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of Ventura-East

# The Breeze

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## Meeting May 20, 2010

*Reported by Jordan Eller*



Husam Hishmeh gave our Inspirational Message.

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

President Jeff thanked our greeters Dick & Pete Gallagher. Husam Hishmeh gave our inspirational message and our Bill Spellman led us in the salute to the Flag.

Introduction of guests was done by John Masterson.

We did not log the visitors

or visiting Rotarians.

John Borneman and Dave Anderson led us in a song.

Deborah Perkins announced that our drawing was \$50 cash donated by Jim Emch!

Presidents announcements:

Our community based Rotaract club has been given their charter. We are currently waiting for the charter certificate to arrive, but we are proceeding to schedule a charter night for the Rotaractors on June 7th at the Wedgewood. We are encouraging everybody to come out and show our support for these young people. Cost for the event will be available shortly.

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



John Masterson introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

Rotary on that day!

Next weeks meeting will be offsite at the new VA Retirement Home. Please make sure you get a map and directions before you leave today.

Avenues of Service Reports:

Club Service (Wendy Pazen) spoke about the Irish Festival meeting, the upcoming Harbor Cruise, and the Fair Parade.

Deborah Roberts passed the sign up sheet for the Step-Down dinner on June 5th. Reminder, if you are a club member you are paying for the dinner in your monthly dues and this is our regular club meeting for that week.

Community Service (Tom Swan) announced that we will be doing the SemTek BBQ again this year. The date will be August 21st so mark that date down for the hottest day of the year.

Deborah Roberts was scheduled to conduct our Rotary Recognition session but forgot. ; (

Happy Dollars: Wendy Pazen, Jeff Hata, Jim Emch, Judy Hoag, Midge Stork, Jan Lindsay, Nikki Sloan and Bob Pazen.



Hank Oster spoke about how the smoking cessation money is being spent.

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## Presidents Message ...



**Jeff Hata**  
President 2009-2010

At the District Assembly, District Governor Luz Maria told us, the current club presidents in District 5240, “Do not look to the end of your terms! There is still much work to be done and we must keep our positive energy going to the end!”

We have had a busy schedule since the District Assembly and I can assure our District Governor that we have much to do before June 30th, so yes Ventura-East will keep the positive energy flowing and we will still get a lot accomplished before the end of the year.

I am taking a few seconds though to look back on the past year and ask myself “Where in the heck did this year go?” That’s a recurring theme that if you ask most past president’s what they remember most about their year they will say “How fast it went by.” But the other thing I can say is that this was the best year and I had the most fun this year of any other year in Rotary.

Why, you ask? To me it’s because of our club and our board of directors. Truth of the matter is, no matter how motivated you are, it doesn’t matter if you don’t have a great board. Why? Because as president, you don’t have a vote on your own board. You cannot make motions. Fact is you don’t have as much power as you thought you did going into the job. Which can be a good thing.

BUT! If you have a great board, which Ventura-East typically does, they make your job as president very easy and enjoyable. I appreciate the job the board has done for me this year and I know they will do an equally incredible job next year for Wendy and the year after that for Tom.

Why am I going into this diatribe about how great our club is and how great our board is and how great it is to be a Rotary club president?

Because next year as Immediate Past President one of the most important duties I will have is to put together the Past Presidents committee to select the President Elect Nominee 2011 - 2012 for our club. So if we come knocking on your door, don’t be so quick to slam it shut and say “No way, I don’t have the time and I don’t want the responsibility!” Because while it’s true there are some pressures on your time as long as you have a great board your will have a great time!

Starting July 1, better start looking over your shoulder because you never know if we will be there tapping you on the shoulder with the opportunity of a lifetime.

YIRS  
Jeff Hata

## 2009 - 2010 Club Board of Directors

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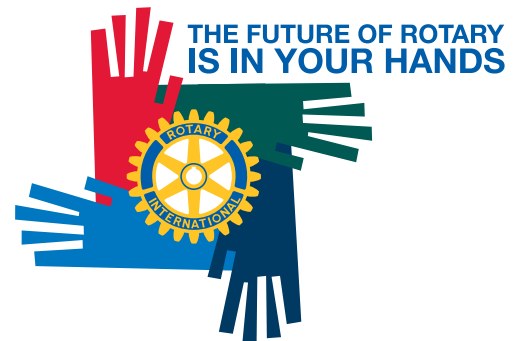
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## Programs

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes

**May 27, 2010**

New VA Retirement Home - Offsite

**June 5, 2010**

Step Down - Comedy Club

**June 10, 2010**

Bird Trip to Guyana - John Borneman

**June 17, 2010**

Financials for Ventura - Mayor Fulton

## Greeters

**May 27, 2010**

Floyd Gill & Bill Gray

**June 5, 2010**

Judy and Will Hoag & Robert and Lisa Jacobi

**June 10, 2010**

Tom Hashbarger & Ron Hertel

**June 17, 2010**

Bill Hicks & Husam Hishmeh

## Rotary Recognition

Program Chair: Rich Stewart

**May 27, 2010 - TBA**

**June 5, 2010 - TBA**

**June 10, 2010 - TBA**

**June 17, 2010 - TBA**

## Meetings

**TBA**

New Member Training Session

**June 17, 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

**June 15, 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

Hank Oster made a quick announcement on how the money designated to smoking abate was being spent.

Deborah Perkins conducted our drawing and the lucky winner was none other than Jim Emch! So Jim was the donor and winner, imagine that! We

raised \$115 today and thanks again to Jim for donating the prize and congratulations to Jim for also being the big winner!

This week was the anniversary week for our club. We received our charter from R.I. on May 23, 1963 and we are fortunate enough to still have 4 of our charter members still in the club. They are Andy Corliss, the 4th president of our club, John Masterson, the 5th president of our club, Ron Hertel, the 6th president of our club and Pete Gallagher, our Sgt at Arms and the guy who gets whatever we need done, done!

Andy and John spoke about the early years of the club and what their years as presidents was like. It's always interesting to hear some of the "Old Timers" talk about our clubs history because there are tons of really great funny stories there.

Pete spoke about how for many years he was a "Knife and Forker." A guy who only came to Rotary for lunch and to be with the "guys" for awhile. Then after lunch it was back to work and no thoughts about Rotary again until the following week. Then Pete got involved in a project in Mexico which turned his entire outlook about Rotary around to the point that Rotary became on of the most important aspects of his life.

If you talk to Andy, John, Ron or Pete I think you will hear the same words of wisdom and advice. To get the most out of Rotary you have to get involved. I know many of us "Younger" people have followed that advice and it's true. You can't get the most out of Rotary unless you put something of yourself back into it.

Thank you to Andy, John and Pete for sharing with us and Happy 47th Birthday to the Rotary Club of Ventura-East.

Here's an interesting bit of history of clubs in Ventura given to us by Larry Emrik, President Rotary Club of Ventura.

Rotary Club of Ventura - Charter Date May 1, 1919

Rotary Club of Ventura-East Charter Date May 23, 1963

Rotary Club of Ventura-South Charter Date April 29, 1983

Rotary Club of Ventura-Marina Charter Date March 29, 1985



John Masterson, Nikki Sloan (to distract you), Pete Gallagher and Andy Corliss.



# Giving Ugandan children a second chance

Peter Schmidtke

Rotary International News -- 26 May 2010

Mulambuzi Joshuah is not likely to forget his fifth birthday.

He spent the day recovering from heart surgery that will allow him to attend school again in his village outside of Kampala, Uganda.

Mulambuzi was 1 of 20 Ugandan children who received free heart surgeries through Gift of Life India. The program is among 65 throughout the world supported by Rotary clubs and established to arrange cardiac care for young children whose families cannot afford it.

The surgeries were funded by a US\$105,000 Rotary Foundation Matching Grant sponsored by the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest and District 3010 (India), and all 17 districts in Korea.

The children, between the ages of 11 months and 12 years, arrived in New Delhi over a three-month period starting in January. Doctors at the Escorts Heart Institute and Research Centre and the National Heart Institute performed surgeries to correct their congenital heart defects. Several of the children needed immediate attention.

“Many of them were overdue,” says Dr. A.C. Peter, a member of the Rotary Club of Delhi East End and Gift of Life India national coordinator. “After surgery, all these patients can lead healthy and productive lives like any other child.”

District 7250 (New York, USA) established Gift of Life India in 2002. Since its inception, the program has treated more than 500 children from India, Kenya, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Sudan, with support from Uganda, cont'd on page 5



Twelve-year-old Atugonza Bevalin with her mother after surgery made possible by a Matching Grant Gift of Life India project. Also pictured are Dr. A.C. Peter (left), RI President-nominee Kalyan Banerjee (fourth from left) and his wife Binota, District Governor Ashish Ghosh (fourth from right), and Past RI Director Sushil Gupta (third from right). Photo courtesy of A.C. Peter

## 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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Rotary clubs and Matching Grant funds.

It also receives help -- including medical team coordination and prospective patient lists -- from Gift of Life International, formed in 2003 to assist Gift of Life programs around the world.

**Making connections**

January's Matching Grant project arose because of connections from a similar effort a year earlier, when the Indian program agreed to arrange two surgeries as part of Gift of Life International's Our Hearts Are in Uganda campaign. Sixty Ugandan children were treated in 13 countries .

Bret Halvorson, a member of the Rotary Club of Emerald City (Seattle), Washington, USA, and a native of Korea, escorted one of the children and her mother from the airport in Seoul to a local hospital. Wanting to help more Ugandan youth, Korean Past District Governor Sangkoo Yun and Youngsuk Yoon, then district governor-elect, suggested a follow-up project to Halvorson, a Gift of Life beneficiary himself.

The three met with Peter, Past RI Director Sushil Gupta, and Gift of Life International founder Robert Donno at the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England, where they worked through details of the January Matching Grant project.

"Everything came together nicely," says Halvorson. "I'm just happy that I can be a part of that -- to pay it forward to these children who are in the same position that I was."

Korean Rotarians pooled District Designated Fund (DDF) allocations. Grace Agwaru, a member of the Rotary Club of Soroti Central, Uganda, and the first Gift of Life beneficiary, worked with fellow Ugandan Rotarians to identify candidates for the program and help their families understand the surgery and make travel arrangements. Delhi East End club members met the children at the airport and visited them almost daily in the hospital.

"Raising DDF from all 17 districts in Korea was a major task, but we had the pronounced leadership of Yoon from District 3650," says Yun, who stressed the role of the Rotary network in completing international service projects.

Gift of Life India also recently received a pledge of \$110,000 from Rotarians in Taiwan for future surgeries.

**Don't forget this weeks meeting is OFFSITE!  
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**Weekly Raffle**

This weeks raffle prize was \$50 cash donated by Jim Emch.

We collected \$115 for the day bringing our total for the year to \$2,857.

Our lucky winner was also our generous donor, Jim Emch!

So Jim, thank you for your generous donation and congratulations on your win!

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# Historic Moments -- Council votes to admit women

*Rotary International News -- 28 April 2010*

The 1989 Council on Legislation vote to admit women into Rotary clubs worldwide remains a watershed moment in the history of Rotary.

“My fellow delegates, I would like to remind you that the world of 1989 is very different to the world of 1905. I sincerely believe that Rotary has to adapt itself to a changing world,” said Frank J. Devlyn, who would go on to become RI president in 2000-01.

The vote followed a decades-long effort of men and women from all over the Rotary world to allow for the admission of women into Rotary clubs, and several close votes at previous Council meetings.

In 1950, an enactment to delete the word male from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution was proposed by a club in India during the Council. From 1950 to 1989, the Council considered 13 proposals to allow women into Rotary.

In 1977, the Rotary Club of Duarte, California, USA, decided to admit women as members in violation of the RI Constitution and Standard Rotary Club Constitution. Because of this violation, the club’s membership in Rotary International was terminated in March 1978.

In a lawsuit filed by the Duarte club in 1983, the California Superior Court ruled in favor of Rotary International, upholding gender-based qualification for membership in California Rotary clubs. But in 1986, the California Court of Appeals reversed the lower court’s decision, preventing the enforcement of the provision in the state. The California Supreme Court refused to hear the case, and it was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

On 4 May 1987, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Rotary clubs may not exclude women from membership on the basis of gender. Rotary issued a policy statement asserting that any Rotary club in the United States could admit qualified women into membership. The RI Board of Directors encouraged “all clubs in the U.S. to give fair and equal consideration to candidates for membership without regard to gender.”

In 1989, at its first meeting after the Supreme Court ruling, the Council on Legislation in Singapore voted to eliminate the requirement in the RI Constitution that membership in Rotary clubs be limited to men.

More than 20 years after the Council’s vote, there are nearly 200,000 female Rotarians. Women have served in leadership positions as high as the RI Board of Directors and The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees. (Watch a video about women in Rotary from RVM: The Rotarian Video Magazine, volume 4, issue 3.)

The first female Council representative served in 1998. The 2010 Council is the first in which a female RI director is serving, as a nonvoting member.



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Chartered May 23, 1963

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Beckwith, Robert E. ....	Office Equipment	Pazen, Wendy .....	Office Management
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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.**

