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Backpack Update

Mary Tressel from the Monument Crisis Center collected the backpacks and checks for the Backpack Giveaway. Their goal was \$15,000. She said they collected \$12,000 from Rotary and the BNI CCBuRN chapter alone. Good job!

The World Wildlife-Heritage Museum

Martin Betz, Executive Director, shared with us this Albert Seeno, Jr., project which is private museum, not open to the public. It is, however, available to all students K-12, from either public or private schools. This museum displays state of the art world animals from all seven continents of the world very realistically, even with movement and sound. There is an extensive Native American gallery, replicas of the Pleistocene era, and much more. Students are encouraged to explore and learn about the natural world presented here through guided tours. They are seeking volunteers (which is the only way you would have access), and the volunteers are trained through five 90-minute sessions, which takes about three weeks.

Other Rotary News

Edi Birsan, current President of Concord Diablo Rotary, was a guest today. He invited us to share a booth at Todos Santos Park July 30 and/or September 17 at the Thursday Farmer's Market.

Julia is in charge of upcoming Bocce games.

Larry reports a possible new website for Cars 2nd Chance.

Irene says the Foundation goal this year is \$15,000 from our club.

Torsten, Vickie, Edi Birsan, Bob Sundberg and Jeff gave Happy Bucks.