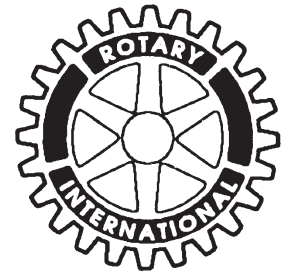


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A WONDERFUL VISIT WITH PETE AND JAN

My wife Elaine and I spent five wonderful days with Pete and Jan Smargon in Albuquerque, New Mexico and had the opportunity to see the famous “Balloonfest” as well as a number of other New Mexico treats. First off though, Jan and Pete are doing great in their new retirement home in Los Lunas, twenty-two miles south of Albuquerque with their adorable one year old Wheaton Terrier, Cocoa. They live in a three bedroom, two car garage one floor designed home in a new development that they had purchased for an unbelievable low price two years ago. They rented it for two years and then moved back to where they once owned a bakery together and Pete was also the “Y” director. Their daughter Lynn still lives nearby with her husband and two children. Pete and Jan motored us all over New Mexico to see such things as the Turquoise Trail, Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Pueblo Indian homesteads and much, much more. On the day for the start of the balloonfest we were up at 3:30 am to catch the start. The weather was sketchy with mixed rain but somehow 200 balloons managed to get lift-off to the delight of the thousands that were gathered. It is the largest balloon event on the planet. A myriad of colors and shapes took to the skies to our amazement. Everything from Alpo Dog Can shapes to Pepsi Cola to you name it. It was an unbelievable sight to behold. For those of you who may not remember, Pete and Jan put the visit up for auction at our annual event and we were the lucky winners. They zoomed us around in their new Ford Freestyle crossover vehicle and we saw sights no rookie traveler could ever have seen. Our deepest thanks to Pete and Jan for a wonderful and enlightening trip. It was great!

NICE ARTICLE ON KATHLEEN WALSH

Kathleen Walsh was the subject of a recent lengthy article in the Chronicle. For those who may not know, she is Pete Smargon successor at the “Y”. Kathleen has sixteen years of service to the “Y” and said in the article, that she became involved when as a 21 year old she made the decision to slim down and get in shape. Following stays in Woburn and Waltham, she was selected to fill the difficult shoes of Pete. She lives in North Reading with her husband, Dan and three children, Johanna, Cynthia. and Francis. A Providence College grad, she earned her masters degree at Northeastern. She has been a member of the Waltham Rotary Club but is either in the process or has already shifted to our club. A friendly and likeable personality is one of her many traits, so if you haven’t already, take the time to say hello and introduce yourself. She has all the markings of a terrific Reading Rotarian. I have left a copy of the article at the front table.

COUNTRY-WESTERN NIGHT

Get busy hustling your four Country-Western Night tickets. The event is at the Hillview Country Club on Saturday, November 4th. and is being held in conjunction with the Lynnfield Club. Richie Lombardo is our coordinator and is doing a bang-up job of selling tickets. If you have any questions, you can see Richie. Tickets are \$50.00 each. Cocktails 6 to 7 and dinner at 7 pm.

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