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Rich Stewart introduced guests & visiting Rotarians.

P r e s i d e n t Deborah Roberts rang the bell at noon to start the meeting. We have a full house, today! **President Deborah** welcomed everyone. The inspirational message was delivered by **Husam Hishmeh**, telling us how thankful he and his family are for receiving the “Best Large Business” Award. He attributed their success to all he

has learned from being a Rotarian and following the code of “Do The Right Thing.” We all have much for which to be thankful.

The flag salute was led by **Michael Scar**. Introduction of guests was presented by **Rich Stewart**. There were visiting Rotarians from the downtown club: **Ed McCombs** and **Jim Owens**. From the Westlake Village club: **Karl Keller**, who was awarded the “Citizen of the Year Award” (congrats!). Our own **Donna Turner** was in attendance. **Husam**



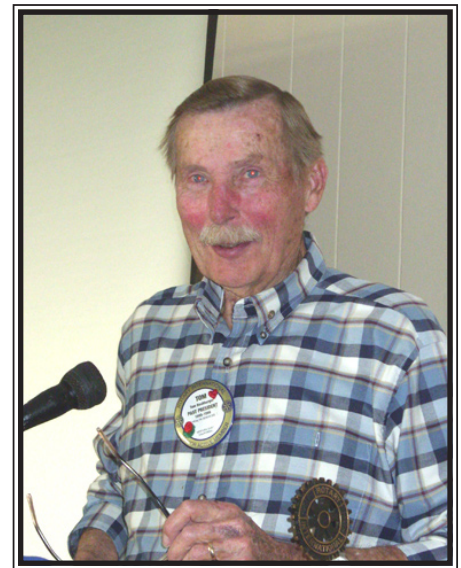
Husam Hishmeh gave our inspirational message.

Hishmeh introduced **Joe Amandoli** and **Jeff Hata** introduced **Shawn Amandoli**. **Woody**, Boy Scout Troop Leader, was introduced by **Chuck Yunker**. **Tom Swan** introduced his guest, **Liz Morrell** from Westlake Village and **Michael Scar** introduced his wife, **Suzanne** from Oxnard Rotary.

Our song today was “Rotary Cruise” by **John Borneman**, to the tune of “Cruising Down the River” in honor of our cruise through the Ventura Harbor area and out to the Pier. A jolly, nautical time was had by all!

Announcements:

❖ **President Deborah** welcomed **Jan Lindsay** back after his surgery. He was awarded an early Christmas gift from the Club: a game entitled, “Operation.” How



Tom Hashbarger led us in another great song.

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Presidents Message ...



Deborah Roberts
President 2008-2009

Friends,

Well, we had a terrific meeting last week. Thank-you for your input; I think we can all agree that we have a specific goal with regards to membership for the remainder of the year. While I realize we aren't alone in our struggles, especially with the current economical status, we are taking important steps to address the issue. As you heard from our President-Elect, **Jeff Hata**, there are already some efforts to help retain and generate new membership.

• On March 6th, 2009 The Rotary Club of Ventura-East will host the Chamber of Commerce monthly breakfast at the Pierpont Inn. It is important we have representation from our Club at each of the tables that morning; that means at least 15 people in attendance.

• Additionally, a brochure is being made to highlight some of the programs our club participates in and supports within the local community and internationally.

• We will highlight specific programs as "Membership Drives". Our first such program will be on **February 19, 2009**. We will move the meeting into the larger room to accommodate our invited guests. Will everyone commit to a minimum of one guest? Two or three would be ideal.....

• For those who may be struggling financially, the RCVE Board of Directors will put something in place this week to help alleviate the financial stress some may be experiencing.

• The Board will also be discussing best practices in a membership committee. I'm thinking we need 4 or 5 people who can focus their efforts on membership. Would you consider being a part of this initiative for our Club?

• We have our Children's Christmas party Thursday evening at 5:00. What a great opportunity to show you associates what the Family of Rotary is all about. Invite them and the children in their lives.

If you have any ideas that would be helpful, please submit them as soon as possible to one of your board members, or join us for a board meeting. It will take the efforts of us all to bring in and retain new members. So what are you waiting for?

Before I close my article this week, I must say how impressed I am with another successful Silvercrest Dinner. We had so many participating that it seemed like no work at all. What a great evening. And of course, I can't forget **Vance and Jackie**. It was once again an awesome Christmas party at their home on Saturday. Thank you for all of your efforts... and the champagne.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Hanukah, Happy Kwanza,

Deborah Roberts
President 2008-2009

2008 - 2009

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Programs

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes

December 18, 2008

Children's Christmas Party - 5:00 pm!

December 25, 2008

Dark - Happy Holidays!

January 1, 2009

Dark - Happy New Year!

January 8, 2009

Rotary Foundation - Marc Vertin

Greeters

December 18, 2008

Ron Hertel & Bill Hicks

December 25, 2008

Dark

January 1, 2009

Dark

January 8, 2009

Husam Hishmeh & Judy Hoag

Rotary Recognition

Recognition Chair: Rich Stewart

December 18, 2008 - TBA

December 25, 2008 - Dark

January 1, 2009 - Dark

January 8, 2009 - TBA

Meetings

TBA

New Member Training Session

January 19, 2009

Vocational Service

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

January 20, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting

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

January 12, 2009

Club Service

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

January 12, 2009

Community Service

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

January 20, 2009

International Service

3rd Tue/Month, Marie Callender's Noon

January 19, 2009

New Generations

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

Every Monday

Buena Interact Club

Buena High School, Room 48 12:30 PM

fitting!

❖ **The Board Meeting** will be held next Tuesday the 16th at 7:00 a.m. at Hishmeh Enterprises. Food will be served.

❖ The NID to India cutoff date is December 22.

❖ Next week there will be no noon meeting. It will be held instead at 5:00 p.m. and will be the Children's Christmas Party at the Poinsettia Pavilion. Please call **Deborah Roberts** with your reservations if you have not done so already.

❖ Remember Saturday for the Christmas Party at the home of **Jackie and Vance Thompson** and remember your exchange gift! 5:00 p.m.

❖ **Ed McCombs**, Downtown Club, brought his Club's calendars for 2009. A great opportunity for \$8.00 and to help their projects.

❖ Drawing: **Deborah Perkins**: The drawing item today donated by **Husam Hishmeh**: \$50. gift card to Barnes & Noble. The winner was **Jeff Hata**. Congrats! We raised \$92. today, bringing our total to \$2,142. Wow!

❖ **Judy Hoag** announced that we had a profit of \$10,500. from the Poinsettia sales.

❖ International Service: **Dave Anderson**: No report.

❖ Community Service: **Tom Swan**: A thank you to everyone's help on the Bell Ringer project coming up Saturday the 20th! The Silvercrest Dinner is this afternoon and we need everyone's help.

❖ Club Service: **Jeff Hata**: The Harbor Cruise was last Friday. It was be lots of fun! We are hoping to schedule another during the summer months during the fair. The last meeting was very spirited and we will be discussing it today as our program.

❖ Vocational Service: **Husam Hishmeh**: Meeting will be the second week of January along with New Generations.

❖ **New Generations**: **Gary Moratz**: No report.

Husam Hishmeh and Chuck Yunker presented the Student of the Quarter, **Nicole Oliver**. They also introduced Nicole's mother, **Caroline Martinez** and **Scott Mannonen** who is Nicole's Wood Technology Teacher. **Scott** spoke of her talent and she was presented with her award. Congratulations, Nicole. Nicole is planning to attend Mills College and wants to become a dentist.



Scott Mannonen presented Nicole Oliver with the Vocational Student of the Quarter Award. Nicole's mother Caroline was also present.

Rotary Recognition: Tom Hashbarger led the session by first thanking Jeff Hata for our new directory. He then chose people to answer questions: Bill Corey, Judy Hoag, Hank Oster, Harriet Clune, Joe Strohmman, Monte Widders and Dick Norman.

Happy Dollars came from : Rich Stewart for the Salvation Army bell ringers' pot because he will be out of state and can't participate; Jeff Hata for Wendy Pazen's call from Miami telling us that the local movie theaters are running Rotary commercials before the films; Jeff Hata for his friend, Rachel, who is opening a new restaurant; Jan Lindsay the GoCareKids.org and for the Calcutta Metropolitan Rotary Club. Also, Jan Lindsay has been accepted as a technical advisor for the Rotary Foundation for grant writing. Congrats! Bill Spellman donated \$ for the Ojai Theatre new play that he is NOT acting in...; Carol Marquez for Valerie, who used to work for Sally as a caterer... Valerie says, "Hello" and she is now working for Channel Islands Paddle Boat Company; John Borneman was the program at the Simi Valley Club by invitation from Sally Adelblue who is now catering the University Club at Cal State Northridge; John Borneman reported that Sally has a new grandchild. Michelle Mercado also thanked Tom Swan for lending her his shirt to keep her warm (Wow, the shirt off his back!);

Our Program was announced by **President Deborah Roberts.**

"LOVE ME WHEN I LEAST DESERVE IT, BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN I REALLY NEED IT."

"FEAR LESS, HOPE MORE; EAT LESS, CHEW MORE; WHINE LESS, BREATHE MORE; TALK LESS, SAY MORE; LOVE MORE, AND ALL GOOD THINGS WILL BE YOURS"

COMING OCTOBER 2009

**District 5240 Conference
Ventura Beach Marriott**

More info to follow ...

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 18 Children's Christmas Party
- Dec. 20 Salvation Army Bell Ringing
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- Jan. 7 Ventura-East Game Night
- May 23 Paul Harris Night
- Oct. 23 - 25 District 5240 Conference



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Thank you Letter from Kim Cyprian

Hello Rotary Club Members :)

I just wanted to say thank you all again for helping with my funding for college. This quarter is almost over here in UCSD; finals are next week. Based off of my performance here so far, I would say my first quarter is a success. I have been extremely involved with art here on campus! (If you might not recall, I am extremely into art) Also, I've joined a Muay Thai club and have been training a couple days a week for 11 weeks now and should soon begin sparring (after winter break) haha. Classes are amazingly wonderful! I've been doing my absolute best to stay on top of things and hopefully I'll get all A's (although I am unsure which "A" I will receive.... A-, A, A+ who knows). I just wanted to update the Rotary Club members on my school status and say that it has been extremely enjoyable and that UCSD has so many opportunities! I've applied to tutor at one of the charter schools during winter quarter (because I managed to free up time on tuesdays and thursdays) and to find a second job... I currently am an on-staff illustrator for a major campus newspaper but seeing the debt up ahead I feel I should nip this one in the bud and find another part-time job :). Anyways, thank you again for your help and have a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,
Kim Cyprian
Buena High School
University of California, San Diego


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Weekly Raffle


Thank you to Husam Hishmeh who donated a \$50 gift card to Barnes & Noble for the raffle. Our lucky winner was Jeff Hata!

We raised \$92 bringing our total to \$2,142.

The next raffle will be held on January 8, 2009 and the prize will be donated by Jim Emch.

Deborah

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