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Rotary Club Of Fig Garden

BOARD SPLINTERS FROM YOUR CLUB'S SEPTEMBER MEETING –

*Our wonderful “Day At The Races” is upcoming soon, 3 October. Please check in with Dr. Teresa Patterson for tickets. With this economy, the ponies may be an avenue to make some sheckels!

*Already 33 Fig Garden Rotarians are signed up for our Annual Retreat – what an awesome weekend it will be. There is always room for more.

*On Friday 10 October, our first Retreat Day, we will have a sign-in sheet at TorNino's for those who cannot make it up the hill. Tiffany will have the sheet for your signature.

*This year, Past Presidents Bill Robinson and Judy Case, along with your entire Club Service Leadership, will be bringing forth new opportunities to sponsor quality men and women as Fig Garden Rotarians. Please put this on your personal radar screen, identifying prospective candidates.

*Our wonderful Exchange Student has been in Fresno for a month now - thanks to all Members and families who have extended a hand of friendship. Past President Marty Dietz reports that the “background check” is turning out to be not as cumbersome as originally thought – it is easy and a first step to making your invitation to join your family for something special.

*We still are hopefully waiting for more Members to come forth to say “yes” to host Our Exchange Student this Rotary Year. Please give this your special consideration and call Marty Dietz or Kurt Zumwalt.

*The Directors approved a monthly stipend for Host Families, to go along with the same stipend for our Exchange Student, to help with costs associated with the Program.

*The Board voted to approve our participation in Youth Exchange again for the upcoming Rotary Year. Two Members' families are on board to host and our request will be for a female student. Might your family be the third host, please?

*Your Community Service Leaders, Directors and Committee Members, have been hard at work evaluating proposals and wisely deciding how to invest our dollars. This month, we agreed to partner with:

- Helmets Are Cool
- Trauma Intervention Program
- Burn Aware Program
- Focus Forward (Foster Children)

We as well are going to continue the always-motivating Bicycle Attendance Program.

*Our age-old tradition of enjoying Membership “Vocational Talks” will resume soon, where we will learn more about our fellow Fig Garden Rotarians’ professions.

*It looks like our Partnership, Rotary Club Of Fig Garden and Sun-Maid Growers Of California, in the Country Of Zambia is almost ready to go forward. Past District Governor Ken Boyd (Kerman) is now in the country, meeting the principals and doing a due-diligence to make certain dollars spent are well invested. The proposal is to create the “Malembaka Farm,” which will target its blessings especially to children. It will be totally self-sustaining and shall initially train 100 families, with 600 members in total, in the totality of developing an ag-focused project. Stay tuned!

*Please put on your calendar the fourth Wednesday of each month – you are cordially invited to participate in your Club’s governance and will earn a make-up simultaneously.