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Meeting June 4, 2009

Reported by Jill Gregorchuk



Pres. Deborah exchanged flags with our guest from Australia.

President Deborah rang the bell at 12:30. The greeters this week were Mohammed Hasan & Tom Hashbarger

The inspiration was given by Jill Gregorchuk who

spoke of the importance of letting people who inspire and influence your personal world, know that they do just that. Sometimes they have no idea what they mean to you.

The flag salute this week was led by Michelle Mercado.

Guests and visiting Rotarians were introduced by Tom Hashbarger. We had one visiting Rotarian from Australia a flag swapping was performed and he gave a short presentation regarding his being a Rotarian for 20 something years and also told us about the club he is with now. This visiting Rotarian bought along his son as a guest, who has just moved to the Ventura area.

John Borneman (what would we do without him?) led us in song this week titled "Money" to the tune of guess what...???... "Turkey in the Straw".

Happy \$'s this week were from Tom Crozier whose little "grumpy puppy" Diego playing with his neighbors little girl, relating his conversation to "the things kids say". Tom had a second \$ for a young friend in Nicaragua, whose painful disability



Husam Hishmeh conducted our Recognition Session.



Tom Hashbarger introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

should have been a reason for complaint and unhappiness, but instead this person is a happy, smiling example of how to bravely enjoy life to its fullest even under adverse circumstances.

Steve Phillips had a happy \$ for his brother who just retired from a military position in Washington, Steve had the good fortune

to join him in the festivities.

Vance Thompson's happy \$ was for his daughter who won an award at USC.

Because according to John Borneman life begins at 79 he gave a happy \$. (We needed to know more about that happy \$!!!).

Husam Hishmeh did a great commercial for Domino's Pizza. For the next 2 weeks you can a large unlimited toppings for just \$9.99 (that pricing is cheaper than 10 years ago). For the month of June if you purchase a sandwich or pasta item, a portion of the purchase price will be donated to Food Share. For that commercial it cost Husam \$1.00. Well worth it.

Jill Gregorchuk had a \$1 for Floyd Gill who called

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Presidents Message ...



Deborah Roberts
President 2007-2008

I had lunch today with a friend, and future Rotarian, who truly inspires me. I met Steven Denlinger about a year ago at the airport. While waiting to board the plane Steven noticed and commented on my Rotary pin. We immediately began talking Rotary. Some time ago, in 1988 I believe, Steven was an Ambassadorial Scholarship recipient. We had a very intriguing conversation that day; mostly I just listened to his story. Steven was brought up in a conservative Amish-Mennonite community in Ohio. Upon receiving the Ambassadorial Scholarship he left to study abroad. The experience changed his life; Steven never returned to his Amish-Mennonite roots. Instead he has become a teacher and a writer, currently working on his memoir. You may remember the presentation he gave to our club in July of last year. His story inspires me because it is one of triumph in the struggle to become his own person.

That brings me to this article – At lunch today, Steven asked me about my experience becoming a Rotarian. As I have with many of you in the past, today I shared my story with Steven...

It was all Joe Amandoli's fault! Joe invited me to several Rotary meetings and eventually I showed up for one – and then another. I was going to hold off on joining for two reasons: 1. I was going through a very difficult personal time. 2. I was about to have knee surgery and would be out of work and the Club for a couple of months. Well, Joe strongly encouraged me to join anyway and take a leave of absence until I could return. After much encouragement I finally conceded. I think I may have made it to one meeting just to be inducted before I went out on "leave". The day after my surgery I got a call from Joe letting me know he was coming by for a visit and to bring me dinner. I thought, "How nice to have such a friend". Then every day for nearly two weeks a different Rotarian knocked on my door to visit and bring food. Needless to say I gained a few pounds during those weeks, but the point of this story is to simply say "Thank-you". It is also to point out that it is the little things we do, like checking in on someone who might be struggling, that make us different. We are Rotarians, we give. I didn't know much about Rotary when I joined. No one in the Club knew much about me then either, only that a new member was going to be out because of a bum knee. The experience was one that I look back on often. Here I was alone and stuck in my house – I looked forward to my daily "visitors" during a time when I couldn't do much of anything. The thoughtfulness and generosity of our members made me want to be a Rotarian, not just another member of a club. It also inspired me to become a foster parent (something I hope to return to doing again in the near future).

With only a couple of weeks left to fill this article space, I just want to say Thank-you to each and every one of you. Thank-you for making me a better person, a better Rotarian and for making this an awesome year I will never, ever forget.

Rotary changed Steven's life in drastic, fill-the-pages-of-a-good-read kind of book way. It has changed me for the better, too.

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

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Programs

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes

June 4, 2009

Cuba Photo Trip - Bill Kendrick

June 11, 2009

Craft Talk - Husam Hishmeh

June 18, 2009

Incoming Prez's Remarks - Jeff Hata

June 25, 2009

The "New" CMH - Gary Wilde

Greeters

June 11, 2009

Jeff Hata & Ron Hertel

June 18, 2009

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June 25, 2009

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July 2, 2009

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Rotary Recognition

Program Chair: Rich Stewart

June 11, 2009 - Andy Corliss

June 18, 2009 - Gene Cherry

June 25, 2009 - TBA

July 2, 2009 - TBA

Meetings

TBA

New Member Training Session

June 11, 2009

Vocational Service

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

July 8, 2009

Board of Directors Meeting

1st Wed/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. 7:00 AM

July 13, 2009

Club Service

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

July 13, 2009

Community Service

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

June 16, 2009

International Service

3rd Tue/Month, 1811 Knoll Dr. Noon

June 9, 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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and left Jill a voice mail as a reminder she was to do the inspiration this week, which of course she had completely forgotten about.

Monte Widders had a \$1 for his wife's retirement.

Ron Hertel told a joke about living to be 100.

John Borneman gave a second happy \$ for Bob Beckwith's new haircut.

Husam Hishmeh performed the recognition/fines segment of the meeting. He had taken the information from the current issue of Rotary magazine, pertaining to clean water supplies in the world. Tom Crozier, Hank Oster, Rafael Canton, Ron Hertel and Monte Widders were asked the questions. No one got the answers correct (some close).

Avenues of Service reports were as follows; Husam Hishmeh reported that there were 2 scholarships awarded in LeRoy Andrews name, they were given to 2 young ladies, 1 is following music (how appropriate, LeRoy would have liked that) and the other young lady is taking Bookkeeping/Accounting.

Vocational Service is finished for the year, in 2 weeks there will be a meeting to prepare next year's agenda.

Club Service is also finished for the year.

Nothing to report from International Service.

Announcements; Jeff Hata mentioned that Main Course California Restaurant is giving a buy one lunch get one free for Rotary members, flyers were on the tables to take that need presenting when going into the restaurant.

Reminder that on July 17th @ 6:00 pm is the Step Down Dinner.

August 8th is the Fair parade followed by a Harbor cruise that evening with Island Packers from 7:00pm – 10:00pm. The boat will park at the end of the pier so that the fireworks from the fair can be seen.

The raffle raised \$75.00 the prize is a mystery prize donated by Floyd Gill. Again, Husam Hishmeh was the lucky winner, of whatever the prize is. Totals raised so far this year are \$3,726.00.

Respectfully submitted

Jill

Nikki Sloan introduced our speaker Bill Hendricks. Bill Hendricks, photography teacher and photography director of Ventura College, shared with us today photographs of his travel to Cuba. Since 1993, Bill has traveled to Cuba over 40 times.



Bill Hendricks spoke to us about his many trips to Cuba.

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Bill has obtained one of the few licenses available to travel to Cuba under a "religious cultural exchange program." He travels and photographs authentic religious rituals, particularly photographing the Santeria religious practices. He shared emotionally charged photographs of post chicken sacrificing, individuals crawling on their knees to their church to pay penance and pray to the Babalu Ai god.

Bill also shared with us the changes that he has seen in the Cuban culture since his travels began. Changes include the freedom to express religion more freely in public, more readily available gasoline for consumers (he used to have to bring a bicycle to ride in the streets due to the absence of available gasoline), Cuban Americans can now visit their families once every 3 years and the opening of paladars. Paladars are family owned and operated restaurants in an individuals home that serves 4 – 6 people in a family style setting. The average working Cuban makes \$50/ per day in income. He believes that the embargo will shortly be lifted that will allow free travel into and out of the country which will dramatically change the current communist country's economy.

Best Regards,
Nikki Sloan

Thousands pitch in for Rotarians At Work Day

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News -- 9 June 2009

More than 25,000 Rotarians and volunteers from 35 districts worldwide rolled up their sleeves to improve their communities as part of Rotarians At Work Day.

Started in 2006 by the late Bob Watson, past governor of District 5340 (California, USA), Rotarians At Work Day happens the last Saturday in April each year and challenges clubs around the world to carry out hands-on service efforts in their community.

"It truly is a grassroots project," says Pamela Russell, governor of District 5340. "The day is a great opportunity to revitalize your club, bring in new members, and generate publicity for Rotary."

Watson's vision was that by 2014, every club and Rotarian would participate, says Russell.

"Imagine the impact when all clubs come together and perform community service projects," she says. "Thousands of people will benefit both indirectly and directly from just our one-day efforts."

Here are a few of the projects that Rotarians



Members of the Rotary Club of Carlsbad, California, USA, plant a sustainable vegetable garden at a local homeless shelter on 25 April for Rotarians At Work Day. Photo courtesy of the Rotary Club of Carlsbad

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Our sympathy and condolences to Tom Swan and his wife Georganna on the passing of Georganna's son, Jason.

Jason passed away unexpectedly at the age of 36 last Thursday at his home in Lompoc. Jason was very liked and was an excellent chef.

Please refrain from calling Tom at this time and from sending cards or flowers.

More information to follow.



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Young clubs welcome program alumni into Rotary

Rotary International News -- 28 May 2009

A five-year-old Japanese Rotary club is expanding its membership by recruiting Rotary Foundation and Rotary International program alumni.

The Rotary Club of Kanagawa Shonan, Kanagawa, which began as a gathering of young professionals, was chartered on 15 December 2004 with 23 former Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange team members, and Rotary Youth Exchange students. The club now has a few members who have not participated in Rotary programs, but it continues to actively recruit alumni.

Club leaders hope their example will inspire other young professionals to join Rotary.

The Kanagawa Shonan club is different from typical Rotary clubs. The average age of its members is 38, and the club dues of ¥70,000 (US\$740) are about a third of the dues for other Rotary clubs in Japan. Because many members speak English, they have been able to make contact with clubs outside of Japan and cooperate on World Community Service projects.

The club's first Rotary Foundation Matching Grant project financed the digging of three wells and the repair of a fourth in 2007, helping 10,000 children in the Philippines gain access to clean water. During another international project, club members raised money for young survivors of



Members of the Rotary Club of Kanagawa Shonan at an informational booth during a recent community event in Japan. Many members of the club are program alumni.

Photo Courtesy Rotary Club of Kanagawa Shonan

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Weekly Raffle

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


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
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the 2004 tsunami in Thailand by setting up a booth in their community to sell handkerchiefs that the children had painted.

On the Philippines water project, the Kanagawa Shonan club cooperated with two other alumni-formed clubs: the Rotary clubs of Colombo Reconnections, Western Province, Sri Lanka, and Mandaluyong-Pasig-San Juan, Metro Manila, Philippines.

All three share another connection: Lina Aurelio, past governor of District 3800 (Philippines), helped charter the Philippines and Sri Lanka clubs in 2002, and met with Japanese Rotarians during the RI Convention in Osaka, Japan, in 2004. The Kanagawa Shonan club was chartered later that year. Aurelio maintained contact with all three clubs, linking them by e-mail.

A fourth alumni club, the Rotary Club of Osaka Next, Osaka, was formed in 2007. Another, the Rotary Club of Chubu Nagoya Mirai, Aichi, recently received its charter.

Recruiting alumni has been an important focus of Rotary's membership development efforts. A 2006 report on alumni recruitment from the RI Membership Development Division found that 58 percent of clubs admit they don't recruit alumni, and as few as 22 percent of clubs both recruit alumni and have alumni as members. Only about 3 percent of current Rotarians are program alumni.

The 2007 Council on Legislation adopted changes that made it easier for alumni to become Rotarians.

Adapted from an article in the 2008-09 English edition of The Rotary-No-Tomo, the certified Rotary regional magazine serving Japan.

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carried out around the globe on 25 April:

To emphasize the importance of bicycle safety, 15 clubs in District 1410 (Åland Islands; Finland) collected 2,000 knapsacks for bike helmets and delivered them to local schools.


Members of the Rotary Club of Vasco da Gama, Goa, India, helped build two large steel lockers for a school in Chicalim.

More than 100 Rotarians and Rotaractors from District 9200, which covers five countries in eastern Africa, planted trees, painted rooms, and repaired cow sheds for the Morning Star Children's Ministry for orphans in Nairobi, Kenya.

A joint effort between the Rotary clubs of Ensenada Riviera, Baja California, Mexico, and Newport-Irvine, California, provided more than 100 new chairs to a primary school in Francisco Zarco, Mexico. Rotarians also painted part of the school, cleaned up the patio, and planted trees.

The Rotary Club of Carlsbad, California, started a sustainable vegetable garden at a local homeless shelter, allowing residents to grow their own food. Rotarians also painted several areas of the facility.

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