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of Ventura-East

# The Breeze

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## Meeting April 30, 2009

*Reported by Jill Gregorchuk*



Floyd Gill, Wendy Pazen and Deborah Roberts demonstrate the RYLA song.

The meeting was called to order by Deborah Roberts at 12:30 pm.

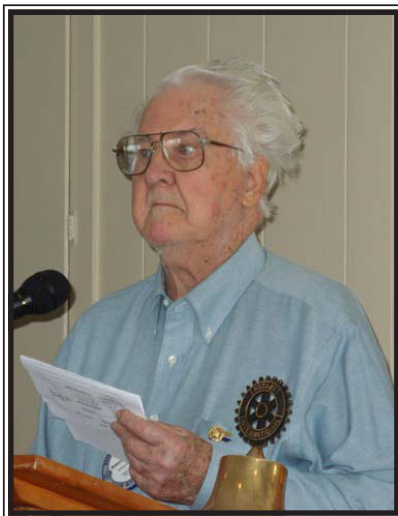
The Inspirational Moment was given by Vance Thompson informing us of the presence of Rotary worldwide even in remote locations such as isolated beaches in Kauai. Apparently there are buoys placed on the beach to help those in need. The stands holding the buoys have the Rotary name placed on them.

Michelle Mercado led us in the flag salute.

The greeters this week was Tom Swan.

Bob Beckwith introduced the visiting Rotarians. Tom Hutchinson and Terry Schaffer both from the downtown Rotary.

Mohammed Hasan introduced his



Bob Beckwith introduced guests & visiting Rotarians.

guest, Terri Allison who is a planner with the Ventura Unified School District.

Bill Spellman led us in song today which appropriately was called "RYLA" to the tune of "YMCA", his back up group, who might be considered competition for the Village People (hardly) were Deborah Roberts, Wendy Pazen, and Floyd Gill.



Mohammed Hasan led us in our Rotary Recognition session.

A reminder for the upcoming Paul Harris Celebration Night on May 23, 2009, was given by Carol Marquez-Olson. RSVP's need to be in by May 15, 2009. The speaker that evening will be Richard D. King. If any Rotarians are able to attend, there will be a meeting on Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> at Mimi's at noon, to finalize the planning of the event.

The Bake Sale is next week May 7<sup>th</sup>, bring plenty of money to spend on some delicious treats courtesy of students of Buena High School.

Jeff Hata reminded everyone of the Board Retreat at the Poinsettia Pavilion on Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> from

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## Presidents Message ...



Deborah Roberts  
President 2008-2009

So it's May already?!?! Hard to believe – this Rotary year is flying by for me! As I look back throughout the last 10 months it's nice to reflect on how busy we've been and how much we've accomplished! But we're not done yet:

- This month we have the Relay For Life on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. We also have several fundraisers to help with a donation for the cancer walk. If you missed last Friday's poker night, don't worry, you'll be able to show off your card skills one

more time on **May 15<sup>th</sup>**. Additionally, Spencer Makenzie's is offering a 20% donation to come back to us for The American Cancer Society for all food purchases made on **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**. From **May 6<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>**, when you dine at (or take out from) California Main Course submit a flyer from RCVE, 5% will come back for Relay for Life! On **May 17<sup>th</sup>**, join us for a comedy show in the Ventura Harbor – 75% of the ticket price will be donated back!!! Wow! It's nice to see so much support from local businesses, especially in such a tough economy. Please support these local gems, go to our website and print out the coupons, or just mention our club when you order!

- **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** is our Paul Harris/Anniversary Party!!! Don't forget, there will not be a regular meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>. It is officially moved to the 23<sup>rd</sup> for our party!

- **BBQ's!!!!!!!** Make sure you put your name on those sign-up sheets when they go around! They really are just an excuse to socialize with each other .... OK, maybe not, but they're so much fun – and a makeup for you if you need one!

June will ring in the last month of "my year" and with the RI Convention in Birmingham. If you have thoughts on anything else you would like to do before this Rotary is over, or thoughts on what we can do next year, don't be shy – let us know!

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

2008 - 2009

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## **Programs**

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes

**May 7, 2009**

Bake Sale

**May 14, 2009**

Scholarship Presentations - Michael Doyle

**May 21, 2009**

Club Meeting Rescheduled to May 23

**May 28, 2009**

GSE Team - Nina Kobayashi

## **Greeters**

**May 7, 2009**

Michael Doyle & Jordan Eller

**May 14, 2009**

Jim Emch & Pete Gallagher

**May 23, 2009**

Jill Gregorchuk & Dick Gallagher

**May 28, 2009**

Floyd Gill & Bill Gray

## **Rotary Recognition**

Recognition Chair: Rich Stewart

**May 7, 2009 - TBA**

**May 14, 2009 - TBA**

**May 23, 2009 - TBA**

**May 28, 2009 - TBA**

## **Meetings**

**TBA**

New Member Training Session

**May 14, 2009**

Vocational Service

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

**May 20 2009**

Board of Directors Meeting

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

**May 11, 2009**

Club Service

2nd Mon/Month, 290 Maple Ct #118 5:30 PM

**May 11, 2009**

Community Service

2nd Mon/Month, 290 Maple Ct #118 5:30 PM

**May 19, 2009**

International Service

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

**May 12, 2009**

New Generations

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

**Every Monday**

Buena Interact Club

Buena High School, Room 48 12:30 PM

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9 am – 12 noon.

Jeff also asked everyone to please support the Relay for Life fundraisers that are coming up.

Michelle Mercado reminded everyone of the Poker Nights to be held at Affinity Bank on Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> 7pm – 9pm. There is also a Comedy Club fundraiser Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>.

All day on Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup> 20% of the food bill at Spencer Makenzie Restaurant will be donated to Relay for Life, so please, please help support this worthy cause at any or all of these fundraisers.

Floyd Gill sent around a sign up sheet for volunteers to do the weekly flag salute, inspirational moment and introduction of guests.

Another sign up sheet was circulated for volunteers to assist in the Push 'em, Pull 'em Parade.

A reminder that Jim Emch's daughter will be serving wine at Weaver Winery, she will donate her tips to RCVE scholarship fund, please drink a lot and tip her well.

Avenues of service announcements were as follows;

Dave Anderson for International Service gave us a reminder that Jan Lindsay is going to Nicaragua. Also matching grants were approved, however funds will not be released until projects from last year have been dealt with.

Tom Swan for Community Service reminded everyone of the upcoming BBQ on Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Brain Injury Center. Maps were on all of the tables showing location of Murphy Auto Museum in Oxnard volunteers need to be there at 3:00 pm and 150 people have been confirmed as attending.

Thank you, to Husam Hishmeh for donating a \$50 Gift Certificate to Spencer Makenzie restaurant. \$112.00 was raised today, bringing our total year to date to \$3,570. The winner was Bob Pazen, Congratulations.

There were no happy dollars today because of time constraints. Thank goodness because I have writer cramp.

The Recognition presenter this week was Mohammed Hasan, his questions were related the Yosemite National Park, one of the most beautiful areas in our own backyard (sort of).

Respectfully submitted by your mild mannered reporter Jill Gregorchuk.

Mohammed Hasan introduced our speaker.



Don Kendall spoke about water issues in Southern California.

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Don Kendall of the Calleguas Municipal Water District spoke today about water issues. This District is a wholesaler of water, supplying cities from Simi Valley to Oxnard. It generally covers an area south of the Santa Clara River and serves about 75% of the county.

Water is measured in acre-feet, approximately 326,000 gallons. The average family of 4 uses ¾ to 1 ac-ft. per year. Calleguas delivers 120,000 ac-ft. per year and recycles another 4,500 ac-ft. Most of its water is used for domestic rather than ag. purposes.

Supplies of water come from the Santa Clara River, Lake Casitas, groundwater, and imported water.

Groundwater is held in the Las Posas Basin. Despite the additions to groundwater over the years, there continues to be over-pumping of groundwater.

Don presented some very interesting slides showing the sources of imported water, including aqueducts for the Colorado River, LA Aqueduct and the California Aqueduct. The source of the California Aqueduct comes from the Sierras to Lake Oroville, then through the Sacramento Delta and on south. The Delta water can only be sent to Ventura County, unregulated, from July through September. There are pumping restrictions partly influenced by endangered fish species.

But what happens in a significant seismic event? If we had a significant earthquake – and over the next ten to twenty years that's highly likely – the supply of imported water will be at least partially shut off for months. Further, there would be ocean salt water intrusion into the California delta, making that water unusable. Don's slides gave us some very sobering information about the resulting damage.

The Calleguas District “has the water” right now. The underground aquifer is mainly a supply source for an emergency. Calleguas is in a Regional Shortage Level 2, requiring a 10% overall reduction. Don suggested we take a look on the internet to [www.bewaterwise.com](http://www.bewaterwise.com) and look for help and information on water conservation, including information on drip irrigation.

Thanks, Don, for an excellent presentation on the current state of our water.

== Rocky

## Upcoming Events

May 6 - 13	Main Course CA Fundraiser
May 13	Spencer Makenzie Fundraiser
May 15	Watermark Fundraiser
May 17	Comedy Club Fundraiser
May 23	Paul Harris Night
July 4	Push em Pull em Parade
July 17	Step Down
Aug 8	Ventura County Fair Parade
	Harbor Fireworks Cruise
Sept 24	Ventura Chamber Mixer
Oct. 23 - 25	District 5240 Conference



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# Foundation honors six couples

By Arnold R. Grahl

Rotary International News -- 1 May 2009

Past District Governor Tim Bewley and Carol Fellows, Past District Governor Ted B. and Gloria A. Trueblood, Past District Governor Ernestine T. and Nicholas P. Luise, Past District Governor Byron Brill and Kathleen Kanter Brill, Past District Governor Richard P. Marsh and Ann Marsh Marten, and Rajendra R. and Shubha Laxmi Chhapwale were honored the third week of April during ceremonies at RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, USA, where their portraits now hang in the Arch C. Klumph Gallery.

## Bewley-Fellows

Tim Bewley is a third-generation Rotarian and a member of the Rotary Club of Ashland, Oregon. He served as club president in 1996-97, assistant governor in 2003-06, and governor of District 5110 (parts of California and Oregon) in 2007-08. Carol Fellows served as president of the Rotary Club of Klamath County and assistant governor before joining the Ashland club. She and Tim met through Rotary and married in October 2006.

Tim and Carol are actively involved with Give Hope -- Give a Hand , a project that has provided more than 2,100 prosthetic hands to people in 34 developing countries. Since 2005, they have made several trips to Africa to assist with projects for amputees. The couple supports The Rotary Foundation's Annual Programs Fund and the Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution .

## Trueblood

Past District Governor Ted Trueblood, a civil engineer, has been a Rotarian since 1985 and is now a member of the Rotary Club of Anchorage International, Alaska. He served as club president in 1995-96 and has held various other club offices, including Foundation committee chair.

Ted and his wife, Gloria, have been giving to the Foundation to help address the problems of poverty and disease around the world. In 2008, the Anchorage International club honored Ted with its Vocational Service Award. Ted and Gloria support the Foundation's Permanent Fund .

## Luise

Ernie Luise has been a member of the Rotary Club of Derby-Shelton, Connecticut, since 1993. She served as assistant governor in 2002-05 and as governor of District 7980 in 2007-08. She has been recognized on the district level with the Donald A. Adams Outstanding Rotarian Award.

Ernie, an educator, and her husband, Nick, a retired vice president of UPS, are active in their community and sit on the boards of their local United

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## Weekly Raffle

Thank you to Husam Hishmeh for donating \$50 Gift Certificate to Spencer Makenzie for our raffle prize.

Our lucky winner was Bob Pazen.

We raised \$112 bringing our total to \$3,570.

Deborah




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
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Way, Volunteer Action Council, Boys and Girls Club, and YMCA, among other organizations. They support the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund and the Rotary Centers for International Studies.

**Marsh**

Dick Marsh, who passed away in 2000, was a member of the Rotary Club of Rocklin, California. He served as club president in 1976-77 and as governor of District 5190 in 1983-84, and was honored with The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award.

Ann, a retired high school teacher and a member of the Philanthropic Education Organization, joined the Rotary Club of Tucson Sunrise, Arizona, in 1999, and served as the club's 2002-06 Permanent Fund committee chair. In October, she married fellow club member Stephen Marten. Both support the goals of Rotary International through the Foundation. Ann's priorities include promoting peace and environmental awareness.

**Brill**

Byron Brill, a dentist, and his wife, Kathleen, have been working together since 1978, when Kathleen became the dental hygienist at Byron's practice in Stephens City, Virginia. They have been married for 12 years. Byron is a member of the Rotary Club of Winchester, and Kathleen is a member of the Rotary Club of Strasburg.


Byron served as assistant governor for three years and was governor of District 7570 (parts of Tennessee and Virginia) in 2007-08. The couple took a trip with Rotarian friends several years ago to Costa Rica and visited the sites of several Matching Grant projects.

Byron is the past president of United Way of Northern Shenandoah Valley and has taken on leadership roles in numerous other community organizations. He also serves on the council of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Strasburg, where Kathy is treasurer.

**Chhapwale**

Rajendra Chhapwale joined the Rotary Club of Mumbai North Island, Maharashtra, India, in 1989, and served as club president in 2007-08. He has worked closely with Child Rights and You, a grassroots nongovernmental organization that addresses the needs of children throughout India. He also works to construct and maintain primary and secondary school buildings in rural areas of the country.

Rajendra's wife, Shubha, is a member and past president of the Inner Wheel Club of Mumbai North Island and will serve as district chair in 2011-12. The couple has established an endowed fund to support The Rotary Foundation's work.




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Corliss, Andrew ¶ .....	Broadcasting	Sloan, Nicolette .....	Banking, Business Loans
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Doyle, Michael ¶ .....	Real Estate Management	Spellman, William J., D.D.S ¶ § .....	Prosthetic Dentistry
Eller, Jordan ¶ .....	Banking, Mortgage Lending	Stewart, Richard E. ¶ .....	Banking, Real Estate Loans
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Gregorchuk, Jill .....	Banking Services	Swan, Thomas † .....	Investment Advisor
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Hasan, Mohammed A., P.E., R.E.A. ¶ .....	Civil Engineering	Widders, Monte L. ¶ .....	General Law
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Hoag, Will .....	Honorary Member		
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Lynn, Robert ¶ .....	Jewelry		
Marquez-Olson, Carol † ¶ .....	Travel Agency		
Marsh, Sam .....	Secondary Education		
Masterson, John A. ¶ .....	Foreign Automobiles, Retail		
McGrath, Alice .....	Honorary Member		
Mercado, Michelle † .....	Bank Manager		
Moratz, Gary .....	Title Insurance		
Norman, Richard M. ¶ .....	Trial Law		

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§ Paul Harris Society

¶ Paul Harris Fellow

# *The Poinsettia Pavilion*

*Foothill and Shamrock*

*Ventura Women's Center, A Trust*

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*Phone 648-1143*

April 28, 2009

Deborah Roberts, President  
Ventura Rotary East  
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Dear Deborah:

The Board of Trustees and I sincerely thank you and all members of the Ventura Rotary East Club for your generous donation of \$3800 towards the purchase and installation of a new sound system for the Ventura and Santa Paula rooms. The Poinsettia Pavilion is borrowing additional funds previously set aside for a new furnace in order to bring this long standing project to fruition.

The pre-wiring process in the Ventura Room has begun and the equipment has been ordered. Completion of the project will depend on the length of time necessary to receive the equipment but I am hopeful it will be operational by the beginning of June. It's been a long time coming but we will have a first-class sound system thanks to Rotary East.

Sincerely,



Carol Shiells  
Executive Director