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Bill Gray introduced guests & visiting Rotarians.

President Deborah Roberts rang the bell at noon to start the meeting. The lunch line was begun a bit early today. President Deborah welcomed evervone to the meeting. The inspirational message was delivered by Gene Cherry who spoke about living in our hearts and in our lives as one family.

The flag salute was

led by **Jim Emch.** Introduction of guests was presented by **Bill Gray: Jeff Hata** introduced Bob Harris and **Muhammad Hasan** introduced his two guests, Dave Diggins and John Fell.

Our song today was in honor of our ongoing Poinsettia sales and was entitled, surprisingly enough, "Poinsettia Day". It was, as usual, lyrically led by **John Borneman** and tunelessly sung by Rotarians.

Announcements: The resignation of Joe Amandoli was sadly announced. Joe is beginning a new career and returning to school



Gene Cherry gave our inspirational message.

so will be unable to continue as a member. Thank you for all your hard work and great service to our club! **Joe and Shaun Amandoli** will both be missed.

Bob Beckwith reported that **LeRoy Andrews** is doing well at The Venturan recovering from a fall.

✤ President Deborah Roberts announced that the Poverty Conference will be November 21-22 at CSUCI. Please plan on attending.

Michael Scar told us that he has distributed the "Rotary Resource Guide" to the tables for everyone to take one. If you want to be in it next year, let him know.

✤ Bob Lynn is distributing the October billing statements. Hesaid that the November statements will be ready in 2-3 weeks He is



Tom Hashbarger spoke to us about Rotary Ethics.

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Presidents Message ...



Deborah Roberts President 2008-2009

Fall is here. I know this because we watched the last glimpses of the sun just after 5:00 PM, we cancelled the PiggyQ due to rain and I've been living in my feetie-jammies all weekend. This new season reinforces the constant change in our lives, as well as in nature. November 2008 will prove politically historical for our country, ironically as we give thanks for all this year has brought.

In Rotary, we recognize the Rotary International Foundation this month.

Why? To understand the RI Foundation, it's helpful to have a little background (yup, I'm using *The ABC's of Rotary* to fill my article space, again) From PRIP Cliff Dochterman's book, the following is a brief history:

"...In 1917 RI President Arch Klumph told the delegates to the Atlanta Convention that "it seems eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world." The response was polite and favorable, but the fund was slow to materialize. A year later the "Rotary Endowment Fund," as it was first labeled, received its first contribution of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, which was the balance of the Kansas City Convention account following the 1918 annual meeting. Additional small amounts were annually contributed, but after six years it is reported that the endowment fund had only reached \$700. A decade later, The Rotary Foundation was formally established at the 1928 Minneapolis Convention. In the next four years the Foundation fund grew to \$50,000. In 1937 a \$2 million goal was announced for The Rotary Foundation, but these plans were cut short and abandoned with the outbreak of World War II.

In 1947, upon the death of Paul Harris, a new era opened for The Rotary Foundation as memorial gifts poured in to honor the founder of Rotary. From that time, The Rotary Foundation has been achieving its noble objective of furthering "understanding and friendly relations between peoples of different nations." By 1954 the Foundation received for the first time a half million dollars in contributions in a single year, and in 1965 a million dollars was received..."

In this Rotary year, The Rotary Club of Ventura East is paying special attention to our own, local foundation as well. We will have District representatives to talk specifically about the RI Foundation and to answer questions about its' particulars, including our roles as Rotarians on a local level. We'll also bring information about our Club's foundation to understand

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Club Events

Programs Program Chair: Rocky Ludes

November 6, 2008 Quagga Mussel - Bill Hicks November 13, 2008 Salvation Army - Tolani Finley November 20, 2008 RI Program & Matching Grants - Jan Lindsay November 27, 2008 Dark - Happy Turkey Day!

Greeters

November 6, 2008 Jordan Eller & James Emch November 13, 2008 Tolani Finely & Pete Gallagher November 20, 2008 Dick Gallagher & Floyd Gill November 27, 2008 Dark

Rotary Recognition

Recognition Chair: Rich Stewart November 6, 2008 - TBA November 13, 2008 - TBA November 20, 2008 - TBA November 27, 2008 - TBA

Meetings

TBA New Member Training Session

November 17, 2008 Vocational Service 3rd Mon/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. 5:30 PM

November 18, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting 3rd Tue/Month, Mimi's 7:00 AM

November 10, 2008 Club Service 2rd Mon/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. 5:30 PM

November 10, 2008 **Community Service** 2rd Mon/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. 5:30 PM

November 18, 2008 International Service 3rd Tue/Month, Marie Callender's Noon

November 20, 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

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Sarah (Wendy Pazen) Palin & Bob Pazen led our recognition session.

catching up!

* The Step Down Dinner date has been changed from June 19, 2009 to July 17, 2009 due to the convention in Birmingham, England.

President Deborah Roberts needs a chairman for the Paul Harris Night event scheduled for May 23rd. Past President Rick King is scheduled to speak.

Judy Hoag said that ** Pointsettia order forms are available. Thanks to Steve **Phillips'** efforts, Pacific View

Mall and La Cumbre Plaza have ordered plants.

Vance Thompson said that the Christmas party will start at 5 o'clock and there will be a gift exchange of unmarked packages costing \$10-20.

*** Tom Hashbarger** gave an inspiring talk on Ethics. He said there will be a pop quiz.

✤ Drawing: Deborah Perkins: The drawing item today donated by Judy Hoag and it is a \$50. gift to Macy's, much to Steve

Phillips' chagrin! The winner was Ron Polito. Congrats! Donations today totaled \$70; for a YTD total of \$1.614.

✤ International Service: DaveAnderson: No announcement.

◆ Community Service: Tom Swan. The Pumpkin Patch netted over \$7,750. The Piggy Bar-B-Que is this Sunday.

the Relay for Life next

year. Husam Hishmeh



"The Realtors" Judy Hoag, Rich Stewart and He needs a chairman for Harriet Clune gave us a program about the current real estate market in Ventura County.

and Michelle Mercado volunteered. They volunteered Floyd Gill to be co-chair. It's dangerous to miss a meeting, Floyd.

Club Service: Jeff Hata. Bar-B-Que this Sunday at 10 o'clock with games, races and fun. Please sign up so they know how much food to buy. Saturday is a dinner-dance fund raiser for Poinsettia Pavilion, with an 18-piece jazz band.

✤ Jeff said that the Harbor Cruise social will be December 5 on the Island Packers' boat with dinner provided by Domino's

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Pizza. Friends and potential Rotarians are welcome.

***** Bob and Wendy Pazen have volunteered to chair a Halloween fund raiser event for next year.

✤ Vocational Service: Husam Hishmeh said we had a good Vocations Service month in October. There will be a committee meeting November 17th at 5:30 at his office.

* New Generations: Gary Moratz No announcement

✤ Judy Hoag has Pointsettia Order forms available. Order your plants! Orders are due Dec. 3 or sooner.

Rotary Recognition (instead of fines): Bob Pazen and his sidekick Sarah Palin (Wendy) did some fun charades for us. Bill Spellman successfully led his table to victory: He, Pete Gallagher, Husam Hishmeh, Michael Doyle, and Vance Thompson will be entered in the drawing.

Rich Stewart introduced the program.

== Harriet Clune

Our Vocational Service program was from three of our Club's real estate professionals: Judy Hoag, Harriet Clune and Rich Stewart. Rich began by noting others in our Club who also are in some aspect of the real estate profession. Each of our speakers gave their background of how they came to Ventura and got into the real estate business.

They pointed out some of the work that goes on behind the scenes to make a deal come together, including coordination of various people and services and following up to be sure everything is progressing as it should. An experienced person will notice potential "red flags" and attempt to deal with them before they create a problem.

We were also given some information on the current state of the real estate market and home values. Right now, banks are generally holding off on foreclosing and waiting for the government bailout to help them. Inventory of available houses is not real high in Ventura, but it is a different story in Oxnard, where there is a lot of new housing competing for buyers. Values of the more expensive properties, such as in the Ventura Keys, have not fallen as much as the lower priced homes.

According to the California Association of Realtors and the UCLA Anderson School of Business, prices should stabilize by the end of 2009. Our speakers felt the climb back up will take another four years or more. Some comments were that this is a good time to be a buyer. Financing is not as loose as it has been, but it is available and based on each buyer's situation.

Thank you, Judy, Harriet and Rich, for a timely discussion of the real estate business and the state of the real estate economy.

== Rocky

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Upcoming Events

Nov. 2	3rd Annual Piggy BBQ
Nov. 8	Master PRLS 2
Dec. 5	Harbor Cruise
Dec. 11	Silvercrest Dinner
Dec. 13	Club Christmas Party
Dec. 18	Children's Christmas Party
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Jan. 7	Ventura-East Game Night
May 23	Paul Harris Night
Oct. 23 - 25	District 5240 Confernce



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its' fundamentals and why it's so vital to our local community. Two foundations, one goal --to "Make Dreams Real".

Because our lives are ever-changing, our goals need to be ever-changing, too. Please, give your input. What would you like to see happen? What should our goals be for the future? This year? Next year? What are we doing well? What could we be doing better? We have a whole new month of Community Service, Club Service, Vocational Service, New Generations, International Service and Board meetings. We will pay special attention to, and determine some of our future goals for the RI Foundation and The Rotary Club of Ventura East Foundation throughout this month. Connect, be heard.

Useless trivia ...

What member of our club has had their company email account put in "email jail" recently?



District 5240 Conference Ventura Beach Marriott

More info to follow ...

ROTARY CLUB OF VENTURA-EAST CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13TH 5:00 - ???

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Next week's prize will be donated by Judy Hoag.

Deborah Perkins

Home-schooled students form Interact club

By Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary International News -- 4 November 2008

From her vantage point as a public librarian in Norman, Oklahoma, USA, Basha Hartley could see how hard home-schooling parents work to educate their children.

She also noticed how home-schooled children can become isolated from their peers at public high schools.

"Ibegan noticing these great kids who are kind of invisible in our community," says Hartley, a member of the Rotary Club of Norman. "I don't think most of our club was aware of this fairly large group of home-schooled children."

After three years of talking to home-schooling families, Hartley was able to persuade a group of teens to begin an Interact club in August 2007. The Norman Home School Interact meets monthly in the library -- with Hartley and Joe Gil, of the Rotary Club of Norman-Cross Timbers, as sponsors -- and held its charter banquet in June.

"Parents, for a whole variety of reasons, decide on home schooling their children," says Hartley. "I thought it would be really great to get these kids involved in Rotary because Rotary is all about helping our kids."

One of the first

Hartley and RI staff believe the club is one of the first, if not the first, for home schoolers. In addition to its regular meeting, the club takes part in a service project every month with the Interact club at Norman High School, creating valuable bonds between the students.

The two Interact clubs have bought Christmas presents for foster children, volunteered at an animal sanctuary, and taken part in a "crop walk" to raise money for world hunger. One of the leaders in the home- schooled group also launched a project with the local 4H club, purchasing pet food at a discount and repackaging it in small bags to distribute to pet owners in the Meals on Wheels program.

"What they were finding is that some of the Meals on Wheels clients were feeding their meals to their pets because they didn't have enough money for pet food," Hartley says. "What was great about this project was that many of the Interact kids from the high school didn't know much about 4H before this."

Hartley says the home-schooled students often have a more flexible schedule and are eager to volunteer their time. That involvement increases their visibility in the community and helps their parents get connected as well.

"Being a member of Interact has made my friends and me want to be more involved in our community and really help people in need," says Becky Seewald, 2007-08 club president. "Through Interact, we all now share a greater sense of investment in our environment, our relationships, and the vision we share for our world."

Hartley would like to see the club serve as a model for other communities.

"They have so much to give; they really love Service Above Self," Hartley says of the home-schooled students. "What we are saying is, let's join together to give. As a community, we will work together."







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