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Welcome Robert Jacobi our newest member!

President Jeff rang the bell and invited everyone to lunch, guests and visiting Rotarians first!

Jeff thanked our greeters Hank Oster & Bob Pazen Our Inspirational Moment was given by Monte Widders. Michelle Mercado led us in the salute to the Flag.

Introduction of guests was done by John Borneman. We did not have any visiting

rotarians this week. Guest of Judy Hoag was Maria Lopez, guest Jim Word was Alberta Word, guest of Terry McBreen was Bill Johnson, guest of Tom Hashbarger was Ardelle Edue, guest of John Masterson was Judy Masterson and Guest of Jeff Hata was Dr. Nadia Emen.

John Borneman then lead us in a song.

Deborah Perkins announced our raffle prize donated by Joe Strohman and was a \$50 gift certificate to Main Course California.

We then had the pleasure to bring Robert Jacobi into our club. Robert is the Managing General Partner for Main Course California and is very happy to be joining our club and is looking forward to being active and doing great things in our club.

President's announcements:

Fat Tuesday is sold out, if you have signed up and can't make it let me know so we can get a standby person in.



Monte Widders gave our inspirational message.



John Borneman introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

If you have signed up you are being billed.

The District Assembly is March 27th and all members of Wendy's board should try to attend.

We are seeking a host family for a potential Exchange Student next year. If you or someone you know is interested, let Wendy Pazen know.

We are planning a 3 day cruise to Ensenada in May. If you are interested, please let Wendy and John Masterson know.

Avenues of Service Reports:

Vocational Service (Husam Hishmeh) - Job Shadow day is coming and we need one more driver. The Vocational Service meeting will be next Monday at Hishmeh Enterprises at 5:30 pm.

International Service (Judy Hoag) - Our team from Nicaragua will be doing a program on the 25th of February. The International Service meeting will be Tuesday at noon, Marie Callender's.

Community Service (Tom Swan) - Our next Community Meeting, cont'd on page 3

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Presidents Message ...



Jeff Hata
President 2009-2010

Georganna Hawley gave us a very interesting and informative presentation on the history of quilting in the U.S. last week.

I know Georganna was slightly nervous and just a little apprehensive about making this presentation, but she did a fantastic job and I found her talk to be very entertaining and very educational.

Georganna's talk also brought to mind Rotary Fellowships. With the International Convention in Montreal just around the corner Georganna's talk also brought to my mind images of the House of Friendship at the R.I. Convention and the various "Fellowships" that are available to Rotarians.

For those of you who are not familiar with fellowships the Rotary definition of a fellowship is "Rotary Fellowships offer Rotarians the opportunity to make friends with others in Rotary who share a common vocation, hobby or recreational interest." There are currently 63 fellowships listed on the R.I. website ranging in topics from wine tasting to aircraft owners to motorcycle riders to convention goers, the list is very diverse. If you would like to see the various fellowships and look at if there is a fellowship that might interest you, go to www.rotary.org and click on the "Service and Fellowship" tab. From there you can find what the various fellowships are.

One requirement is that a fellowship must have members from at least 3 different countries, so if you have a passion and there is an appropriate fellowship this will provide you with a means of sharing your knowledge and also learning new things from people around the world.

Also, if you have a passion and do not see a fellowship that fits, you can start your own fellowship. There is a booklet available in pdf format that outlines what you need to do to start your own.

Fellowships can and should be fun. I know Jan Lindsay belongs to the Wine Fellowship and every year at the R.I. Convention the Wine Fellowship has a dinner where members bring a "good" bottle of wine and they share their wines. It's a good way to get appreciation for wines from other countries and learn more about a hobby that you care a lot about!

Rotary Fellowships, you owe it to yourself to at least check some out and see what's out there! Just another added benefit of being a Rotarian!

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Jeff Hata

2009 - 2010

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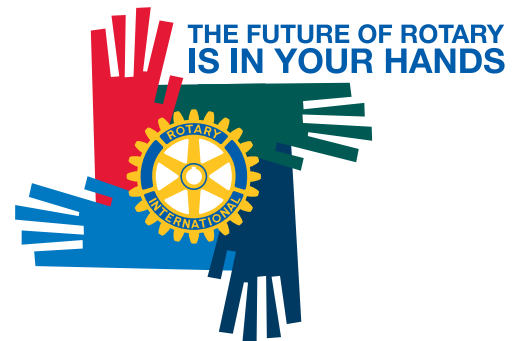
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Program Chair: Rocky Ludes

February 18, 2010

Job Shadow Day - Husam Hlshme

February 25, 2010

Nicaragua Trip - Rich Stewart

March 4, 2010

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Bangladesh GSE - Andrea Barkan

Greeters

February 18, 2010

Wendy Pazen & Deborah Perkins

February 25, 2010

Sam Marsh & John Masterson

March 4, 2010

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March 11, 2010

Hank Oster & Bob Pazen

Rotary Recognition

Program Chair: Rich Stewart

February 11, 2010 - TBA

February 18, 2010 - TBA

March 25, 2010 - TBA

March 4, 2010 - TBA

Meetings

TBA

New Member Training Session

March 18, 2010

Vocational Service

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

March 1, 2010

Board of Directors Meeting

1st Tue/Month, DW's, 1985 S. Victoria Ave, 7:00 AM

March 8, 2010

Club Service

2nd Mon/Month, Carrows Telephone Rd. 5:30 PM

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Community Service

2nd Mon/Month, Carrows Telephone Rd 5:30 PM

March 16, 2010

International Service

3rd Tue/Month, Marie Callendars (Victoria) Dr. Noon

March 11, 2010

New Generations

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

Every Monday

Buena Interact Club

Buena High School, Room 48 12:30 PM

Service project will be the St. Patrick's Day Parade. We have all four Ventura Clubs plus Santa Paula involved. Pete Gallagher and Jeff Coyner are trying to get Fillmore and the Ojai clubs involved also.

Deborah Perkins conducted a raffle drawing and our guest Maria Lopez was the lucky winner of a \$50 gift certificate to Main Course California!

Rocky Ludes introduced our speaker Georganna Hawley.

Today's program on quilting was presented by Georganna Hawley, wife of member Tom Swan. Of course, we saw some quilts, including a magnificent large patriotic quilt about 9' x 9' of stars and stripes. But what we didn't expect was a world history of quilting which was pretty interesting. First, what exactly is a quilt? A quilt has three parts – a backing, a designed top fabric and a middle – batting – all sewn together. Originally they served for warmth and also for padding under armor.

Quilt collectors included Henry VIII. Those quilts were very elaborate and only fit for the rich. Commoners used wool blankets. The oldest European quilts are from the 13th century.

In Colonial America, the major textiles were linen and wool, sold by Great Britain. Cotton was being produced but in small quantities. Cotton fabrics later were imported through Great Britain, from Egypt or India. France had heavily guarded secret dyeing methods, but Great Britain also protected their dyeing procedure done in India. The first printed cotton fabrics came from India.

After the Revolutionary War, cotton production increased in the South and then dominated world production. The cotton mills were mostly in the northern US. Georganna talked about Indigo dye and showed an example of a 100-year-old quilt which still had vivid dark blue from natural Indigo dye.

In 1859, Eli Singer had begun producing his sewing machines. Singer may have invented the Installment Plan: he sold his machines for \$1 down and \$1 per month until paid. The first book devoted to quilting was published in 1912. Publishers discovered that if quilting patterns and designs put in magazines, readers would buy them. By the 1930's, mail order catalogs were very popular, especially among rural women, and fabrics and designs were a big mail-order business.

At the time of our bicentennial, 1976, people looked to American history and there was a resurgence of interest in early quilt patterns. The interest in quilting has grown since then. This hobby or craft has demanded more and more tools to make quilts, including software. She showed us a rotary cutter that is a must-have for



Georganna Hawley spoke about quilting in the U.S.

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quilters. Reynolds Aluminum was about to drop its freezer paper from production – when the quilters heard of this, they mounted a campaign and the product is still in production. Today, on the side of the package, it notes “Easy quilter appliques.”

Today, in Barnes & Noble, there are at least 25 magazines on quilting and hundreds of quilting books. There are also international shows, including a really big annual show in Long Beach.

Thank you, Georganna, for a very interesting history of quilting. Power to the Quilters!!

== Rocky

Calgary Olympic club makes wish come true for kids

By Ryan Hyland

Rotary International News -- 11 February 2010

A Rotary club chartered during the last Winter Olympics in Canada has teamed up with a charity to make wishes come true for six children with life-threatening illnesses.

As the Olympic Games return to the country this month, The Rotary Club of Calgary Olympic, Alberta, is working with the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada to provide accommodations for the children, ages 4-14, so they can attend.

“Our club wanted to do something special since the Olympics are back in Canada,” says Tamara McCarron, club member and project chair. “We are thrilled to make a difference in these children’s



Ava Caron is one of six children with life-threatening illnesses who will be attending the Olympic Games in Vancouver, British Columbia, through efforts of the Rotary Club of Calgary Olympic and the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada. Photo courtesy Children's Wish Foundation

Calgary, cont'd on page 5

Important Dates

P.E.T.S.....	Feb. 19 - 21
St. Patty's Day Parade	Mar. 13
Foundation Gala	Mar. 13
District Assembly	Mar. 27
Santa Anita Social	Apr. 17
Rotarians at Work Day	Apr. 24
RYLA	Apr. 22-25
R. C. of Ventura-East Step Down	Jun. 5
D.G. Luz Maria Step Down	Jun. 12
R.I. Convention, Montreal	Jun. 20 - 23
Push-em Pull-em Parade	Jul. 4
Ventura County Fair Parade	Aug. 7
Harbor Fireworks Cruise	Aug. 7
Pumpkin Patch	Weekends in October
Halloween Fundraiser	Oct. 30
Children's Christmas Party	Dec. 23

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lives. It's a dream come true for them and for me."

This year's games will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia. With most of the area's hotels booked, McCarron found Home for the Games, a website that matches visitors with Vancouver hosts for short-term homestays. The club spent US\$30,000 for lodging for the six families. Home for the Games funnels 50 percent of the housing fees to charities that help the homeless in Vancouver.

"I was lucky enough to come across an ad in The Rotarian magazine for Home for the Games. It's a win, win, win for our club, the Children's Wish Foundation, and local charities of Vancouver," says McCarron, who joined the club last year. "It's a huge effort, but having the resources of Rotary made things a lot smoother."

The six families, who live in different parts of Canada, will attend several events at the games from 12 to 28 February, including the highly anticipated men's gold medal hockey game.

The Children's Wish Foundation worked with Olympic officials to allow one of the girls to pick up flowers thrown into the rink by spectators during a figure skating medal round.

"We're creating a legacy for these children and their families," says Tara Johnson, the club's community service chair. "This project is very symbolic of what Rotary does for people who live at a disadvantage."

"The assistance and support of Rotarians from across Canada, specifically those from the Rotary Club of Calgary Olympic, have made it possible to send the children to share an unforgettable Olympic experience with their families," says Lyanne Goulin, director of the foundation.

RVM: The Rotarian Video Magazine will be filming the children's Olympic experience for a future issue. Also look for footage in a video about the 100-year history of Rotary in Canada, to be shown at the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec.

RYLA makes learning life's lessons fun

Taylor Mathis, a high school junior from Orland Park, Illinois, USA, came home from a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) event with lifelong friends, leadership skills, and the excitement of becoming a Rotary Youth Exchange student.

Mathis was one of more than 80 high school students from the Chicago area who participated in a RYLA event hosted by District 6450 in October. Students spent three days at the Holiday Home Camp in Williams Bay, RYLA, cont'd on page 6

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

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Weekly Raffle

Today's raffle prize of a \$50 gift certificate to Main Course California was donated by Joe Strohmman.

We collected \$85 to add to our scholarship fund which is now \$1968! Our lucky winner was our guest Maria Lopez! Congratulations Maria.

Again thank you to Joe Strohmman for donating our raffle prize and to our lucky winner Maria Lopez.

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Wisconsin, taking part in outdoor and indoor activities that focused on leadership, conflict resolution, trust building, problem solving, and creativity.

“RYLA was simply an amazing program. I had so much fun,” says Mathis. “The games we did weren’t just games for fun, but actually were meaningful. I’ve implemented a lot of the leadership skills I learned into the programs I’m in at school.”

Starting this summer, Mathis will spend her senior year studying in Germany as part of the Youth Exchange program. She credits RYLA with opening her eyes to different cultures and the possibility of experiencing them.


“It benefited my life in numerous ways,” says Mathis. “After making friends with some Rotary exchange students from other countries, I knew immediately that I wanted to be a part of what they were doing.”

About 30 percent of the group, including counselors and facilitators, were involved in Rotary youth programs, says Linda Yates, district RYLA committee chair.

“RYLA is an effective way to combine Interactors, Rotaractors, and Youth Exchange students,” says Yates. “It creates great exposure to all the possibilities of Rotary.”


The RYLA event included Reality Stores, a popular learning activity that presents students with financial situations they might face as adults. The experience encourages them to consider different career choices and helps them understand the challenges of single parenthood.

“The whole point of RYLA is to learn something while having fun,” says Yates. “We want students to go home and spread the word to their friends about their experience.”



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