



Meeting March 18 2010

Reported by Jordan Eller



Carol Marquez Olson spoke about our reading day at Lincoln School.

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

Jeff thanked our greeter Joe Strohmman. Our Inspirational Moment was given by John Borneman. Jim Word led us in the salute to the Flag.

Introduction of guests was done by Mohammed Hasan. Craig Miller was a guest of the club as was Maria Lopez. Peter Duffy and Kieth Ferreira were

guests of Husam Hishmeh and Mary Schmitz was a guest of John Masterson.

John Borneman led us in a song then Wendy Pazen announced that our raffle prize for the day was a \$50 gift card to Main Course California donated by Carol Marquez Olson.

Carol Marquez Olson gave a report on our reading day at Lincoln School and asked some of the participants to report on their experience.

President Jeff then thanked Pete Gallagher for all his efforts in organizing the Rotary entry in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

Terry McBreen and A.C. were awarded their Blue Badges and were then fined accordingly! Congratulations to Terry and A.C.

Presidents announcements:

The District Assembly is March 27th and we need all Avenues of Service Directors and members of Wendy's board to plan on attending. It will be at Pacifica High School in

Oxnard.

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.

Mark your calendar's, our Club Stepdown dinner will be June 5th at 5:00 pm at the Ventura Comedy Club. We will not have a meeting on Thursday June 3rd.

March 25th we will have an offsite meeting at the Working Artist Ventura Project. Nikki announced the meeting location and detailed instructions will be emailed with the Breeze next week.

We will be hosting the Ventura Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on June 4th and on September 23rd we will be hosting the Ventura Chamber of Commerce Mixer.

President Jeff gave a report on the foundation of a community based Rotaract Club in Ventura. So far they have 11 committed members and another 8 that are seriously considering joining.

Avenues of Service Reports:

Club Service (Wendy Pazen) - Announced that on May 22nd we will be having a poker tournament at Garman's Pub.

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Mohammed Hasan introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians.



Tom Hashbarger led our Rotary Recognition session.

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Presidents Message ...



Jeff Hata
President 2009-2010

The Mock Interviews at Buena High School were last week. This is an event that we do with the Career Center to help show the students what a good interview and a bad interview looks like. We help make them aware of bad habits and bad behavior that often occur during an interview. It's been a few years since I have been able to participate in the Mock Interviews and I didn't realize how much fun they are! Next year when we ask for volunteers, raise your hand if you haven't done them before and experience this first hand.

District Assembly is this weekend and Wendy has 9 people from her board attending as well as some of our new Rotaractors. This will be very helpful for Wendy and her board. At the Assembly they will be able to interact with people from other clubs doing the same jobs. One thing I do know is that these types of gatherings always do a great job of pumping you up and filling you full of great ideas for the upcoming year. Thank you to Wendy and her board for going to the Assembly. I'm sure you will all find it very rewarding.

We are having our meeting at the "Working Artists Ventura" (WAV) project this week. This project is a "\$59 million, state of the art community designed for artists and creative businesses completed in December 2009. The WAV community, in the heart of Ventura's Downtown Cultural District, offers affordable living and working space for over a hundred artists of every kind - painters, sculptors, dancers, poets, musicians, filmmakers and more."

This should be a very informative program and I am looking forward to it. Don't forget ... do not come to the Poinsettia Pavilion, but come to the corner of Thompson and Ventura Ave. We will have signs out to direct you on where to go.

For more information
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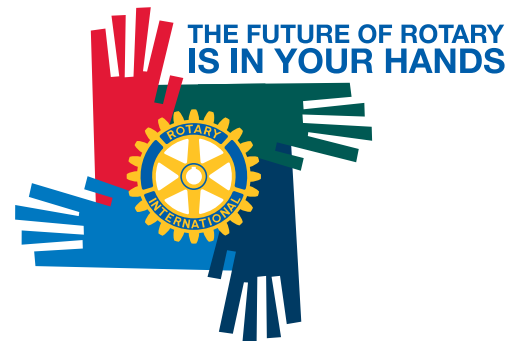
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March 25, 2910

Working Artists Ventura Project - Onsite Meeting

April 1, 2010

RYLA - Darin Arrasmith

April 8, 2010

GSE Bangladesh Trip - Andrea Barkan

April 15, 2010

Disaster Preparedness - Maria Sanchez

Greeters

March 25, 2010

Vance Thompson & Sandy Waddell

April 1, 2010

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April 8, 2010

Lee Albee & Dave Anderson

April 15, 2010

Bob Beckwith & John Borneman

Rotary Recognition

Program Chair: Rich Stewart

March 25, 2010 - TBA

April 1, 2010 - TBA

April 8, 2010 - TBA

April 15, 2010 - TBA

Meetings

TBA

New Member Training Session

April 15, 2010

Vocational Service

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

April 6, 2010

Board of Directors Meeting

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

April 12, 2010

Club Service

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

April 12, 2010

Community Service

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

April 20, 2010

International Service

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

April 8, 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

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The buy in will be \$100 and there will be a limit of 100 players. All of the buy-in's will be donated to the Gates Polio Challenge. Do the math and let's get 100 players to sign up! Time will be 8:00 pm until the last player standing.

Tom Hashbarger conducted our Rotary Recognition session and the topic was appropriately March Madness!

Happy Dollars: Nikki Sloan, Rich Stewart, Midge Stork, Harriet Clune, Robert Jacobi, Wendy Pazen, Husam Hishmeh and Peter Duffy.

We then conducted our drawing and the lucky winner was Maria Lopez! Congratulations Maria!

Our program today was our Avenues of Service Committees so we adjourned our meeting and broke out into our Avenues of Service.

What does Bob Pazen do for his birthday?



He meets Jay Leno at a British Car show!



My Rolls is bigger than your Rolls!

It is, it is!

May I have your autograph Mr. Leno?



Taking aim at Guinea worm in Ghana

By Arnold R. Grahf

Rotary International News -- 22 March 2010

Rotarians in four countries are helping to eradicate Guinea worm in Ghana through a collaborative effort with the Carter Center and the Ghana Health Service.

Clubs in 13 districts in Canada, Ghana, Switzerland, and the United States have sponsored six projects funded by Rotary Foundation Matching Grants since 2005 to provide safe and clean drinking water to remote communities in northern Ghana. The Rotarians have worked with the Guinea Worm Eradication



A girl in Ghana holds up a bottle containing Guinea worm.
Photo courtesy Walter Hughes

Programme, a partnership of the Carter Center and the Ghanaian government, to identify the best locations for wells or water systems.

“They knew exactly where the cases were, so they could tell us, ‘These are the towns that need wells,’” says Walter Hughes, president of the Rotary Club of Rocky Mount, Virginia, USA, which has been involved in the effort since 2006. “It’s really a future vision before they had defined Future Vision. It’s partnering with multiple clubs in multiple districts in multiple countries, and partnering with nongovernmental agencies.”

The number of Guinea worm cases in Ghana has dropped from 4,136 in 2006 to 242 in 2009. Hughes says only four cases have been reported through February of this year, marking six months with three or fewer cases each.

“We are expecting by December to be able to claim victory in Ghana,” he says. “It will take 12 months after that to certify they are gone.”

Guinea worm is contracted when a person drinks standing water containing a tiny water flea that carries the larvae of the worm. The larvae

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Important Dates

District Assembly	Mar. 27
Santa Anita Social	Apr. 17
Rotarians at Work Day	Apr. 24
RYLA	Apr. 22-25
Poker Night at Garman's	May 22
Ventura Chamber Breakfast	Jun. 4
Club 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
Ventura Chamber Mixer.....	Sep. 23
Pumpkin Patch	Weekends in October
Halloween Fundraiser.....	Oct. 30
Children's Christmas Party	Dec. 23

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take a year to mature within the human body, growing as long as 3 feet, and then emerge through a painful blister in the skin, causing long-term suffering and sometimes crippling effects.

The Matching Grants have funded projects to dig wells, drill bore holes, or provide mechanized water systems in areas hardest hit by the parasite. One effort funded a solar-powered mechanized water system in the remote area of Singa. Other projects led to two wind-powered systems that pump water from far away into villages. Providing safe drinking water is part of the Guinea worm eradication effort, in combination with treatment and education.

Hughes says the Rotarians also help repair wells. They work with local villages to create a water and sanitation committee that will charge for water, save the money, and use the savings to maintain or fix the well or water system.

“One of the things Rotary encourages is that it is sustainable,” he says. “We encourage people to help us dig the well. Usually the town comes out and does what it can, clears land, brings food for the workers, whatever. When it is done, it is something they built and not just something that Rotary built.”

The Rotary Club of Tamale, Northern Region, Ghana, with fewer than 25 members, has been the host partner for all but two of the Matching Grant projects. The two-year-old Rotary Club of Sunyani Central was the host club for the other two.

“The Rotarians in Tamale are really to be commended. They have traveled within three different states to eradicate this disease,” Hughes says. “For a club that size to have accomplished this much is pretty amazing.

“It shows a small club can make a difference,” he says.

Literacy project puts the writing on the wall

Maureen Vaught
The Rotarian -- April 2010

Being a teenager ain't easy. Being a teenager who's different – from another country, say – is exponentially harder. Barriers of language, culture, and race can make it difficult to succeed socially as well as academically.

To help the students at one school in the Bavarian town of Fürth – 65 percent of whom are from immigrant families – the Rotary Club of Fürth put up one more obstacle: a 30-foot-high climbing wall. The project, called It's Time to Climb, is one of 100 literacy efforts that clubs are carrying out in District 1880 as part of a three-year initiative.

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Weekly Raffle

Our raffle prize this week was \$50 gift card to Main Course California generously donated by Carol Marquez Olson.

Our very lucky winner was Maria Lopez!

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Thank you to everyone who participated and to our donor Carol Marquez Olson and our winner Maria Lopez!


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“Literacy is basically a question of motivation. We have to first get teens excited about learning,” says Past District Governor Peter Iblher. “Climbing offers risks and challenges that students crave.”

Hauptschule Maistraße is an upper elementary school whose students range in age from 10 to 16. Many come from difficult family situations that can include drug addiction, violence, and chronic unemployment. The climbing wall provides an outlet for them and boosts self-confidence, coordination, and communication skills. In the words of one student: “Not only have I learned about my own physical potential, but I’ve also had the opportunity to make new friends whom I will always rely on.”

The program uses a climbing wall at a nearby fitness center; the club raised €2,800 to purchase equipment and train teachers and other staff members in safe climbing techniques. The teachers donate their time to help students during weekly two-hour sessions. “We are highly impressed by the course’s popularity and the positive effect it’s had on our students’ enthusiasm toward their classes,” says teacher Bernd Günther.

More than 75 schools are benefiting from the district’s literacy initiative, known as Schule: Sprungbrett in die Zukunft (School: Launching Pad to the Future). The district surveyed schools to identify their most critical problems and invited them to propose projects; the most promising ideas were recommended to Rotary clubs. “The response was enormous,” Iblher says, noting that many clubs developed additional activities to complement the projects.

To ensure consistency and sustainability, district governors from three successive years, 2008-09 through 2010-11, coordinated their efforts. “We couldn’t confine this project to just one Rotary year. It takes time to develop an idea, obtain the necessary information and cooperation, and develop a budget,” says Iblher.

It’s Time to Climb has been so successful that the Hauptschule Maistraße has approached the Fürth club about installing a climbing wall at the entrance of its new school building, slated to open this year. Club member Karsten Medla says the club is looking for additional funding to meet the estimated €15,000 cost.



*Through the It's Time to Climb project, students gain confidence, which translates into improvements at school.
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