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# **Meeting May 15, 2008**

Reported by Bob Lynn



**Deborah Perkins** gave our inspirational message.

**President Joe** rang the bell to call us together.

**Deborah Perkins** did the Inspirational moment. Interact student Tracy White led us in the Flag Salute.

**President Joe** chided the greeters.

Hank Oster introduced our guests. Visiting Rotarians were Bob Cheatham, a financial advisor from Ventura Rotary Downtown. Welcome back LeRoy Andrews!

**John Borneman** led us in song.

**President Joe** kidded the club about coming next Thursday - - - Remember that we are meeting next Friday at 5:30 for the club's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary instead.

Bob Cheatham invited members to place ads in the Ventura Rotary Downtown program for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks.

Avenues of Service:

Husam Hishmeh thanked the BBQ team for the

great turnout on Tuesday and announced that another has been scheduled in the fall. We need volunteers to put out the flags on Memorial Day weekend.

Dave Anderson spoke about our members - Wendy Pazen, Judy Hoag, and Midge Stork, - trip to India on the NID. We sent a check to a Women's Rotary Club to support a school for girls there.

Shawn Amandoli spoke about



Hank Oster introduced guests & visiting Rotarians.

the Relay for Life this weekend, see the President's article.

**President Joe** talked up the Cajun Festival in Simi on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May – Call Joe about going as a group.

VanceThompson announced that Jackie is home!

Happy Dollars from Midge Stork, Joe Strohman, Monte Widders, John Borneman, Chris Norstedt, Wendy Pazen, Vance Thompson, & Chuck Yunker.



Michael Doyle introduced our scholarship recipients.

=== Bob Lynn



2008 Scholarship Recipients: Kim Cyprian, Amanda DuPar, Kevin Condron, Tracy White, Abigail Zaehringer, Ameilia Mathis, Geoff Schneider and Stuart Smith

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# Presidents Message ...



Joe Amandoli President 2007-2008

Article written by Shawn Amandoli

Hello there Rotarians! We just finished a fantastic Relay for Life event last Saturday and Sunday and I wanted to share our story.

All 4 Rotary Clubs participated this year! With all the clubs we raised over \$5,000.00. Our top fundraisers for our club were, Pete Gallagher, Nikki Sloan, and Husam Hishmeh. Shawn Amandoli, Jill Gregorchuk and Wendy Pazen raised a bit more but we have not gotten the exact totals yet.

Downtown Lead by Steve Doll, donated \$1000.00 and the Rotary South club lead

by Bob Brateman (Cancer Walk Chair at South Club) donated over \$600.00. Thank you! I'm sorry, but I don't have a total for Marina as I write this.

Thank you to the set up crew and break down crew. Pete Gallagher, Chris Norstedt, Husam Hishmeh, Nikki Sloan, Shawn & Lauren Amandoli and her friends.

Walkers included (hope I wrote them all down) Pete, Chris N. Husam, Nikki, Shawn, Lauren and Friends. Jill Gregorchuck, and her husband Bob, Jeff Hata, John Borneman, Steve Phillips, Carol Olsen, Lee O'Neil and his brother, Sandy Waddell, President Joe, Past President Bob Pazen, and our Nephews. Downtown, Marina, and South, had walkers as well. Lee Albee made an appearance, Jim and Lolita Emch and family, and several of my friends came to cheer on our team!

This was the best clean up crew ever! Thank you to Lauren Amandoli and her friends, President Joe, Eric Zeko, Pete Gallagher, Chris Norstedt, and my nephews for all your help. I have blisters on my feet from walking around in flip flops!

In spite of the 90 degree weather, the Relay For Life was a huge success! Our booth theme was Rock 'n Roll! I really enjoyed working with all the Rotary Clubs and meeting Rotarians from other clubs.

I hope that with our contributions and awareness that we provided this weekend that we save a Mom, Dad, Child, Sister, Brother, Grandfather, Grandmother, friend or anyone from suffering from this terrible disease.

I am so proud of our Rotary club and our other Rotary Clubs who contributed to this event and making a difference!



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Wendy Pazen	Director 2007-2010

#### **Avenues of Service Directors**

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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?



#### Club Events

#### **Programs**

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes

#### May 23, 2008

Club Anniversary **Dinner** - Friday Evening
Please note this meeting is **FRIDAY EVENING**. **May 29, 2008** 

Living With Brain Injury - Lisa Wells

June 5, 2008

Memorial Day Program

June 12, 2008

Offsite meeting @ The Greek

#### **Greeters**

May 23, 2008
Jeff Hata & Ron Hertel
May 29, 2008
Bill Hicks & Husam Hishmeh
June 5, 2008
Judy Hoag & Chris Hooke
June 12, 2008
Bill Klope & Rocky Ludes

#### **Fines**

Program Chair: Tom Hashbarger

May 23, 2008 - TBA

May 29, 2008 - TBA

June 5, 2008 - TBA

June 12, 2008 - TBA

## **Meetings**

#### **TBA**

**New Member Training Session** 

#### June 12, 2008

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

#### June 10, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting 2nd Tue/Month, Marie Callender's 7:00 AM

#### June 9, 2008

Club Service 2rd Mon/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. 5:30 PM

#### June 17, 2008

International Service
3rd Tue/Month, Marie Callender's Noon

#### June 12, 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

# **Relay for Life**



# Indian philanthropist commits US\$1 million to polio eradication

By Joseph Derr Rotary International News - 8 May 2008

During a ceremony on 21 April at Rotary International headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, Arch C. Klumph Society inductee Rajashree Birla gave a brief speech. The Rotary senior leaders in the audience expected her to talk about her US\$300,000 contribution to The Rotary Foundation , which endows an Ambassadorial Scholarship and supports SHARE. Instead, Birla, of Mumbai, India, focused mostly on polio eradication.

As she concluded, the soft-spoken Birla then made an announcement that took everyone by surprise: She is committing an additional \$1 million to Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge for polio eradication.

"You took our breath away," said an elated Bob Scott, trustee chair of The Rotary Foundation, after a standing ovation for Birla.

Birla's late husband, Aditya Birla, led his family's business to become one of India's largest. Today, Aditya and Rajashree's son, Kumar Mangalam Birla, heads the Aditya Birla Group (ABG), a Fortune 500 company with 40 plants employing 100,000 workers in 20 countries.

Integral to the Birla business philosophy is a longstanding commitment to accountability, not only to shareholders and employees but also to the local communities in which the business operates. Birla continues the family legacy of giving back to society through her leadership in the Aditya Birla Centre for Community Initiatives and Rural Development, which focuses on sustainable development in the communities around ABG plants.

An honorary member of the Mumbai and Mulund Rotary clubs, Birla feels a strong kinship with Rotary and its commitment to community service.

"As a fellow Rotarian, I'm always happy to see the amount of work you do. The Rotarians symbolize a culture of giving and caring which is strikingly close to our group's philosophy," she said.

Birla has been a key supporter of Rotary's top goal of eradicating polio. The Aditya Birla Centre has helped immunize some three million children in 3,200 villages in India, one of the four remaining polio-endemic countries.

"At the same time, we perform reconstructive surgery and try to rehabilitate polio victims so that they become independent and regain their self-esteem," said Birla.

Scott later said that, to some extent, he wasn't surprised by Birla's announcement. "I know of her keen interest in the eradication of polio," he said. "I just knew that she would do something as generous someday."

Past RI President Rajendra K. Saboo praised Birla and her family for their

Polio, cont'd on page 5

## **Upcoming Events**

May 23 Jun. 15 - 18 Jun. 27 Jul. 4 Aug. 2

Oct. 4

Club Anniversary Party Rotary International Convention Stepdown dinner Push-em Pull-em Parade VC Fair Parade Casino Night



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leadership in Indian society. "Mrs. Birla is one person who connects the corporate sector with the community," he said.

RI Director Ashok Mahajan described Birla as a "shining example of what humans have to do to be humane."

Birla is the second donor from India to make a commitment of \$1 million or more for Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge for polio eradication.

When asked what lessons Rotarians can learn from nongovernmental organizations like the Aditya Birla Centre, she humbly replied: "Rotarians have a lot of compassion, which is very necessary. I do see people going to the smallest details to give all their support to the downtrodden or the needy people. I think I have to learn from Rotary."

# Virtual book drive lets everyone participate in world record

Rotary International News - 15 May 2008

Rotarians heading to the 2008 RI Convention in Los Angeles next month are urged to bring one or several books in the language of their choice for Rotary's Wide World of Books, a commemorative project of the LA2008 Convention Host Organization aimed at boosting literacy among local schoolchildren. Those who want to be a part of this global literacy initiative but aren't able to attend the convention, can still help by making a virtual donation.

Scholastic, the world's largest publisher and distributor of children's books, has partnered with Rotary's Wide World of Books and Reading by 9 to provide great books at low cost to Rotary clubs. Scholastic will ship the books free of charge to Los Angeles. Books must be ordered before 1 June to be included in the project.

Learn how to order.

"Literacy is crucial in determining a person's overall academic, professional, and personal success," says Ingo Werk, chair of the initiative and past governor of District 5280.

Werk hopes the initiative will set a Guinness World Record for the largest international book drive. A "mountain" of donated books will be on display in the atrium of the Los Angeles Convention Center. This achievement will be certified at the convention, says Werk.

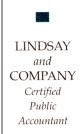
Since 2000, a number of Southern California clubs have participated in Reading by 9, a multiyear campaign established by the Los Angeles Times that helps students in kindergarten through third grade read at grade level by the age of nine.

After the convention, the books will be distributed to schoolchildren living in the geographic area of the seven hosting Rotary districts, which cover parts of Southern California and Southern Nevada.



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# Weekly Raffle

This week's raffle sponsor was DAVE ANDERSON, who generouslydonated 50 \$1 gold coins! Thank you very much, DAVE! Our lucky winner was Geoff Schneider (who is also one of our scholarship recipients). Geoff immediately donated his \$50 winnings to The Relay For Life!! He's already giving back to the community!

Weraised\$153.00 today, bringing our total to \$5,102.00 which put us over the top for our scholarships! Thankyouverymuch, Ventura-East!! Next week's sponsor will be DICK GALLAGHER, so remember to bring your raffle money!

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# Casino night is coming! When: October 4, 2008

When: October 4, 2008 Where: Poinsettia Pavilion Theme: Octoberfest Time: 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

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