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Rotarian heads to warmer climate, cultural exchange

While the rest of us are getting through the remainder of winter, Ed Layden Jr. will spend a month where it's warm.

The trip is not a typical vacation, however.

Layden will lead a five-member team to the Philippines on a Rotary Group Study Exchange (GSE) trip.

The team leaves Saturday and will spend approximately one month learning about Philippine culture and its economy.

The group will be headquartered in Cebu, the second largest city, with a population of about 1.5 million people, but will visit other towns on some of the more than 7,000 islands that comprise the Philippines. In all, the team will see 10 cities with stays of two to 10 days in each, Layden said.

Participating in a GSE trip is something Layden has wanted to do for a while, but this is the first time the timing has worked out. "It's usually later in the year, so I couldn't go because of farming," he said, adding even this time of year will prove difficult. "When I come back in the middle of March, it's going to be tight."

While in the Philippines, team members will spend time with counterparts in their fields of interest. Layden and another member will pursue agricultural knowledge, while other team members will focus on education, elder care and care of the disabled.

"I hope I learn something," Layden said. "Farmers, we all do something a little bit different, even though, basically, we do the same thing."

The group will stay with Philippine host families to better observe the culture but Layden expects few language barriers. "They speak Filipino but are taught English in school," he said.

Living conditions may be a bigger challenge for the group. "It's going to be a little harsher than (areas) some GSEs go to," Layden said. For example, he expects few hot showers to be available during the trip.

Where GSE teams go is decided almost two years before anyone actually boards a plane. Sites are chosen by the incoming district governor. Hoopeston Rotarian

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Briefly

Tiny Tots

Children ages 1-4 are invited to attend Tiny Tots story program at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Hoopeston Public Library children's room. This week's theme is Valentine's Day.

Children who attend the program must be accompanied by an adult.

Program at Country Terrace

"Who gets what" is the subject of a free program Thursday at Country Terrace Apartments, 705 E. Orange, Hoopeston.

The program, on transferring non-titled property, will be presented at 1:30 p.m. by Mary Ann Fugate, consumer and family economics educator, and Cammi Seguin, family life educator. The program is provided by the University of Illinois Extension.

Forms for bequeathing small items of memorable value will be available at the program.

Energy assistance update

Those who received confirmation for energy assistance are advised that money has been approved but has not been disbursed yet.

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Jan. 21: Phillip Krementz, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct, pleaded not guilty; trial March 18.

Mark Langdon, Danville, to pay \$166; continued to March 18.

Robert Milburn, Hoopeston, illegal consumption, pleaded not guilty; trial Feb. 18.

Robert Mixen, Hoopeston, battery and criminal damage, pleaded guilty; \$250 and costs.

Andrew Robinson, no address listed, illegal consumption, pleaded not guilty; trial Feb. 18.

Norma Rodgers, Hoopeston, deceptive practice, pleaded guilty; \$50, costs and restitution.

Sherry Roe, Hoopeston, disorderly conduct, pleaded not guilty; trial March 18.

Danny Salter, Hoopeston, illegal consumption, pleaded not guilty; trial Feb. 18.

Barbara Sanford, Hoopeston, two counts leash law,

Gary Shore will be next year's district governor and ~~hopes to field two GSE trips, one to Kobe, Japan and a second, strictly for educators, to Singapore/Malaysia.~~

The average GSE trip puts team members as guests in six to eight homes, Shore said. The trip is funded by Rotary, except for gifts team members take to their host families or bring back for friends and family here.

To become a team member, individuals must apply to their local Rotary club. Names are then submitted to a GSE committee, which selects one Rotarian and four non-members for each team.

Layden is not the first Hoopeston resident to participate in a GSE trip. John White was among the first to go, with a trip to Norway, Shore said. Other participants have included Steve Unger, Mark Conolly, Peter Krimbel and Shore.

While providing an exchange of information between countries, the program also provides once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for participants.

For example, on Shore's GSE to Japan in 1992, the team stayed with a member of the Mazda car manufacturing family. "Those types of things just aren't (normally) open to you even if you have all the money in the world," he said.

Court Dispositions

dangerous animal, pleaded guilty; \$75, costs.

Angela Sedlacek, Hoopeston, to pay \$128; rule to show cause issued.

Cory Shaffer, Peoria, deceptive practice; continued to Feb. 18.

Jerry Sisk, Hoopeston, dangerous animal, leash law, pleaded not guilty; trial March 4.

Drynda Tran, Hoopeston,, deceptive practice, pleaded guilty.

Rolando Vasquez, Ambia, Ind., criminal damage, illegal consumption, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$509 fine, costs and restitution, court supervision until proof of military enlistment.

Debra Wallen, Rossville, deceptive practice, pleaded guilty; \$30 and costs.

Susan Withers, Potomac, deceptive practice, pleaded guilty.

Rick Vaughn, Rossville, theft, nolle pros.

Police News



Police are investigating a hit-and-run accident reported at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Terry J. Beauvois, 727 E. Thompson, reported that an unknown vehicle hit his 1986 Oldsmobile while it was parked at Pamida, Rtes. 1 and 9.

In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

Feb. 8

Admitted: Cecil Burge, Boswell, Ind.; Elizabeth Grimm, Cissna Park; Cleo Hollen, Meghan Ackerman, Hoopeston.

Discharged: Louise Clifton, Cecil Burge, Cathy Mitchell.

Weather



Partly sunny today. High 60. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 52. Tomorrow, chance of afternoon thunderstorms. High 57 dropping to 43. Nighttime low 35.

For current weather conditions, call the **Hoopeston Weather Line** at **(217) 283-6221**.



Herbert Polchow, Rankin, deceptive practice, failed to appear; rule to show cause issued.

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