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- 1 Is it the *TRUTH*?
- 2 Is it *FAIR* to all concerned?
- 3 Will it build *GOODWILL* and *BETTER FRIENDSHIPS*?
- 4 Will it be *BENEFICIAL* to all concerned?

Arvada Rotary Sponsors Exchange Student

The Arvada Rotary Club will sponsor Monica Weller of Denver Center for International Studies as an outbound student in The Rocky Mountain Rotary Youth Exchange program. Monica is the daughter of Susan and Matt Weller of Arvada. Susan is an international marketing manager and represents the U.S. Potato Board. She travels to other countries promoting potato exports from the United States. Monica's father, Matt, is a pilot for Delta Airlines. He is a first officer and travels all over the U.S.

Monica is fluent in Japanese and Spanish, but has chosen Finland for her exchange destination. She is very quick to pick up languages and is flexible in new environments.

At DCIS, Monica chose Honors classes in Algebra II and Earth Sciences, plus Theater and Fashion because she wants to improve and challenge herself as much as possible. She likes theater because it is



Student Monica Weller

an opportunity to express her emotions through the roles she plays. She chose fashion because she loves to design costumes.

Most of Monica's school activities have to do with theater and science, plus interests in other cultures. She attends after school science field trips to places such as Dinosaur Ridge and Red Rocks. She attends Japanese classes each Saturday and last year was in her school's Japanese pop culture club and a

member of the Chinese club. She has attended field trips with the Italian class. She is also a Senior Girl Scout and was in her school's National Junior Honor Society, serving as secretary.

Because of her interests in culture and history and languages, she has received certificates for being at the top of her class in Japanese and Spanish.

Monica has traveled extensively to Japan and spent time in Spain and Nova Scotia, Canada. She wants to continue to travel and meet people her age and find out what their ideas and thoughts about life are. She wants to explore the world and learn to be independent. She wants to figure out how the world works, and how she fits into the big picture. Hopefully, Monica will learn much about Finland and its people in the coming year of 2011-12. Best of luck to you, Monica!



The Prez Sez A Global Network of Community Volunteers.

As the Arvada Rotary Club president this year I would like to welcome two new members to our club. The first is Joyce Craig who works at Pomona High School and will bring a wealth of knowledge and skills to our club. The second new member is Bill Guame, who is the owner and operator of three IHOP restaurants in Colorado. He is a chef by trade and has been a great help to our club on projects in the past.

As the 52nd president of the Arvada Rotary Club I can tell you this club makes a big difference in Arvada as well as around the world. If you would like to find out more about Rotary please feel free to join us at one of our meetings. We meet at the Indian Tree Golf Course Restaurant at 7555 Wadsworth Blvd. every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. If you would like more information you may call us at 303-909-0381. Over the next year our monthly newsletter will be appearing the first week of each month in The Arvada Press. We hope you will read our articles and get to know what our club is doing in the community and find out what Rotary is about.

Randy Hardwick

President, Arvada Rotary Club, 2010-2011



Eldon Laidig, Santa, Lynn Laidig

The members of the Arvada Rotary Club and spouses celebrated at their annual Christmas party at Westwood

Arvada Rotary Celebrates Christmas at Westwood

Country Club on December 15th. Many new faces were in attendance this year and were greeted by Santa Claus at the door. As Santa gave out candy canes and sat with the guests for many photos, they in turn brought toys for the AWRSAY (Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth) Santa House. Each year, AWRSAY pro-

vides toys for those less fortunate.

Of those new attendees, Joyce Craig, one of the newest members of the club, and her daughter, Amy, enjoyed the festivities. Our other newest member, Bill Guame, attended with his wife Cathy who is a Rotarian and the club's treasurer. Dave Walter, his wife Jodi and son Luke were also in attendance for the

first time. Luke seemed to spend a lot of time with Santa, making sure the requests on his list were duly noted. Also in attendance were President Randy Hardwick's wife Rosie and her parents, Earl and Carol Webster.

As usual, the food was plentiful and delicious, with many meats and exotic salads available. To top off

the fare, there were many wonderful cakes, cheesecakes and pastries.

The music was provided by the Jazz Duo, with Dave Halterman on the keyboards and Chuck Schneider on saxophone to set the Christmas mood with songs of the season.

It was a wonderful night of fellowship for Arvada Rotarians and partners. The only glitch was that President Randy showed up late and missed Santa Claus...hmmm.

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January 8th - 23rd
Visit the Rotary Booth at the National Western Stock Show,

February 12th - 21st
Colorado Garden & Home Show and Flower Power

For information on upcoming programs, call the Arvada Rotary at 303-909-0381.