



Meeting September 18, 2008

Reported by Harriet Clune



Husam Hishmeh gave our inspirational message.

President Deborah Roberts rang the bell at noon to start the meeting. The lunch line was begun. **President Deborah** welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the greeter **Deborah Zuniga**. Next week's greeters will be **Joe Amandoli and Dave Anderson**. The inspirational message was delivered by **Husam Hishmeh** about his trip to Europe. The flag salute was led by **Floyd Gill**.

Introduction of guests was handled by **Tom Swan**. Guests were **Mel Cheatham** and his wife **Sylvia Cheatham** from the Downtown Club and **Capt. Tolani Finley** of the Salvation Army.

Our song today was "Food" to the tune of "Turkey in the Straw", lyrically led by **John Borneman**.

Announcements:

- ❖ PRLS class on October 4.
- ❖ "Swim with Mike", Ojai Club, on Friday. Shuttles will take you from parking to the event at the Ojai Valley Inn. Be there by 11:15 to 11:30 a.m. About 175 people will be attending.

❖ **Bob Pazen** paid \$20. for an outstanding wine labeled "B."

❖ A \$50. gas card was the drawing item today donated by **Dave**



Tom Swan introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

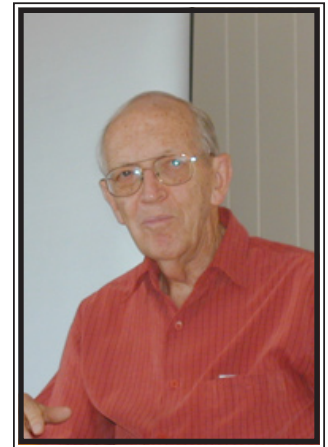
Anderson. \$85, was raised today, bring our total to \$1,074.

❖ **Bob Pazen** introduced special guest **Dr. Amanda Streeton**, the recipient of the **John Carroll Scholarship** in 2000. She thanked the club for our support over the years.

❖ International Service: **Dave Anderson**. A huge meeting. Thank you for your support. Next meeting will consider the **Nicaragua Report** and program continuation. There will be another trip in the first week of December. Donate your frequent flyer miles to help!

❖ Community Service: **Tom Swan**. The **Pumpkin Patch** needs more help for the last and busiest weekend. Please volunteer!!! The **PP** committee meeting will be on Monday at **Hishmeh's** at 5:30.

❖ Club Service: **Jeff Hata**. **Casino Night** is Oct. 4 and is coming up fast! We need silent auction and raffle items.



Tom Shilton conducted our recognition session.

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Presidents Message ...



Deborah Roberts
President 2008-2009

Because I've had so many questions from many of you these few months about what's appropriate and what's not for invocations, I thought I'd see what Clifford L. Dotcherman, Past RI President had to say on the subject. Below are his thoughts and RI policy, "INVOCATIONS AT CLUB MEETINGS"

In many Rotary clubs, particularly in Judeo-Christian nations, it is customary to open weekly meetings with an appropriate invocation or blessing. Usually such invocations are offered without reference to specific religious denominations or faiths.

Rotary policy recognizes that throughout the world Rotarians represent many religious beliefs, ideas and creeds. The religious beliefs of each member are fully respected, and nothing in Rotary is intended to prevent each individual from being faithful to such convictions.

At international assemblies and conventions, it is traditional for a silent invocation to be given. In respect for all religious beliefs and in the spirit of tolerance for a wide variety of personal faiths, all persons are invited to seek divine guidance and peace "each in his own way." It is an inspiring experience to join with thousands of Rotarians in an international "silent prayer" or act of personal devotion. Usually all Rotary International board and committee meetings begin with a few moments of silent meditation. In this period of silence, Rotary demonstrates respect for the beliefs of all members, who represent the religions of the world.

Since each Rotary club is autonomous, the practice of presenting a prayer or invocation at club meetings is left entirely to the traditions and customs of the individual club, with the understanding that these meeting rituals always be conducted in a manner which will respect the religious convictions and faiths of all members."

So there you have it. It is in fact appropriate to reference your religious beliefs/denomination, or someone else's, when giving the invocation/inspirational moment so long as it is respectful and, of course, meets the 4-Way test.

On another note, a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all who participated in the joint meeting with **The Rotary Club of Ojai** on Friday. That program will stick with me for a long time to come. A few of you have asked if we are going to be involved in the actual fundraiser in April. Well, I'm up for anything so long as there is enough Club interest so let's explore the possibility in the coming weeks and months.

My sincere appreciation also goes out to **Nikki Sloan, Husam Hishmeh, Tom Swan, Bill Hicks, Floyd Gill, Husam's brother-in-law, Bashar and my sister-in-law, P.A.** for "educating" me on the game of golf. We'll have to do that again sometime (like maybe when my neck and back aren't so sore).

Yours in Rotary Service,
Deborah (Pudlewski) Roberts
President 2008-2009

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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

September 25, 2008

Povety in the American Colony - Dr. Nian Huang

October 2, 2008

Condor Nest Monitor System - Estelle Sandhaus

October 9, 2008

Sea Urchin Diving - Tomas Kendrick

October 16, 2008

Panel on Banking - Husam Hishmeh

Greeters

September 25, 2008

Joe Amandoli & David Anderson

October 2, 2008

Robert Beckwith & John Borneman

October 9, 2008

Rafael Canton & Gene Cherry

October 16, 2008

Harriet Clune & Andy Corliss

Fines

Program Chair: Rich Stewart

September 25, 2008 - Pazen's Dog & Pony Show

October 2, 2008 - Joe Strohmman

October 9, 2008 - TBA

October 16, 2008 - TBA

Meetings

TBA

New Member Training Session

October 20, 2008

Vocational Service

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

October 21, 2008

Board of Directors Meeting

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

October 13, 2008

Club Service

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

October 13, 2008

Community Service

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

October 21, 2008

International Service

3rd Tue/Month, Marie Callender's Noon

October 23, 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



Dr. Mel Cheatham spoke about his trips to North Korea.

❖ **Vocational Service: Husam Hishmeh.** October is Vocational Service Month. We are planning on a Job Shadow day plus more.

❖ **New Generations: Gary Moratz.** Meeting will be 9/18 at 5:30.

❖ **Rich Stewart** announced the wine tasting at Weaver Wines on September 28. Please be sure to sign up for a great time!

❖ **Deborah Roberts** said that the golf tickets will be raffled after the meeting.

❖ **Rotary Recognition (instead of fines): Tom Shilton.** Tom fined himself first for advertising his church's Genealogy Program. No one got any recognition for correct answers...(so you don't know about your ancestors???)

The program was introduced by **Rocky Ludes**. It featured **Mel Cheatham**.

Dr. Mel Cheatham spoke to us about his recent trips to North Korea. His humanitarian work began about 24 years ago. He has worked in hospitals in trouble spots around the world, including Africa, Eastern Europe, Central and South America, and Asia. Today his focus is more on diplomatic efforts to bring aid to countries such as North Korea.

His first trip to North Korea was 11 years ago. In that country, it's not possible to raise sufficient food for their 23 million inhabitants due to the geography and weather. The former USSR had been providing food and other aid, but that support ended almost 20 years ago.

About 1.2 million people are in their military, many of whom are in the demilitarized zone. In 1992, their nuclear program was built up. We saw slides of a few spectacular (and chilling) military displays.

Only one flight per week goes into North Korea, by means of an older Russian aircraft. Once you're in, you had better not get sick, because you will not get out for a week. He showed pictures and described some hospitals without running water, with liquor bottles used for IV lines (and shared needles), and no electricity. Nurses use a series of mirrors to direct outside light to the operating table.

In 1997, they found that 2-3 million North Koreans with active tuberculosis, most of whom were shut off in isolated clinics. However, six months of treatment by pill will result in a very high cure rate. One wealthy person in the eastern US paid the

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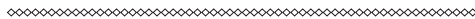
\$385,000 cost for the first phase of these treatments. Mel was instrumental in arranging for a 747 with over 90 tons of relief supplies to be flown to North Korea. This was the first US cargo plane to carry supplies.

Mel's diplomatic work includes meeting regularly with the North Korean Ambassador at the United Nations and the Minister of Health to find ways to assist the North Koreans. His trip to North Korea in mid-July was part of an advance delegation for Franklin Graham, head of Samaritan's Purse. This resulted in some projects to add electricity to hospitals and provide mobile medical clinics.

The closing few pictures were of children in Darfur – a reminder that people are suffering by the millions, and that some young children are being raised up to be terrorists. But he had also shown pictures of a few women suffering from TB, responding to his own smile and theirs.

Thank you, Dr. Cheatham, for your tireless humanitarian work!
== Rocky

When we clearly understand that there is no superior sex
or superior race, we will have opened the door
of communication and laid the foundation
for building winning relationships with
all people in this global world of ours.



Remember there is plenty of room at the top –
but not enough to sit down.

COMING OCTOBER 2009

District 5240 Conference Ventura Beach Marriott

More info to follow ...

Upcoming Events

- Sep. 27 Master PRLS 5
- Sep. 28 Wine Tasting Social
- Oct. Weekends Pumpkin Patch
- Oct. 4 Casino Night
Basic PRLS
- Oct. 10 - 12 District Conference
- Oct. 18 Master PRLS 1
- Nov. 2 3rd Annual Piggy BBQ
- Nov. 8 Master PRLS 2
- Dec. 5 Harbor Cruise
- Dec. 11 Silvercrest Dinner
- Dec. 18 Children's Christmas Party
- May 23 Paul Harris Night



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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 their meetings when needed, 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 could be looking for a couple of individuals who can creatively find ways to fund our projects.

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

Club Service, Community 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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and enthusiastically enough, sooner or later
the effort will bring forth the reward.*



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
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Weekly Raffle

Dave Anderson generously donated a \$50 gas card which Husam Hishmeh won.

We raised \$85 for a total of \$1,174.00 Next week's prize will be donated by Joe Strohmman.

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.

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