



Meeting May 27, 2010

Reported by Jordan Eller



Bob Lynn gave our Inspirational Message.

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

President Jeff thanked our greeters Floyd Gill and Bill Gray. Bob Lynn gave our inspirational message and our Terry McBreen led us in the salute to the Flag.

Introduction of guests was done by Carol Marquez-Olson.

We did not log the visitors

or visiting Rotarians.

John Borneman led us in a song.

President Jeff welcomed LeRoy Andrews wife Peg and his son Don. President Jeff then presented Peg with LeRoy's Perfect Attendance pin for 44 years of perfect attendance.

Presidents announcements:

Our community based Rotaract club's charter night will be 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 Rotary on that day!



Carol Marquez-Olson introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

Our meeting for June 3rd is being rescheduled for June 5th at the Ventura Comedy Club. Avenues of Service Reports:

Club Service (Wendy Pazan) 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.

Today's program was off-site at the Cal-Vet Veterans Home of California. Our meeting was held in their dining room and included their current residents. Administrator Brenda Manke, a fellow Rotarian, gave a very informative and encouraging presentation about the history of the facility, its current operation, and plans for the future.

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Peggy & Don Andrews's visited with us today!

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Presidents Message ...



Jeff Hata
President 2009-2010

What a fantastic facility the Veteran's Retirement home is and how fortunate we were to have LeRoy in our club. How fortunate our community is to have had a man with the foresight of LeRoy who worked so tirelessly to get this facility built in Ventura.

This was truly an appropriate Memorial Day program and a fitting place to remember those who have given their lives so that we can enjoy the freedoms that we have.

We also hosted the Ventura Chamber of Commerce Breakfast since our last newsletter. This was a really nice event and a good way to get Rotary out in our business community. Thank you to everyone who came early to help set up and thank you to everyone who came to represent Rotary. We did cause a few people to ask the question, "How can I get involved?"

Then we had our club's Step-Down dinner and what a fun filled night it was indeed. I would like to thank Past President Deborah Roberts for the fantastic job she did. We had a few glitches, but nobody in attendance was aware of them and I know many people were wiping tears of laughter from their eyes. We recognized many of our members for jobs well done this past year and I know they will do as well for Wendy if not better.

Last, but not least we had the Ventura Rotaract Charter night this past Monday. Another fun filled night and good to have members of Ventura-East, Ventura and Ventura-South come together for an event.

It was also very nice to see the smiling faces of our new Rotaractors on stage receiving their pins.

Best of luck to our Rotaractors and based on emails I am seeing circulated amongst this group they are going to be very active!

This coming week we will be doing our scholarships with some very talented and deserving high school seniors!

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Jeff Hata



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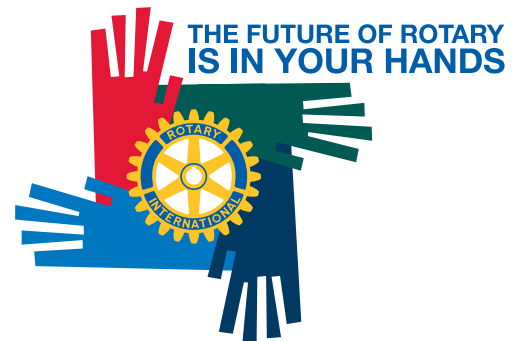
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June 10, 2010

Bird Trip to Guyana - John Borneman

June 17, 2010

Financials for Ventura - Mayor Fulton

June 24, 2010

Rotary Video "The Final Inch"

July 1, 2010

Wendy's First Meeting!!!!!!

Greeters

June 10, 2010

Tom Hashbarger & Ron Hertel

June 17, 2010

Bill Hicks & Husam Hishmeh

June 24, 2010

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July 1, 2010

Jan Lindsay & Maria Lopez

Rotary Recognition

Program Chair: Rich Stewart

June 10, 2010 - TBA

June 17, 2010 - TBA

June 24, 2010 - TBA

July 1, 2010 - TBA

Meetings

TBA

New Member Training Session

June 17, 2010

Vocational Service

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

July 7, 2010

Board of Directors Meeting

1st Wed/Month, The Greek at the Harbor, 5:30 PM

June 14, 2010

Club Service

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

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Community Service

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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

Guests of Honor were Peggy Andrews, Leroy's widow, and their son, Don. Leroy had worked tirelessly for years to get a VA home in Ventura. We now have is a 60 bed facility with 17 residents. Brenda hopes to have the facility filled by the end of August.

This is a beautiful facility. Understandably, there are many more applicants than can be accepted. Currently there are over 200 applications outstanding. Each one goes through a personal interview where information is gathered. A physical is given before they enter the facility. This is an open facility, meaning people can come and go as they are able, and about half the residents still have their own cars. The first resident admitted was Walter Furst, who joined us toward the end of our lunch.

Living in this facility typically requires a transition from living independently to living in a group home environment. Most residents have had to substantially "downsize" their personal items and furniture. In this atmosphere, staff eats in the dining facility along with the residents. We saw excellent service from the wait staff and our prime rib luncheon was excellent – not to mention the special desserts from Main Course California.

Brenda showed slides of the various volunteer groups and what they have done. This ranges from Disabled American Veterans to Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, High School groups, the Camarillo Quilters, Altrusa and some musical groups. These people provide the room decorations and rotate the décor monthly, manage the donated books and the library, care for the grounds, help raise the flowers that grace the tables and work the large vegetable garden. One Boy Scout, for his Eagle Scout project, built picnic tables outside the dining room. The young people approach Brenda with ideas of what they would like to do.

Parties, parties, parties! As Brenda described the frequency of the parties, it seemed the residents are not at a loss for things to keep them busy and entertained. If there is any downside, it's the length of time it takes to process an application – it varies from a minimum of 4 months to 1 year. The application is 28 pages long and also requires a report from a physician that takes 1 ½ hours to complete.

Thank you, Brenda, for an excellent presentation. We also appreciate your staff's obvious care and concern for the residents.

== Rocky



Two proud members of the kitchen staff. Thanks for a "GREAT" lunch!

Giving Ugandan children a second chance

Peter Schmidtke

Rotary International News -- 26 May 2010

Mulambuzi Joshua 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 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

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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

- D.G. Luz Maria Step Down..... Jun. 12
- R.I. Convention, Montreal..... Jun. 20 - 23
- Push-em Pull-em ParadeJul. 4
- Ventura County Fair ParadeAug. 7
- Harbor Fireworks Cruise.....Aug. 7
- Ventura Chamber Mixer.....Sep. 23
- Pumpkin PatchWeekends in October
- Halloween Fundraiser.....Oct. 30
- Children's Christmas PartyDec. 23

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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.

International H2O Collaboration work to begin

By Anne E. Stein

Rotary International News -- 12 January 2010

Work will begin soon on far-reaching projects that will provide millions of people with access to clean water and improved sanitation.

As part of the International H2O Collaboration, an innovative alliance between Rotary International and USAID, the improvements will include long-term water, sanitation, and hygiene projects in Ghana and the Philippines, two of the three countries selected for the first phase of the collaborative effort.

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A grant application for the third country, the Dominican Republic, is expected to go before The Rotary Foundation Trustees later this month for consideration.

The steering committee chose the three countries based on need, as well as the demonstrated ability of Rotary clubs and districts and USAID missions there to carry out effective water and sanitation projects.

In Ghana, the alliance will work closely with local governments to provide hygiene training, boreholes, mechanized water systems, and new latrines. An estimated 86,000 people will benefit from the work, which will occur in 114 communities spread over four regions.

“It’s going to make such a big difference in the lives of these people, though it’s so small a number compared with the total number of people who need this,” says Past District Governor K.O. “Willie” Keteku, who’s helping to coordinate the projects. “Right now, it takes too much time for people to look for water, and the water’s not clean. They get sick, and their time could instead be invested in other ventures, like the children attending school.”

In the Philippines, the alliance will be working in five communities -- Davao City, Dipolog, Metro Manila, San Fernando City, and Zamboanga -- to provide new septic treatment facilities, sanitation systems, river cleanup efforts, a mechanized water supply system, and community water taps that will distribute filtered water. The work is expected to help more than 2.1 million people.

“We are really fortunate to have been one of the three countries selected,” says Lina Aurelio, a past governor of District 3800 involved in organizing the improvements. “So many children die here because of polluted water. It’s a very big problem, almost all over the country.

“Everyone buys water, even those earning minimum wage, but in the slum areas they can’t afford to,” Aurelio says. “There are millions of cases of diarrhea each year that cause 11,000 to 12,000 deaths annually. Because of the very bad sewage system we have, everything is affected.”

In the Dominican Republic, the alliance will implement a wide range of water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions, including bio-sand filters in a small cluster of bateyes (communities of current and former sugar plantation and mill workers). When the initial phase is completed, the collaboration will evaluate the work and consider expanding it to other nations.

The improvements will cost about US\$2 million per country. Rotary will provide up to \$500,000 through Health, Hunger and Humanity Grants, and participating clubs and districts will raise an additional \$500,000 per country. USAID will contribute \$1 million per nation from its mission budget.



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