



Meeting July 24, 2008

Reported by Bob Lynn



Tom Swan introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians.

President Deborah rang the bell to call us to order.

Ron Polito gave the inspirational moment.

Joe Strohmman led us in the Flag Salute.

President Deb thanked **Wendy Pazen** for acting as greeter.

Tom Swan introduced our guests. No visiting Rotarians today. Former member **Bob Tholl** was guest of **Dr. Gene Cherry & Jeff Hata**. **Michelle Mercado** was the guest of **Past President, Joe**

The club's board has voted to make any Club Social where there are 5 or more members attending and the social is announced at a club meeting, is makeup. The logic is that when that happens Rotary is a solid part of the discussions.

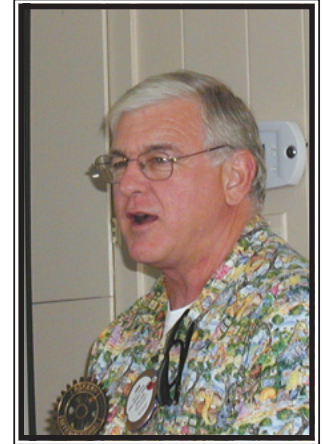
Shawn Amandoli will be coordinating people to do the flag salute, the invocation, etc.

We are looking for a Rotoract advisor, because we are trying to restart the Rotoract club. Please volunteer

Wendy Pazen announced that we are going to have a Classified Ad section in the Breeze. Ads will cost a mere \$5 per insertion.

Thanked **Wendy Pazen** for organizing a visit to Rotary Club of Ventura South.

President Deborah and all the past presidents inducted **Floyd Gill**. **Floyd** has already earned his blue badge and is the proud father of a new son.



P.D.G. Jan Lindsay spoke to the club about increasing their giving to the R.I. Foundation.

Amandoli.

John Borneman led us in song.

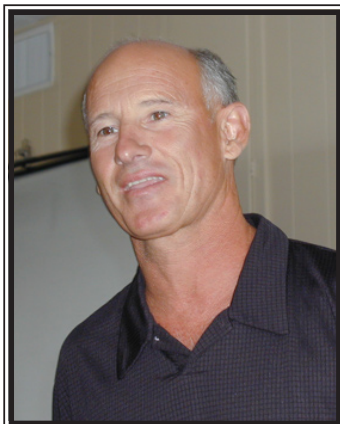
President Deborah made the following announcements.

We have learned that this morning **Harriet Clune's** mother was taken off life support. Please keep **Harriet**, her Mom, and **Rich** in your thoughts.

Proposed meeting with Ojai Valley Rotary at the Ojai Valley Inn. There will be Golf organized. We are going as a makeup meeting.

The board approved the budget last Tuesday.

President Deborah announced that the Stepdown dinner is locked in at the Tower Club.



Ron Polito gave our inspirational message.

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Presidents Message ...



Deborah Roberts
President 2008-2009

What a busy Rotary week it has been! The week kicked off with a lunch gathering at Ventura-South – in attendance where Wendy Pazen, Floyd Gill, Michelle Mercado, Bill Gray, Chris Hooke and I. It was fun to invade another club, but, more importantly, our new and almost new members are earning their Blue Badges already! The RCVE Board of Directors met for our first Board meeting of the 2008-2009 Rotary year on Tuesday morning. I am pleased to say we have

an incredible Board who showed up ready and willing to work hard for our Club! Thank you to all who were able to make the meeting! Friday proved to be another productive Rotary day with our first Softball Tournament meeting. Wow, it's going to be a busy year!

This week we will be meeting with some potential new Rotaract members in an effort to get a new club off the ground. Please join us at Marie Callender's in the Garden Room at 6:30 PM on Wednesday.

Also coming up, Husam's Vocational Service meeting on Thursday evening at 5:30 PM. Meeting will take place at Hishmeh Enterprises offices at 1811 Knoll Drive here in Ventura.

The following is an excerpt from the book, The ABC's of Rotary, a book of short articles by Clifford L. Dochterman, President, Rotary International 1992-93

Rotaract

“Building on the success of Interact Clubs in the early 1960's, the RI Board created Rotaract in 1968. The new organization was designed to promote responsible citizenship and leadership potential in clubs of young men and women ages 18-30. The first Rotaract Club was chartered by the Rotary Club of Charlotte North in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA. In 2006, there were 184,000 members in more than 8,000 Rotaract clubs in 139 countries

Rotaract clubs emphasize the importance of individual responsibility as the basis of personal success and community involvement. Each club is required to complete at least two major service projects each year, one to serve the community and the other to promote international understanding. Rotaract also provides opportunities leading to greater leadership and professional development.

Rotaractors enjoy many social activities as well. A Rotaract club can exist only when sponsored, guided and counseled by a Rotary club.”

2008 - 2009

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Programs

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes

July 31, 2008

Recycling - Christine Wied

August 7, 2008

Civil Air Patrol - Capt. Anthony Schlothauer

August 14, 2008

Club Assembly

August 21, 2008

Workplace Violence - Larry Reynosa

Greeters

July 31, 2008

Deborah Perkins & Steve Phillips

August 7, 2008

Ron Polito & Michael Scar

August 14, 2008

Nikki Sloan & Bill Spellman

August 21, 2008

Rich Stewart & Midge Stork

Fines

Program Chair: Rich Stewart

July 31, 2008 - TBA

August 7, 2008 - TBA

August 14, 2008 - TBA

August 21, 2008 - TBA

Meetings

TBA

New Member Training Session

August 14, 2008

Vocational Service

2nd Thu/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. 5:30 PM

August 19, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting

3rd Tue/Month, Mimi's 7:00 AM

August 11, 2008

Club Service

2nd Mon/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. 5:30 PM

August 15, 2008

International Service

3rd Tue/Month, Marie Callender's Noon

August 21, 2008

New Generations

3rd Thu/Month, Marie Callender's 5:30 PM

Every Monday

Buena Interact Club

Buena High School, Room 48 12:30 PM



Steve Denlinger spoke about growing up in the Amish Community

Bob Pazen and **Wendy Pazen** presented him with a Paul Harris Fellow as a thank you for helping **Wendy's Mom**.

Past District Governor Jan Lindsay spoke in support of the form you will receive next week where you will designate how much you will be donating to the Rotary International foundation. The club is requesting that you bump it by a minimum of \$60, up to \$200 total. The district has changed their allocation method to limiting matching funds to the amount the club

gives so what we donate to RI is important.

President Deborah said that there will be a membership seminar on 9 Aug. **Shawn Amandoli** will not be able to attend so we need a substitute to go.

Avenues of Service Reports.

Dave Anderson – The club is making a trip to Nicaragua, Sept 5-9 or 12th if you want to stay over with **Tom Crozier**. Please contact Midge Stork if you want to go. She has found a rate of about \$400 round trip for the air fare.

Gary Moratz – New Generations committee will be meeting the Third Thursday of each month, 5:30 Marie Callender's Restaurant.

Husam Hishmeh – Community Service and Club Service committees will be meeting at his office.

Tom Swan needs a host for an Ice Cream Social.

Jeff Hata reminded us about the Oct 4th Casino night. Sell tickets and get money and stuff. PRLS starts again in Oct. club pays for you to go.

Debbie Zuniga treasurer updated status of books.

Past President, Joe Amandoli gave out awards from last year. **Jan Lindsay** for 12 years perfect attendance. **Midge Stork** for her work with Family of Rotary. **Nikki Sloan** for program co-chair. **Ron Polito** for all the work on the RCVE foundation.

John Masterson did a recognition session on the history of our club and members. Including a "provisional bulletin" from 1963 before we were chartered. It seems that our formation meetings even met at the Old Colonial House.

He read a song that **John Borneman** composed at the instigation of female members in 1995.

John had some of our newer members to tell about themselves.

Happy dollars: **Wendy Pazen** for **President Deborah's** birthday. The club sang Happy Birthday. **John Masterson** for a CMH golf tourney to support the neo-natal unit.

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Deborah Perkins did the opportunity drawing, thanks to **Tom Swan**.

Nikki Sloan introduced our speakers.

=== Bob Lynn

Steven Denlinger and his assistant, Gloria, joined us today to speak to us about his recently written memoir that recounts his departure from the conservative Mennonite community in Ohio in 1989, and how Rotary played a part in the departure. Today, Steven is a writer for the Huffington Post, where he is the main contributor to the "Living" section.

Steven explored his memories of the extremist religious community into which he had been born, by reading one of the chapters from his book. We learned that at 25 years old, and thanks to a Rotary Ambassadorial scholarship, Steven left his conservative Mennonite community to study abroad in England. His parents were reluctant and disappointed that he was choosing to leave the community. His mother had called him selfish and was concerned about the "worldly girls from college" that he would be meeting.

Not until his departure did Steven realize how foreign the conservative Mennonite society was to the rest of the world. There are only 120,000 conservative Mennonite's in the world. Mennonite's take pride in a sense of community, peace, and authoritarian family model and separation from the rest of the world. They are sometimes viewed as the fundamentalists of the Amish. Much like the Amish they dress in all self made conservative attire consisting of plain coats for the men and long pilgrim- like dresses for the women. Unlike the Amish, the children are not given an opportunity to leave the religion during their teenage years. Therefore, many that leave the religion are excommunicated and lose all ties to their family.

Steven has not been excommunicated and does keep in touch with his family. It is understood that his family believes that he will go to hell at death, and he allows them their belief, but now maintains his own religious beliefs.

If you would like to contact Steven directly regarding more of his memoir, he can be reached at stevendenlinger@aol.com.

Best Regards,
Nikki Sloan

Upcoming Events

Aug. 2	VC Fair Parade
Aug. 9	Membership Seminar
Aug. 16	Master PRLS 2
Aug. 23	BBQ Team Thousand Oaks Master PRLS 3
Sep. 27	Master PRLS 5
Oct. 4	Casino Night
Oct. 10 - 12	District Conference
Oct. 18	3rd Annual Piggy BBQ



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Rotaract Advisor – We are looking for a Rotaract Advisor to work with a core group of young adults as they work to start a new Rotaract Club here in town. We have several college students and young professionals to run with the ball. All you need to do is assist at the first few meeting, be available when they need direction, and invite them to our Club meetings on a regular basis.

New Generations – Gary Moratz NEEDS your HELP! Gary is an incredibly committed Rotarian, commuting from Ontario and Chatsworth to be a part of our amazing Club. Volunteer to be a permanent member of the New Generations committee and you'll get the opportunity to be a part RYLA and our new Rotaract Club.

Grants Committee – Jan Lindsay is our Chairman! Jan, Jeff Hata and Debbie Zuniga have all agreed to drive out to Bakersfield to learn about all the grants available to us on a local level. They are going to need you help! Please consider becoming part of the permanent Grants Committee.

Vance could use some help planning our yearly Christmas Party... Who likes to party??? Anyone???

Club Service, International Service and Vocational Service – Please consider becoming a permanent member of one or more of these committees. The more people we have helping with projects, the more FUN and REWARDING they are! Meeting times are in The Breeze.



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Weekly Raffle

We raised \$75 for the raffle last Thursday, bringing the total to \$395. Ron Polito was our lucky winner if a massage provided by Tom Swan. Thanks.

Carol Marquez-Olson will provide this week's prize.

Deborah



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Casino night is coming!

When: October 4, 2008

Where: Poinsettia Pavilion

Theme: Octoberfest

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Rotary Club of Ventura-East, Membership List

100% Paul Harris Fellow Club

District 5240

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