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of Ventura-East

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## Meeting May 13, 2010

*Reported by Jordan Eller*



Jan Lindsay gave our  
Inspirational Message.

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

President Jeff thanked our greeters Jordan Eller and Jim Emch, and what a fine job they did! Past District Governor Jan Lindsay gave our inspirational message and our Bill Spellman led us in the salute to the Flag.

Introduction of guests was

done by Rich Stewart.

We did not log the visitors or visiting Rotarians.

John Borneman and Dave Anderson led us in a song.

Presidents announcements:

Our Bake Sale total for last week was \$3,156! Thank you to everyone who participated, our Interact Club should have a great year next year.

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. We have 14 people signed up to represent the club and we will need one more person to sign up! This is a great P.R. opportunity for the club so let's do a great job talking up Rotary on that day!

The application for the Ventura Rotaract Club has been sent in to R.I. Now the waiting game begins for the Charter to be issued and mailed.

District Governor Elect Deepa Willingham had

brain surgery to remove a benign mass that was recently discovered. Deepa is home now and recovering. Please sign the card being passed and the club will be making a donation to Deepa's PACE project in India in lieu of flowers.

Carol Marquez-Olson made an announcement about attendance and the importance of reporting a make-up when you are absent.

Avenues of Service Reports:

Harriet Clune conducted our Rotary Recognition session.

Happy Dollars: Bill Hicks, Joe Strohman, Midge Stork, Craig Miller, Vance Thompson, Robert Jacobi, Monte Widders & Carol Marquez-Olson.

Deborah Perkins announced our drawing was a \$50 gift card to Best Buy.

Rocky Ludes then announced our speaker Dominique.

Today's program was from Dominique Colell, ice sculptor. Her interest in ice sculpting began in 1999 when she competed in the Miss California pageant, where she became known as "The Ice Queen." There,

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Harriet Clune led us in Rotary  
Recognition.



Rich Stewart introduced guests  
and visiting Rotarians?

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## Presidents Message ...



**Jeff Hata**  
President 2009-2010

This week Past District Governor Jan Lindsay gave our Inspirational Message. The key point to his message was "Why am I a Rotarian?" So for this weeks President's Message I would like to share with you why I am a Rotarian.

When I was first exposed to Rotary I didn't know anything about what Rotary did. Hey, it was a place to go to hang out for lunch with friends once a week, right? Then as I got to know more I got more excited about Rotary and Rotary's mission.

As a business owner, it's a stressful existence in today's economy and often times there isn't much at the end of the day to feel really good about. Sure there's the good business deals and good meetings during the day, but not the real feel good, I made a difference in somebody's life today kind of feeling.

I am a Rotarian because by being in Rotary I feel that I am making a difference, today! It feels good to know that the organization we belong to is working to rid the world of polio, that clubs like ours have projects going in distant countries such as Nicaragua bringing them clean water, vocational classes, providing scholarships so that some of the children can further their educations.

I am a Rotarian because we do projects like our annual Silvercrest dinner where we cook and serve a holiday meal to the residents of the Silvercrest Convalescent Home. To see the smiles on their faces to greet us and hear the thank yous at the end is priceless.

I am a Rotarian because we can fund projects like Operation Splash to bring swimming lessons to disadvantaged children in our own local community. So that hopefully we can help prevent even one drowning tragedy because a child never learned to swim because their family could not afford the lessons. Because I can go to observe Operation Splash in action and notice that one of our Interact students is in the pool volunteering as an aide because they were at our club meeting, heard about Operation Splash and was motivated enough to pick up the phone and call and ask, "Do you need help?"

I am a Rotarian because we are exposed to the energy and positive attitudes of young professionals who have come together to form our new community based Rotaract club.

I am a Rotarian because it feels good to know that we belong to a service organization that really tries to make a difference in our world. It gives me hope for the future. It gives me confidence that maybe there is hope for us as a civilization.

YIRS

Jeff Hata

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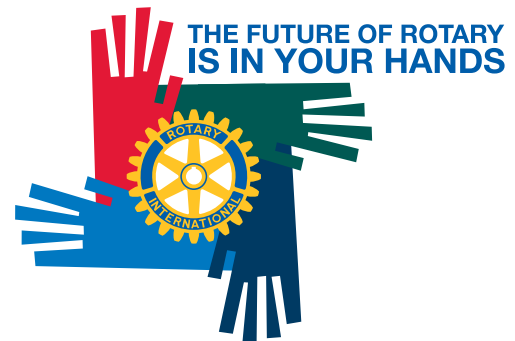
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**Programs**

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes

**May 20, 2010**

Club Anniversary

**May 27, 2010**

New VA Retirement Home - Offsite

**June 5, 2010**

Step Down - Comedy Club

**June 10, 2010**

Bird Trip to Guyana - John Borneman

**Greeters****May 20, 2010**

Dick Gallagher &amp; Pete Gallagher

**May 27, 2010**

Floyd Gill &amp; Bill Gray

**June 5, 2010**

TBA

**June 10, 2010**

Tom Hashbarger &amp; Ron Hertel

**Rotary Recognition**

Program Chair: Rich Stewart

**May 20, 2010** - Deborah Roberts**May 27, 2010** - TBA**June 5, 2010** - TBA**June 10, 2010** - TBA**Meetings****TBA**

New Member Training Session

**May 20, 2010**

Vocational Service

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

**June 7, 2010**

Board of Directors Meeting

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

**June 14, 2010**

Club Service

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

**June 14, 2010**

Community Service

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

**May 18, 2010**

International Service

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

**June 10, 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

she carved a 350-lb. block of ice in just 2 minutes using a chainsaw, assortment of chisels and an acetylene torch. She was interviewed on the radio, newspapers published her image on the front page, and the TV show Inside Edition featured a special on her life as an ice carver and artist. Because her competition is big, burly men, and her live performances are often in gown and tiara, her popularity has soared. She has performed in New York, Washington DC, Oklahoma, Alaska and in many locations in California. Since her 1999 pageant, she went on to receive a Bachelor's degree in Studio Art and Master's Degree in Education.



Dominique Colell spoke about ice carving.

Her slide show showed us how she built a 35,000-lb. Eiffel Tower out of ice! She created this marvel last January at the Ice Alaska competition in Fairbanks where the temperature varied from -15° to +20° Fahrenheit. She explained there are single block competitions, with each block weighing over #5,000, and multi-block competitions using up to 10 blocks. Each block varies in size, but many are about 4-5' on a side.

Her father, Bruce, was one of her three assistants. Of the other two assistants, one was an experienced ice carver from Colorado, but the other was a stone carver from Gabon, Africa. He had arrived without cold weather gear and had a tough time!

The blocks have to be level, of course. Getting the blocks in position can be a challenge because they are so heavy and when lifted, often start to spin. When one is set on another, it might not be true, so it must be chain-sawed apart again and squared up. The last block has to be put in place at night, because otherwise it may not freeze sufficiently, and as the sun warms it up the next morning, it could crack and even explode. These blocks come from glacial runoff, so they're slightly blue. They are stronger than other kinds of ice.

After she got the 4-block 30' tower assembled, she had to finish it, including carving out the arch in the bottom. If the tower collapsed, it could kill someone because of the weight. But she was successful and went on to show how she finished the tower. The last image was beautifully lit with colored lights, a "granite" walkway leading away from it and family of ice-carved dogs admiring the tower, including "Lady and the Tramp."

Thank you, Dominique, for a very interesting and fun program!

== Rocky



# A matter of conviction

By Tara Kalmanson

Rotary International News -- 14 May 2010

Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholars always impress, but Roxana Saberi, who left the United States for Tehran in 2003 as a foreign correspondent, has become an international celebrity and a face for human rights in Iran.

The former political prisoner, released from Tehran's notorious Evin Prison in May 2009, sat down for a Q&A luncheon at the Union League Club in Chicago on 13 April. Her national tour served to promote her book, *Between Two Worlds: My Life and Captivity in Iran*, published 30 March. Saberi recalled the many lessons she learned from fellow female political prisoners, the events that led to her freedom, and her life before Evin.

After the Iranian government revoked her press pass in 2006, Saberi stayed in the country and began writing a book for American readers that profiled the diversity of its people.

Eleven days after U.S. President Barack Obama's inauguration, she was kidnapped, questioned, and detained in Evin Prison for 100 days, accused of using her book as a cover to conduct hundreds of interviews with Iranians and spy for the Central Intelligence Agency.

Using nonviolent "white torture" (extreme sensory deprivation) techniques, Saberi's interrogators forced her into making a false confession by guaranteeing her freedom if she admitted to espionage. Without knowing she would be released in a matter of days, Saberi recanted, setting in motion



Roxana Saberi Photo by Tommy Giglio

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## Important Dates

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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a sham trial that resulted in an eight-year sentence, her own hunger strike, and a successful appeal.

"Unfortunately, a lot of Iranians are falsely accused of crimes, including espionage," she said. "It made me wonder, do they knowingly falsely accuse people to tighten their grip on society and to silence people?"

#### Road to Iran

In Evin, Saberi met many of these silenced political prisoners and members of marginalized groups like the Baha'is. Their stories strengthened her will to recant.

"Sometimes through suffering we can have an opportunity to become stronger," she said. "And even when you're imprisoned, you still have power to control your attitude."

Saberi's road to Iran included a stop at the Miss America competition, where she finished in the top 10. Her talent was playing the piano, a gift she would later put to use as a diversion while in solitary confinement at Evin by tapping her fingers against the wall. She used her scholarship money to attend Northwestern University's Medill Graduate School of Journalism, and furthered her education with the help of a 1999-2000 Ambassadorial Scholarship, obtaining a second master's degree in international relations at the University of Cambridge in England. She has written for ABC Radio, Feature Story News, the BBC, NPR, PRI, and Fox News.

"I felt like I had the journalism background, but I didn't have the foreign relations background," she said. "My aim was to become a foreign correspondent."

For now, Saberi's future plans are unsure. Since her return from Iran, she has completed her book and has been relaxing with her parents in Fargo, North Dakota, as well as participating in a number of human rights gatherings after the Iranian election. She cowrote a film, No One Knows About Persian Cats, with her longtime boyfriend and award-winning Iranian-Kurdish director, Bahman Ghobadi. While Saberi hopes to eventually return to Iran, she says she has been too outspoken to ensure a safe visit.

"Often I get worried about the Iranian people," Saberi says, "but I know they're very courageous, and I admire them. In the long run, they can prevail."

**Don't forget next week's meeting is off site.**

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# Rotarians use Flickr to promote Rotary

*Rotary International News -- 17 May 2010*

Within hours of his club's annual fundraiser in support of youth charities, Jeff Rogerson, of the Rotary Club of North Bay, Ontario, Canada, had uploaded photos of the event to Flickr.

The North Bay club teamed up the last weekend of March with two local disc jockeys to host a 53-hour radio marathon in a community shopping center, raising more than US\$80,000 for the Nipissing Association for Disabled Youth and other charities that help physically challenged children in the area.

Rogerson also shared several of the photos on Rotary International's Family of Rotary Flickr group, earning a spot in the April issue of Interactive as the featured image of the month.

Since August, more than 300 photos have been posted to the group. Rotarians around the world have uploaded images of their club events, special occasions, and service projects, and club members are encouraged to visit regularly to see what their colleagues are up to. One photo each month is highlighted in Interactive.

Share your photo on RI's Flickr group today.

By using Flickr, Rogerson was able to publicize his club's event to a larger audience. The site "has allowed everyday Rotarians such as myself to post Rotary activity for the benefit of all to see," he notes. "All of our members take great pride in this event and roll up their sleeves and get involved."

He also sent e-mails thanking all the volunteers and pointed them to a slideshow of the fundraiser.

"I received a large number of e-mails from Rotarians who had helped out and some who were away but still were able to share in the event through viewing the Flickr feeds," he says. "In a practical sense, the editor of our newsletter is able to go in and grab whatever photos members have posted, with their permission, for easy use in the newsletter."

Janey Ball, of the Rotary Club of Newlands, South Africa, has used RI's Flickr group to share photos as public relations chair for District 9350 (Angola; Namibia; South Africa). They've included images from the lighting of the Cape Town waterfront with the End Polio Now message during Rotary's anniversary celebration, 23 February. See more photos of illuminated landmarks.

"The ease of fast, one-site-fits-all distribution has great advantages," Ball says. "I'm such an advocate."



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## Special Memorial Day Meeting!

**Rotary East will have an "Away" meeting on Thursday, May 27 at the new California VA Retirement Home, 10900 Telephone Road in Saticoy (see map).**

**They have about 18 residents at this time, who will be our guests at the meeting. We are asking our members to *spread out and visit with the vets!* This will be a special treat for them just before Memorial Day.**

**The meal will be Prime Rib, with baked potatoes, vegetable, salad and roll. As we finish off our meal, we will be treated to a very special dessert from Robert Jacobi's Main Course California. We will bring enough for our veterans too!**

**We will then hear a presentation from the Executive Director, Brenda Manke, who is also a Rotarian. After hearing overview of the facility, she will interview one or two of the vets, and finally we will have a walking tour of the facility.**

**Arrangements are being made to bring Peggy Andrews, Leroy's widow, to see the facility that, for over 20 years, Leroy so tirelessly worked to have located in Ventura.**

**DIRECTIONS (See map):**

**Santa Paula Freeway to Wells Road, go South on Wells to Telephone Road. Turn Right on Telephone. Look for a turnaround, make a u-turn and park in front of the facility. Their parking lot will only handle a small number of cars.**

**This is a very special event. We have room for about 40 Rotarians, and hope you can come! If you have questions, call Rocky on his cell, 701-2258.**

