Club says 'good-bye' to one of its members

Rotary met at the Colby Country Club on Jan. 6 2004 with president Jerry Arensdorf presiding. Colby Rotary Club will be losing one of its members soon. Joe Munsell is moving to Kansas City. He will be missed and his duty, a soup supper chairperson is in need of replacement. Jerry said that Bill Biel was going to help Joe and was sure he would still help in organizing this event. A collection was taken to help in stocking the Genesis food

Club News

Secretary Steve Ziegelmeier gave a report on last week's meeting. Treasurer Nancy LePell reported on the treasury of the club.

Club Assembly started with Jeff Horlacher, chairman of the club's International Committee. The committee is working right now on the Exchange Student Program. They

are also working on the Rotary International Cruise Raffle. Tickets were handed out to members to sell. This year's cruise is to Alaska on Aug. 28 through Sept. 3, 2004. Jeff reminded members that the selling of 10 tickets applies \$100 to their Paul Harris Fellow.

Vocational Committee Chair Todd Stramel spoke of the ongoing Student of the Month program. He was sorry to say that due to time and other criteria they did not get a stu-

dent of the month for December. The getting to know members program was one of the newer ideas the club has established. It consists of a 2-3 minute bio on the member that introduces the program each week. Members learn of spouses, children, hobbies and work backgrounds.

Todd announced he and his wife's new arrival. Nathan John who was about one and a half weeks early weighed in at 6 pounds, 12 ounces

at birth. Jim Stanley gave the Community Service report saying the club has done excellent. The bleachers for the ball diamonds are in hopes of being done by the first high school game. The next thing on the agenda is the Centennial Celebration working in conjunction with the city of Colby.

The Family of Rotary Committee Chairperson Cindy Cersovsky is still encouraging members to bring family members and friends to club

meetings. Mike Tubbs, chairperson for the membership committee said that at this time the club has 53 members, three of those are seasonal members due to job conflicts. The club has gained five new members since July and has lost four due to deaths, jobs and family-related reasons. Mike then acknowledged members that have family and friends to meetings, with that in mind Nancy LePell introduced a new program of free lunch cards.

Young woman afraid she won't ever meet the right guy

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 20-year-old nursing major at a Christian college. I live off campus.

Someday I would like to be married, but I am really particular. I've been trying to get to know people and wouldn't consider myself shy, although I do worry I will never meet "Mr. Right."

There have been a few good prospects, but I see them only in passing when I am on campus for classes. Abby, what's the best way to show interest in a guy without scaring him away? Are there any creative, nonthreatening kosher ways to spark their interest in me, as well?

—LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT

DEAR LOOKING: Just be yourself. And if you're smart, you'll invent excuses to spend more time on campus. Join the staff of the school newspaper, study in the library, work out at the school gym, get a part-time job on campus. It will give you a reason to interact with eligible "fellow" students.

(And by the way, another technique for getting to know someone is to ask if you can study together before an exam.)

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Andy," is a Marine. When he was fighting in Iraq, he sent me e-mails saying how much he missed me and couldn't wait to be with me.

When Andy came home, he was a completely different person!

We got pregnant soon after, and he seemed OK with it at first. Then he was sent back to Iraq. He started



Abigail Van Buren

Dear Abby

fighting with me long-distance and telling me to get an abortion, but he said he still loved me.

About two months ago, he stopped telling me he loves me. He never talks about our baby that's due soon. He has never helped financially. Andy is now back from Iraq, and he says he loves me but has "a lot to work out." He's so distant now. What should I do? Please help.

—IN LOVE AND HURTING

DEAR HURTING: You both need help. Your boyfriend may be suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. Fortunately, there is help for it through the Veterans Administration. Please urge him to get it now before it affects his future — and yours and the baby's. Until Andy is emotionally stronger, you will have to find support from friends and family. I wish you both luck.

DEAR ABBY: I live in a town that is large enough that everyone does not know everyone else, but small enough that jobs are not easy to come by.

My niece is a lovely, moral girl. She works in the photo department of a drugstore, where one of her duties is to monitor the one-hour photo machine. Recently she developed some photos of a young female customer that were frankly

pornographic. Is this legal? —CONCERNED AUNT

DEAR CONCERNED: A judge once said it may not be easy to define pornography, but he knew it when he saw it. Unfortunately, there's quite a stretch between what's tasteful and what's legal. Because what is pornographic and what is acceptable may have to do with community standards and can vary from place to place, perhaps the person to answer that question would be your chief of police.

DEAR ABBY: I work for a major airline and saw something today that was very disturbing but more common than you might think. A relative of an 87-year-old lady with Alzheimer's disease put her on a plane with a card pinned to her clothes with her name and information written on it. It was not a non-stop flight, and we were asked to make sure she didn't get off the plane before her final destination. The traveler obviously had no idea where she was going or what to do.

Abby, as you know, things can happen when people fly. Weather and mechanical problems can leave passengers stranded away from home or their destination. Can you imagine how that would affect an already scared and confused lady?

Airline personnel are not baby sitters. People with this mental capacity should be escorted when traveling. Between elderly travelers and inexperienced travelers, we have a lot to deal with during peak seasons.

—CONCERNED AIRLINE EMPLOYEE IN TEXAS

DEAR CONCERNED: I can see why you're concerned. All it would take for tragedy to strike is a flight attendant who is momentarily distracted and a traveler with diminished capacity who follows people off the plane and blends into the crowd in the terminal.

The Alzheimer's Association urges families to always have a caregiver accompany someone with Alzheimer's while traveling. It also offers helpful travel tips for

the caregiver. Read on:

(1) Get plenty of rest before the trip.

(2) Dress the patient in clothes that are easy to put on and remove (skirts with elastic bands for women; sweatpants for men).

(3) Have the patient wear an ID bracelet at all times. Information on it should include: name, address and phone number. In addition, inside the patient's purse or pocket, place a card with the name of the hotel or person you'll be visiting.

(4) Be sure to carry pertinent medications, medical records and insurance cards with you. (Also the tickets and money.)

(5) Check all luggage at the curb through to the final destination.

(6) Realize that change may create confusion and disorientation. Be realistic. Know going in

that strange people, accommodations, time changes and busy terminals are all known to precipitate panic in AD patients.

(7) Keep the patient's diet and dining times simple and consistent.

(8) Do not travel at peak hours and seasons if at all possible.

(9) Carry a small sign that reads, "Please be patient. My () has memory loss/Alzheimer's disease" to alert others of your special situation.

(10) If the AD patient is of the opposite sex and in a public restroom, ask someone to look in on him or her if it seems like it's taking a long time. Or place an "Occupied" sign on the door.

(11) Be patient. Reassuring the traveler with memory loss may mean reminding him or her repeatedly of where he or she is going.

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