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TAILGATE PARTY TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 30TH

Make plans now to attend the West El Paso Rotary Tailgate Party to be held on September 30th in the Sun Bowl parking lot prior to the UTEP and NMSU game. The cost is \$27 per person (\$15 for the game ticket and \$12 for the food and party). Participants should be there by 5:30 PM; the game itself starts at 7:05 PM. Please register as soon as possible to assure that a ticket will be available for you. To find the party, look for the banner on the tent in the parking lot. For more information, contact Chet Morgan at 584-8683.



Evanston, Ill.-based Rotary Foundation receives highest ranking from major evaluator of philanthropies

Charity Navigator's four-star rating reflects fiscal responsibility, efficiency

(EVANSTON, Ill., USA; Aug. 17, 2006) --

Charity Navigator, a leading independent evaluator of public charities in the United States, has awarded The Rotary Foundation its top rating of four stars.

"Less than a quarter of the charities we evaluate have received our highest rating, indicating that The Rotary Foundation outperforms the majority of nonprofits in America with respect to fiscal responsibility," says Trent Stamp, executive director of Charity Navigator, in the letter announcing Rotary's four-star rating.

Established to help individuals make intelligent giving choices, the nonprofit Charity Navigator provides free ratings of tax-exempt charities based in the United States that receive substantial public support (more than \$500,000). Charity Navigator also considers a charity's length of operation and program type before including it on the master list for evaluation. Currently, Charity Navigator evaluates the organizational efficiency, organizational capacity, and overall financial health of more than 5,000 charities.

Charity Navigator's four-star

rating indicates that an organization "exceeds industry standards and out performs most charities in its cause." The rating stems from its overall scores from seven performance categories. For each category, an organization can receive a score from 0 to 10. The overall score of a four-star charity ranges from 60 to 70. An organization is awarded no stars if its overall score is less than 25. The Foundation received an overall score of 60.92. Learn more about the ratings at www.charitynavigator.org.

"We are very honored to receive Charity Navigator's top ranking, which recognizes our high level of financial stewardship and efficiency," says Luis V. Giay, chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees. "However, in the end, what matters most are our continued efforts to effectively achieve the mission of The Rotary Foundation - promoting peace and international understanding through humanitarian and educational programs."

Founded in Chicago in 1905, Rotary is an international volunteer service organization of 1.2 business and professional leaders who belong to more than

◆ 32,000 clubs in nearly 170 countries. Rotary's top philanthropic goal is the global eradication of the crippling disease polio, a job 99 percent accomplished. The Rotary Foundation also supports Rotary clubs in projects that promote peace and understanding by tackling such problems as poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy and chronic water shortage. The Foundation supports seven Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution on university campuses in six countries. For more information about Rotary, visit www.rotary.org. ■

hey, wait a minute

The Rotarian Menace

What does Osama have against Rotary clubs?

By Jonathan Schwarz

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Muslim fundamentalists aren't shy about naming their enemies. They've identified Zionists and secularists as particular foes of Islam; picked out apostates, Americans, and Jews for scorn; disparaged "crusaders" and imperialists; and even—like conspiracists everywhere—warned against the Freemasons.

But Islamists have selected one enemy that's entirely baffling: Rotary clubs.

For instance, this appears in Article 17 of the Hamas charter:

Therefore, you can see [the enemies] making consistent efforts by way of publicity and movies, curricula of education and culture, using as their intermediaries their craftsmen who are part of the various Zionist Organizations which take on all sorts of names and shapes such as: the Free Masons, Rotary Clubs, gangs of spies and the like. All of them are nests of saboteurs and sabotage. (emphasis added)

In 2000, British police discovered an al-Qaida manual titled "Military Studies in the Jihad Against the Tyrants" in the home of a Bin Laden disciple. Its introduction learnedly explains:

After the fall of our orthodox caliphates on March 3, 1924. ... Colonialism and its followers, the apostate rulers, then started to openly erect crusader centers, societies, and organizations like Masonic Lodges, Lions and Rotary Clubs. (emphasis added)

Dark references to the Rotarian conspiracy against Islam can be found in Turkey's Islamist paper Vakit; Egypt's weekly Aqida-ti and the government daily Al-Ahram; the Palestinian paper Al-Hayat Al-Jadida; and even Saudi high-school textbooks ("Rotary [is] among the destructive organizations that were most dangerous to Islam and the Muslims"). In the 1970s, Egypt's highest religious official, the Shaikh of al-Azhar (an Islamic institution comprising a mosque and a university), reportedly issued a fatwa forbidding Muslims to join Rotary clubs. And while these examples all stem from Sunni fundamentalism, Rotary clubs also show up in old speeches of Ayatollah Khomeini.

For Americans, of course, this seems slightly comic. Rotary clubs? Aren't they like the Elks, except less edgy? But the roots of the peculiar Islamist fixation on Rotary clubs are deep in the tangled history of Western influence in the Middle East. Our story begins with the formation of the first Rotary club in Chicago in 1905. Originally conceived as a social club for its four founding businessmen, the club soon expanded and became focused on community service. One of its initial projects was the construction of Chicago's first public bathroom. The name came from the club's practice of rotating meetings among members' workplaces.

Over the next several ◆

Help El Paso Flood Victims

RCWEP is joining with the Salvation Army to help local victims of the recent flooding.

This Monday please bring your checkbook as well as any of the following items: Cleaning supplies, Bottled water, Non perishable food, Diapers/wipes/formula/baby clothes, Blankets, Aspirin/bandages/cough syrup, New or gently used clothes, shoes, socks, Personal hygiene items.

After the collections have been made, Dana Vogelmeier will make sure they get to the Salvation Army for disbursement.

The 4-Way Test

Members of Rotary International use a simple test to guide their actions in life. Here it is:

"The 4-Way Test of the things we think, say or do:

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

◆ years, clubs were chartered in San Francisco, Oakland, Los Angeles, Seattle, and New York. By 1910 there were enough members to hold a national convention. In 1912 the first overseas Rotary club was formed in England. And by 1925, what had come to be called Rotary International had more than 200 clubs on six continents, 20,000 members, and a charitable ethos that led Albert Schweitzer to join. (Among many other activities, Rotary has since been involved in the founding of UNESCO and the near-eradication of polio.)

From the start, many confused outsiders believed that Rotary clubs were a branch of the Freemasons. While this wasn't true, it also wasn't made up out of whole cloth: At least one and perhaps two of the first four Rotarians were Masons, and until the practice was banned, some early Rotary clubs accepted only Masons as members.

This supposed Mason-Rotarian connection ensnared the Rotarians in the conspiracy theories and suspicions that long plagued the Masons. The Masons first appeared in the early 1700s in England, and by 1798 a British author published *Proofs of a Conspiracy Against All the Religions and Governments of Europe, Carried On in the Secret Meetings of Free Masons, Illuminati, and Reading Societies*. The book's thesis was just what it sounds like: Masons, fired with Enlightenment fervor, were secretly planning the overthrow of the entire established order (hence, perhaps, the American and French revolutions).

The suspicion of Masons grew through the 1800s (President Millard Fillmore was first

elected to Congress as a candidate of the Anti-Masonic Party) and reached a climax in the early 20th century. While almost no one remembers this now, The Protocols of the Elders of Zion isn't about a Jewish plot to control mankind— it's about a Jewish-Masonic plot. Hitler spoke of a Jewish-Bolshevik-Masonic conspiracy. And Reinhard Heydrich created a special section of the SS to extirpate Masonic influence in Germany.

Similar views on masonry were held (in less virulent forms) by conservative elements of the

Rotary Websites

Rotary Club of West El Paso:

www.rotarywestelpaso.org

The IOS Futures Golf Classic:

www.elpasofutures.org

Rotary District 5520:

www.rotary5520.org

Rotary International:

www.rotary.org

eClubOne:

<http://www.rotaryclubone.org>

Catholic Church. And as Rotary clubs spread, the church lumped them with the Masons. In 1928 several Spanish bishops declared that Rotary was "nothing else but a new satanic organization with the same background and teachings of masonry" and deemed it "a suspected organization" that "should be considered as execrable and perverse." Soon afterward the Vatican decreed that Catholic priests could not join Rotary clubs.

This chill lasted for a surprisingly long time. Dan Mooers, former chairman of Rotary International's Executive Committee,

recalls Rotary being denounced from the pulpit as late as 1970. The relationship between Rotary and the church began to warm in 1979, when Pope John Paul II publicly endorsed Rotary's humanitarian projects.

But what does this have to do with Islamic fundamentalism? The answer seems to be conspiracy gridlock: For years fundamentalist Islam has borrowed wholesale from European conspiracist cosmology. Ever since Protocols of the Elders of Zion was first translated into Arabic, it's provided a handy explanation—Masons and all—for the Western menace to the Islamic community. (In Iraq, Moqtada al-Sadr's paper *Al Hawza* published a picture of George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton and explained that their hand gestures were a sign of the Zionist-Masonic conspiracy.) And, like the Catholic Church, Islamists lumped Rotarians in with the Masons and called both anathema.

It's tempting to leave it there in the realm of pure conspiracy, but that actually isn't the whole story. In fact, Masons were involved in the European efforts to control the Middle East, efforts that helped spur anti-Western Islamist sentiment.

Masonry provided an opportunity for businessmen to network. The natural progression was for European businessmen to open lodges overseas and then invite their local counterparts to join. Generally speaking, neither the European nor the Middle Eastern businessmen were what you might call populists. Berkeley's Hamid Algar, one of the world's pre-eminent scholars of Islamic history, explains that Freemasonry: ◆

◆ has generally functioned since its first appearance in the Muslim world in the late eighteenth century as a channel for the promotion of Western dominance, politically and ideologically; one Istanbul lodge in the mid-nineteenth century had the British ambassador as its grand master and the Ottoman chief vizier as one of his initiates. Visiting dignitaries from Iran and the Ottoman Empire would regularly be initiated by their hosts on their visits to London and Paris.

Of course, none of this means that Masons (or Rotarians) played a particularly important role in colonialism's history; British and French power surely owed much more to money and guns than the Ancient Scottish Rite. Nevertheless, it's a natural human tendency to believe that there are secret forces engineering all unseen. It's difficult to persuade people that while there may be secret forces, they are engineering very little.

(A final bizarre and ironic twist is that the intellectual grandfather of today's pan-Islamic fundamentalism is 19th-century thinker Jamal al-Din al-Afghani. Afghani's figurative heirs would eventually found the Muslim Brotherhood. When Afghani lived in Egypt during 1870s, he was a Mason.)

Where does all this leave Rotary clubs in the Islamic world today? It's a mixed picture. While it may be because of general anti-Western sentiment rather than specific fears of Rotarian menace, Rotary has had trouble operating in some Muslim areas. Several years ago the polio eradication campaign led by Rotary ran into resistance in Muslim regions of Nigeria amid rumors

that the vaccine would sterilize children. And Rotary has no outposts in much of the Middle East, including Saudi Arabia, Iran, Syria, and Iraq.

At the same time, Rotary is quietly thriving in parts of the Islamic world. There are about 100 chapters in Indonesia, more than 80 chapters in Turkey, 70 in Egypt, 20 in Lebanon, and even one in Dubai. Indeed, in some quarters Rotary is perceived just as it is here. As one youthful Cairo blogger reports: "They seem nice enough, but kind of boring."

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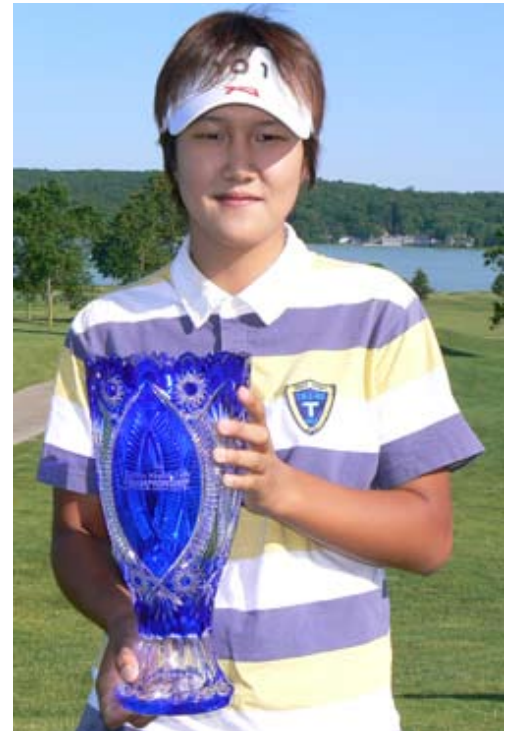
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The registration cost is \$275 per person, and if you want to attend any of the three Luncheons, they are only \$35 per person. There is also a Foundation Event at \$40 per person.

You can register, by clicking to download each form: [RI Convention Registration Form](#) & [RI Convention Hotel Form](#).



Rookie Song-Hee Kim Grabs Fifth Season Win In Gettysburg

GETTYSBURG, Pa., August 27, 2006 —

Just how good is rookie Song-Hee Kim, who claimed her fifth season title today at The Gettysburg Championship?

Consider that she has already matched alumna Grace Park's 1999 record of five season wins. And she's currently \$6,443 shy of tying Beth Bauer's all-time single season Duramed FUTURES Tour earnings record of \$81,529, set in 2001.

After today's final round of the inaugural \$75,000 event staged at The Links At Gettysburg course, Kim now owns a 2-0 playoff record. Her second extra-holes win came today when she fired a final-round 68 and edged out compatriot Jin Young Pak of Kang Leung, Korea on the second playoff hole. Both players tied at 206 (-10) in a hole-for-hole battle that went back and forth all day. ◆

◆ "It was fun to watch," said Kristy McPherson of Conway, S.C., who carded a final-round 71 (-1) and finished third at 208 (-8). "I was trying to catch them, but I couldn't even get my foot in the door. Song-Hee is just a great putter."

Make that great putter, irons player, tee-ball striker, course manager and one cool customer.

On her 18th birthday last month, the shy, lanky teen won her fourth season title. This week, after rounds of 72-66-68, she made a formidable golf course with lightning-fast greens look like a fun walk in pre-autumn Pennsylvania. Her most animated moment came when several players chased her down on the final green and doused her with a celebratory beer bath. Kim wrinkled her nose at the smell on her shirt -- not even old enough to drink the bubbly if she had liked it. And for the record, it was the only time all week that anybody chased down Kim and really caught her.

"I never thought I could win five times this year," said Kim, of Seoul, Korea. "My goal was to get into the top 10. I thought maybe I could win one of the 19 tournaments."

But she has won five of her 17 tournament starts with 11 top-10 finishes. With only one tournament remaining (next month in Albany, N.Y.), Kim has earned \$75,086 and could move on to the LPGA Tour as one of the most accomplished players to have ever passed through the Duramed FUTURES Tour.

"Her swing is fundamentally perfect," said rookie Brooke Mangan of Melbourne, Australia. "I'd like to have a video of it."

"I was playing behind her one round and she was having a horrible day," said Kellee Booth of McKinney, Texas. "I found out later she shot a 69 or 70. She's just super steady."

Kim actually started the final round three shots behind Pak, a second-year player whose last win came in March 2005. But Pak, a streaky player who can go low, dropped two shots on her first hole today with a double bogey. That locked her into a tie with McPherson, a two-time 2006 season winner, and left Kim only a shot back.

But Pak hit her approach on the second hole to tap-in range to move ahead by one and stayed there until Kim hit a 7-wood to 15 feet and rolled in an eagle on No. 4. McPherson birdied the fourth hole from 12 feet. At that point, the trio in the final group were tied at eight under.

McPherson bogeyed the fifth and eighth holes and admits to becoming rattled by a ruling on Pak at the eighth hole. Initially, Pak was assessed a two-shot penalty for tapping down her pitch mark when her ball

plugged, but the ruling was rescinded by the ninth hole after rules officials reevaluated the situation and deemed that Pak had not gained advantage.

"It could have gone either way because it was a complete judgment call," said McPherson. "But the whole thing sort of took me out of it for a while."

McPherson rallied on the back nine with a birdie from 40 feet on the 12th hole, birdie chances on the 13th and 14th holes, and finally, a 90-yard gap wedge to three feet for birdie on the final hole.

But all day, it was really a two-horse race with Kim and Pak swapping leads four times and sharing the lead five times in today's final round. The scorekeepers on the main leaderboard never had a chance to sit down all day.

"It was fun because it was up and down, up and down," said Pak, 20.

Pak grabbed a one-shot lead on the 10th hole when Kim bogeyed, and then she added a birdie on the 11th hole to take a two-stroke lead. But Kim birdied 13 and 15 to tie it up again at 10 under. Pak birdied the 16th to move ahead by one, but Kim rolled in an eight-footer to tie the lead with Pak at 11 under going into 18.

On the final hole of regulation, Pak drove into a patch of woods on the left and was forced to hit out from under some tree branches. Her shot clipped the limbs and kicked into a water hazard. She ended up making a 10-footer for bogey, seemingly opening the door for Kim. All Kim had to do was two-putt from 35 feet across the green. But the door swung open again for ◆

TOUR MONEY LEADERS

Thru \$75,000 The Gettysburg Championship

1	Song-Hee Kim	\$75,086
2	Charlotte Mayorkas	\$57,851
3	In-Bee Park	\$43,427
4	Kristy McPherson	\$39,601
5	Angela Park	\$34,382
6	Ashley Prange	\$34,279
7	Allison Fouch	\$34,056
8	Meaghan Francella	\$33,764
9	Hye Jung Choi	\$29,286
10	Mollie Fankhauser	\$29,135

► Pak when the rookie's six-foot par putt spun out of the hole for bogey.

"After I missed that putt, I thought, 'OK, it's not my day,'" said Kim of her inability to close out the tournament in regulation.

The flip side of that thought was that she had won a nine-hole playoff back in May in El Paso, Texas. If she had survived that marathon, surely she could close out this chance for her fifth title.

Both players returned to the par-five 18th tee for the first playoff hole and both two-putted for par. Then they moved to the adjacent 12th hole -- a 152-uphill, par-three tester bordered by water.

Kim went first and gassed her 5-iron over the back of the green. It landed next to the red hazard stake, which she was allowed to remove. Seeing Kim's shot fly long, Pak pulled a 7-iron, but landed her tee shot short. It hit the front of the green and rolled back to the front collar, some 60

feet below the hole. Pak's putt rolled five feet short of the hole and she hurried up the green and marked before gravity pulled her ball back down the slick surface. That gave Kim time to think about how she was going to chip from the back rough some 50 feet away and delicately land her shot on the quick green.

And that was, perhaps, the shot that set her apart from the field over 20 holes today. Kim's touch was everything her peers have talked about all season. Her chip landed softly, perfectly, and rolled to within four feet. She tapped in for par. Pak's five footer scooted past the hole on the right side for bogey. And Kim, in her Asian aw-shucks kind of way, extended her hand to shake another victory into the record books.

"She's a great player," admitted Pak. "I like her mind control out there. I'm happy, but I'm a little disappointed."

Presented by Klein Builders Group and Hanover Honda, this week's 54-hole event marked the

Tour's 20th annual visit to South Central Pennsylvania and its inaugural visit to Gettysburg. But in the two decades that the Tour has visited this part of the Keystone State, players like Grace Park, Beth Bauer, Julieta Granada, and now Song-Hee Kim, took their victories here and launched their careers on to the LPGA Tour.

Which brings us back to the original question of how good is Song-Hee Kim?

Good enough to have three wins more than any other player on the Duramed FUTURES Tour this year. Good enough to have more than a \$17,000 lead over the second-ranked player on the money list. Good enough to have a hands-down lead on Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year honors.

And even with one tournament remaining on the 2006 Duramed FUTURES Tour schedule, she's good enough to start making her travel plans for the 2007 LPGA Tour. ■

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EL PASO MAKEUPS

Tuesday: **East El Paso**, 12 PM

Airport Hilton

Wednesday: **Sunrise**, 7 AM

Sunland Park Holiday Inn

Vista Hills, 12 PM

Vista Hills Country Club

Thursday: **El Paso**, 12 PM

1st Presbyterian Fellowship Hall

Anthony, 12 PM

Dos Lagos Golf Club

Franklin Mountains, 5:45 PM

Sunrise Center Furr's Cafeteria

Friday: **Northeast**, 12 PM

Sunrise Center Furr's Cafeteria

JUAREZ MAKEUPS

Tuesday: Juarez Sur, 2:30 PM

Campestre Juarez

Wednesday: Cd. Juarez, 1:30 PM

Campestre Juarez

Juarez Chamizal, 2:00 PM

Rest. Barrigas Monumental

Juarez Americas, 3:00 PM

Campestre Juarez

Juarez Frontera, 7:30 PM

Rest. Viva Mexico

Thursday: Juarez Paso del Norte, 2:00 PM

Campestre Juarez

Juarez Empresarial, 2:30 PM

Rest. Barrigas Mon.

Friday: Juarez Industrial, 2:00 PM

Campestre Juarez

Juarez Ejecutivo, 2:00 PM

Mision de Los Lagos

Juarez Norte, 8:30 PM

Casino Juarez

Juarez Oriente, 9:00 PM

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