



Meeting December 13, 2007

Reported by Bob Lynn



Donna Turner gave our inspirational message.

Joe rang the bell to start the meeting.

Donna Turner gave the inspirational moment.

Andy Corliss led us in the Flag Salute.

Debbie Zuniga introduced our guests.

From Ventura Downtown Rotary came Mary Byrnes and Norm Blacher. Guest of **Dr. Gene Cherry** was Carolyn Reimbold. Guest of **Bill Hicks** was Bill Grey.

Guest of **Monte Widders** was Ted Schnieder.

LeRoy Andrews at the Piano and **John Borneman** at the podium for a song about the FBI.

Vance Thompson made the final announcement about the Christmas party on Saturday night.

Midge Stork passed the hat to help the Burkey family.

Deborah Roberts announced that Cub Service and Community Service would hold a joint meeting Monday night at **Hishmeh Enterprises**.

Dave Anderson announced a meeting of International Service at Marie Calendar's Restaurant at Noon on Tuesday.

Gary Moratz had a New Generations meeting tonight at the Silvercrest dinner.



Deborah Zuniga introduced guests & visiting Rotarians.

Carol Marquez-Olson made an announcement about the 2008 Convention. Get on it if you want to go.

Happy Dollars:

• **John Borneman** to thank **Bob Beckwith**.

• **Bill Hicks** to maybe get K.O. back.

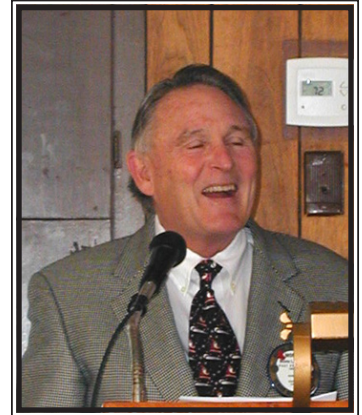
• **Harriet Clune** because her mom is OK after a fall.

• **Joe Amandolit** thanking **Tom Swan**.

Monte Widders did Fines.

Our program was introduced by **Nikki Sloan**.

=== Bob Lynn



Monte Widders conducted our fine session.

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Presidents Message ...



Joe Amandoli
President 2007-2008

Silver Crest was the Last big Event of the year that we will do for Community Service. It was 4 years ago when Captain Joe Thompson asked if we would be interested in cooking for the Silver Crest tenants. He said that Salvation Army will pay for the food and all we need to do is Cook and serve! The first year I think there were only a hand full of Rotarians helping. I actually had my neighbors, friends, and Laurens friends parents help.

Over the years we have gained popularity with "The Dancing Girls of Jill Johnson's Dance Studio in Santa Paula" More and more Rotarians have stepped up and realized how wonderful this event is. Can you imagine how the tenants of Silver Crest anticipate this night? They constantly ask Major Lynn Thompson about it and get their own plates and silverware ready for the occasion. We Serve the tenants as if they were in a fine dining restaurant! We go around and clear plates and offer more food to be brought as well. Some of them have a difficult time walking. They are so appreciative! And remember they are not rich people in a fancy care home. They are on fixed incomes and pay only what they can afford to live there.

Please give a special thank you to Husam, Jim Word, and all of the members who made this dinner happen!

We had more Rotarians help in the evening than ever!

Joe Amandoli
President
Rotary Club Ventura East
2007-2008
12/11/2007

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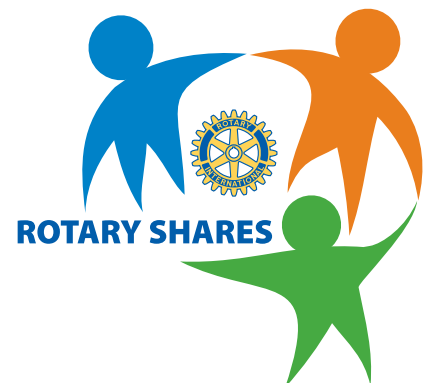
Deborah Roberts	Club Service
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Husam Hishmeh.....	Community Service
Gary Moratz.....	New Generations
Dave Anderson.....	International Service
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The Four Way Test

First ... Is it the **TRUTH**? **Second** ... Is it **FAIR** to all concerned? **Third** ... Will it build **GOOD WILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**? **Fourth** ... Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



Programs

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes

December 20, 2007

Children's Christmas Program

December 27, 2007

R.I. Rose Parade Float - Jim Frame

January 3, 2008

History of Flying Wing - LeRoy Andrews

January 10, 2008

Utilities: Edison - Nancy Williams

Greeters

December 20, 2007

Lee O'Neil & Hank Oster

December 27, 2007

Bob Pazen & Wendy Pazen

January 3, 2008

Deborah Perkins & Steve Phillips

January 10, 2008

Ron Polito & Deborah Roberts

Fines

Program Chair: Jordan Eller

December 20, 2007 - Jim Word

December 27, 2007 - Deborah Zuniga

January 3, 2008 - Shawn Amandoli

January 10, 2008 - David Anderson

Meetings

TBA

New Member Training Session

January 10, 2008

Vocational Service

2nd Thu/Month, Marie Callender's 5:30 PM

January 8, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting

2nd Tue/Month, Marie Callender's 7:00 AM

January 21, 2008

Club Service

3rd Mon/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. 5:30 PM

January 15, 2008

International Service

3rd Tue/Month, Marie Callender's Noon

January 10, 2008

New Generations

2nd Thu/Month, Marie Callender's 5:30 PM

Every Monday

Buena Interact Club

Buena High School, Room 48 12:30 PM



FBI Supervisory Special Agent Tanya Coleman spoke to us about identity fraud.

Notes from December 13th program:

We were pleased to have Supervisory Special Agent Tanya Coleman from the Federal Bureau of Investigation discuss terrorism and finance today. Special Agent Coleman has been with the FBI for 17 years and is with the Financing Terrorism division. She has 41 Special Agents that work under her and covers from San Luis Obispo County to Orange County.

We learned about different types of financial fraud such as money laundering and structuring and other suspicious activity. Key points include:

Financial Institutions require a Currency Transaction Report (CTR) when you are depositing over \$10,000 in cash. It is not required to report to the IRS for tax purposes, only for monitorial purposes, for the purpose of primarily targeting drug dealers. Structuring transactions is when a customer is depositing just less than the \$10,000 threshold in an effort to remain un-reportable.

Financial Institutions withhold the right to complete a Suspicious Activity Report (SAR) when they notice any sort of transaction or suspicious activity. This may include anything from suspicious behavior to money smelling like drugs, or if the activity does not match the type of business the customer is in, for instance, a travel agent depositing cash in excess of \$10,000 a day.

Special Agent Coleman had indicated to me that her position is VERY stressful. That each day the first thing she does in the morning is turn on the news to see if another attack on the US happened over night. She briefly discussed a terrorist attack in Los Angeles that was foiled a few years ago. She could neither confirm nor deny of any terrorist activity in Ventura County, but I think we could all agree that no one in any community is immune to terrorism.

A big thank you to Supervisory Special Agent Coleman for taking the time away from her important job, protecting our country, to speak to our Rotary!

=== Nikki Sloan

Rotarians Preparing for the Silvercrest Dinner



Upcoming Events

- Dec. 20 Annual Children's Christmas Party Meeting
- Dec. 27 Joint Meeting with Downtown Club
- Mar. 7 - 10 Rotary Ensenada Cruise
- Mar. 28 Casino Night
- Jun. 15 - 18 Rotary International Convention

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Son of GSE alums crusades for clean water

By Tiffany Woods

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Ryan Hreljac is a typical 16-year-old. He plays sports, spends time on the computer, loves to sleep, and is up to his neck in schoolwork. But there's one thing that makes him stand out, besides his lanky 6-foot-6-inch frame.

He's the founder of Ryan's Well Foundation, a nonprofit organization in Kemptonville, Ont., Canada. It has raised more than US\$3 million to fund nearly 320 water projects serving almost 500,000 people in 14 countries since it was created in 2001, according to his mother, Susan, who is its executive director. She participated in a Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange (GSE) to France in 1992-93. Her husband, Mark, traveled on a GSE to Mexico in 1991-92.

Ryan's interest in clean water started when he was just six years old. His first-grade teacher, during a school charity drive for developing countries, rattled off a list of items that their donations could buy. She said \$70 could fund a well. As Ryan recalls, she told the class that people were dying because they didn't have access to clean water and that some had to walk several kilometers to get a drink.

"I thought that was unfair, so I decided to do something about it," says Ryan, who was named a Paul Harris Fellow in 2004. "I went home and said, 'Can I have \$70 to build a well in Africa?'"

"Being good parents, we ignored him," his mother says. "One night at dinner he was still pestering us. He said, 'You don't get it. Someone just died because they didn't have clean water.' I thought, 'Whoa.'"

They decided to let him do extra chores to earn the money. Ryan collected pinecones for his grandmother's craft projects, vacuumed, and washed windows. "If he didn't do a good job, I'd make him redo it," Susan says.

Ryan saved the money he earned in a cookie tin. Four months later, he reached his goal and presented his tin to an official at WaterCan, a charity dedicated to clean water.

He was told, however, that a well would actually cost about \$2,000. "I said I'd do more chores," Ryan recalls. He kept doing them, but in the meantime his story picked up momentum in the media, and donations started coming in. In 2000, he traveled to Uganda to visit the well that he helped finance.

Ryan has since become the face of his foundation, which has worked on water projects with Rotary clubs and has a Rotarian board member. He's also given numerous speeches to various groups, including Rotarians, Rotaractors, and Interactors.

For other young people – or anyone – looking to make a difference, Ryan offers this advice: "Find something that you're passionate about. The world is a huge puzzle. You have to figure out where your piece fits. My piece was clean water. You don't have to devote your life to something. Have fun – but at the end of the day, it's important to lend a hand and give back."

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Weekly Raffle

On hiatus until

January 3, 2008.

Rotary Club of Ventura-East Foundation

Our Rotary Club of Ventura East Foundation, Inc. has grown through the years from the generous contributions of our club members. The end of the year is a good time to make a donation in your name or in the memory of someone else. Remember, because our Foundation has section 501(c)(3) status, your donations are tax deductible. Any donations should be made payable to the "Rotary Club of Ventura East Foundation, Inc." and delivered to me at our weekly meetings or mailed to my office, 1050 S. Kimball Road, Ventura, California 93004.



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Ventura-East Christmas Party



Thanks Vance & Jackie for hosting a great evening!

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