

### **DR. NINA FAY CALHOUN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AWARD**

- To encourage and to stimulate International Relations
- To create an awareness of other cultures and people of the world
- To recognize outstanding club achievement in International Relations.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE THREE CLUBS WHO BRAVED THE APPLICATION FORM AND APPLIED!

#### WINNER

- ❖ ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF PUYALLUP – Club membership of 22. An ongoing international project supplying a library in an orphanage in El Salvador. 100% of members have spent 1400 hours of volunteer effort. 100% of the members were involved in shopping, cataloguing, preparing customs forms and shipping books and encyclopedia to the orphanage which now contains 2000 books on the shelves. Individual members raised \$500 through a recycling program and individually contributed \$400 towards buying books. Three members traveled to the orphanage to see the library and visit the children’s book clubs. Community librarian, teachers, orphanage staff were consulted for suggestions. To date \$10,095 has been spent on this project and the club has ongoing plans toward completion.

#### SECOND PLACE

- ❖ ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF OLYMPIA - Club membership of 44. Organized an evening to host 55 foreign exchange students from 10 area high schools and their host families. Each student told about him/herself and placed a flag on a map showing the location of his or her home country. Phone numbers and email addresses were exchanged and students and host families left knowing they had allies they could call on. All students received an American gift bag. Members donated to the Pennies for Progress District project and will be supporting 10 children in a Pakistan school and supplying funds to purchase 2 sewing machines to help support the schools. Members have made loans to women entrepreneurs in Peru, Togo, Ghana, Paraguay, Tanzania, and Uganda to empower women to lift themselves out of poverty. The club donated \$400 to Heifer International in the name of Altrusa UN Representative, Audrey Braver, in appreciation for using her article from Altrusa International on its local Altrusa website.

#### THIRD PLACE

- ❖ ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL OF HERMISTON - Club membership of 59 has five projects. In Africa, they support five children through DOVE Uganda Children’s Fund for the third year. The children are sent birthday cards and small gifts beside tuition and supplies for schooling. They also support the Peace Corps Medical Housing in Tanzania and the Heifer Project purchasing a goat for one family and bees for another. In South America, they support Heart for Hope for dental care for children in Honduras. They also distribute UNICEF boxes and collect funds for this organization.

## JUDGES

- Chris Everett, CLS (Canadian Land Surveyor), awarded Rotarian of the Year for his work within the community and with an orphanage in Zimbabwe, chair of local Rotary International Relations committee.
- Nancy Knudstrup, retired Registered Nurse, community activist in several areas and worked in Guatemala for clinics to improve medical services and building homes there.
- Kamal Parmar, Masters in Philosophy, English, Home Economics, Diplomas in Journalism and National Health, worked on nutrition in African countries through UNICEF and CARE with the United Nations.

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## DISTRICT TWELVE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROJECT RESULTS:

*Thank you to all those clubs who worked or made donations to international projects around the world. Our District Project, Pennies For Progress, was in aid of fistula hospitals and staff in Ethiopia where young girls who suffer from pregnancy or child delivery receive treatment. Their dignity and health are restored through surgery and compassionate care.*

*Ten clubs in District Twelve contributed to this cause and Vicki Wilson collected \$203.40 during the conference for a total of \$2,568.42! This has been sent to the Fistula Foundation from Altrusa International of District Twelve. On behalf of these young women, thank you again!*