



Meeting July 8, 2010

Reported by Jeff Hata



Carol Marquez Olson gave our inspirational message.

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

President Wendy thanked our greeters Maria Lopez & Carol Marquez-Olson. President Wendy then presented **Past President** Jeff with his Past President's badge.

Presidents announcements: The Board has approved a balanced budget for this year.

Thank you to Vance Thompson, Jim Word and Bob Lynn for the gavel that Vance will be taking back to Mexico. Vance will be presenting them with the gavel as well as providing them moral support. This is an all woman's club.

Big thank you to Past President Joe Strohman who graciously agreed to run next weeks meeting. Thank you Joe!

Husam Hishmeh has requested a 3 - 6 month leave of absence from the club.

Carol Marquez-Olson gave our inspirational message and Bob Beckwith led us in the salute to the Flag.

Introduction of guests was done by Bob Pazen.

Visiting Rotarian was Ken Johnson from Kissimmee Florida. Guests of the club were Danielle Brinkman and Ken Kagan. We also had two visiting Rotaractors Cheney Caldwell and Chanel Viola.

John Borneman then led us in the song America, but before we sang, John gave us a very interesting history of the song. Thank you John.



Bob Pazen introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

Terry McBreen announced that our raffle prize was an autographed book that John Borneman had written.

Avenues of Service Reports:

Club Service (Tom Swan) reported that we will be consolidating all the clubs property into our storage unity on August 14th. We will need as much help as possible.

New Gen (Floyd Gill) reported that the Push 'N' Pullem parade was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who came out to work that morning.

International Service (Judy Hoag) reported that the R.I. Convention was fantastic and that next year the convention will be in New Orleans!

Jan Lindsay is in Nicaragua dedicating the new community building that was built there with the help of our club.

Deborah Roberts announced that the next meeting for Nightmare on the Hill will be July 12th at Acapulco's at 5:30 pm.

Terry McBreen passed around a sign up sheet for a

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John Borneman led us in a song.

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Presidents Message ...



Wendy Pazen
President 2010-2011

What a great week we had. Floyd Gill did a great job organizing the Push em Pull em Parade and so many members of our club joined in to make it a success. Midge Stork and Carol Marquez-Olson did a beautiful job decorating the four pop up tents and Midge also worked the crowd selling pizza. We had lots of members blocking the streets and keeping the kids safe.

The Ventura Rotaract club was represented at the parade by their President Cheney Caldwell and their President- Elect Nicole Nellis (who is Jan & Pam Lindsay's granddaughter). The Rotaractors sold delicious brownies, cookies, and rice krispie treats and they did face painting for donations. This is a hard working group and we're going to be hearing a lot about them in the future! Cheney was even in Montreal at the Rotary International Convention. Not bad, for such a new Rotaract Club!!

Georgeann Hawley and her husband Tom Swan, opened their house, once again, for a BBQ and fireworks display in Fillmore. It was truly impressive and a lot of fun for us "big kids" as well as for the real kids in the neighborhood. Of course we did have to stop at the Fillmore Rotary Fireworks booth to buy the best fireworks possible. We knew they would be legal and pass the 4-way test.

We are very sad that Husam Hishmeh is taking a well-deserved leave of absence for 3-6 months. Husam has always gone the extra mile for our club and we will miss him, but we know we can still count on him for help if we need it.

I am pleased to announce that Jeff Coyner will be taking over as Community Service Chair in Husam's absence. Jeff will have the support of the whole club behind him as he steps into this very busy position! Congratulations, Jeff, you will do a great job!

Dear Lord, please don't let the club fall apart in my year. Amen!!

Only 50 weeks to go....

Wendy

2010 - 2011

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Programs

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes

July 15, 2010

Commemorative Air Force - John Woolley, PhD

July 22, 2010

Avenues of Service

July 29, 2010

CMH Construction Update - John Masterson

August 5, 2010

Jazz Music - Toni Annotta

Greeters

July 15, 2010

Sam Marsh & John Masterson

July 22, 2010

Terry McBreen & Michelle Mercado

July 29, 2010

Craig Miller & Dick Norman

August 5, 2010

Hank Oster & Bob Pazen

Rotary Recognition

Program Chair: Rich Stewart

July 15, 2010 - TBA

July 22, 2010 - TBA

July 29, 2010 - TBA

August 5, 2010 - TBA

Fundraisers

Nightmare on the Hill

October 30, 2010

Next meeting is

July 12

at

Acapulco's

time

5:30 pm

Poinsettia Sales

Delivery Date

December 2, 2010

Youth Soccer Tournament

Date TBA

Next meeting is

at

time

Irish Festival

March 12, 2011

Next meeting is

at

time

Magic Castle night on August 28th.

Tom Swan announced our annual Harbor Cruise for August 7th and passed around a sign up sheet for that event.

Happy dollars: Nikki Sloan, Maria Lopez, Jeff Hata, Monte Widders, Terry McBreen, Hank Oster and Craig Miller.

Terry then conducted our drawing and the lucky winner was Libby Pierce, wife of our speaker Charles Pierce!

Deborah Perkins then announced our speaker.

Charles Pierce, a prisoner in the Nazi concentration camps from 1939 to 1945, shared with the Club his experience as a young Jewish man living in Poland during the Holocaust. Mr. Pierce's words were read by his son, Mark Pierce, while Mr. Pierce and his wife held hands.

Shortly after the Nazis occupied Poland, a teenager with a rifle ordered Mr. Pierce out of his apartment. Mr. Pierce was taken to a building where he was forced to clean it while periodically being beaten. He was eventually released and sent home.

A few months later, Mr. Pierce was again taken against his will along with 600 other young Jewish men. The men were sent to live in a barn and forced to work on the roads. They received little food or sleep, yet were forced to do hard labor for the better part of each day. Upon release, he returned home where he battled typhoid fever.

In 1940, soldiers came to his apartment and ordered everyone to leave within 15 minutes. They were taken to an area called the "ghetto" which housed approximately 20,000 prisoners. The conditions in the ghetto were terrible and people regularly died of hunger and illness. The Nazi's showed no respect and would shoot people in the street for no reason.

In August 1942, soldiers came in the middle of the night and told everyone to get out. Anyone who was sick was immediately shot to death. Women were told to leave their babies behind. Women who refused were shot along with their babies.

Most people were put on trains in very cramped conditions where they were sprayed with lime and chlorine. Most people on the train died. Mr. Pierce and his brother Abe were pulled from the line, but the rest of his family were put on the train. He did not have a chance to say goodbye. Abe was forced to work in the city while Mr. Pierce was sent to another camp to work making canvas products.

Mr. Pierce hid scrap canvas pieces in his pockets so that he could later trade them for food. He almost got caught; however,



Our speaker today was Charles and Libby Pierce.

his badge was upside down so the soldiers were looking for prisoner #969 instead of #696.

After 14 months, Mr. Pierce was sent to Auschwitz. Here, the crematories were constantly working and the smell was horrendous. Mr. Pierce even witnessed children under 10 years of age being sent to the crematories.

Auschwitz had what was called a hospital, but it was really a place for experiments on humans. Mr. Pierce met another prisoner who had his veins cut out of his legs at the hospital.

Mr. Pierce was sent to two other camps before the camps were abandoned. Upon abandonment, most prisoners were shot to death; however, Mr. Pierce survived because he pushed a cart for one of the soldiers.

When he was eventually found by the Americans, he weighed only 60 pounds and was severely malnourished. He stayed in two hospitals over many months while he was nursed back to health. Shortly thereafter, he made it to New York where his Uncle lived. He kissed the ground as soon as he arrived.

For more information, you can visit Mr. Pierce's website at www.thesurvivalstation.com

Deborah A. Perkins

Illinois Rotarian confronts racism with Holocaust letters

by Arnold R. Grahl
The Rotarian -- July 2010

A chance encounter at a stamp-collecting event three years ago put Danny Spungen in possession of one of the world's most extensive collections of postal memorabilia documenting Nazi atrocities during World War II. Spungen, an avid stamp collector, was looking to buy an "Inverted Jenny," a rare U.S. stamp featuring an upside-down airplane, when a fragment of Hebrew scripture covered with Nazi insignias caught his eye.

"I thought, what the heck is going on?" recalls Spungen, a member of the Rotary Club of Lincolnshire (Morning Star), Ill. The segment of scroll belonged to Ken Lawrence, a philatelist and civil rights activist who spent 30 years assembling more than 250 letters, postcards, postal documents, and other materials to counter those who claim the Holocaust never happened.

Lawrence had planned to sell his award-winning collection to a museum, but Spungen convinced him to let his family's charitable foundation purchase it instead. "It's changed my life," says Spungen, who travels with the items, visiting schools, universities, Rotary clubs, and other community groups. He also volunteers as a

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Important Dates

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| BBQ Team in action..... | Jul. 24 |
| Ventura County Fair Parade..... | Aug. 7 |
| Harbor Fireworks Cruise..... | Aug. 7 |
| BBQ Team in action (SemTech)..... | Aug. 21 |
| Piggy BBQ..... | Sep. 19 |
| Ventura Chamber Mixer..... | Sep. 23 |
| Basic PRLS..... | Oct. 9 |
| Basic PRLS..... | Oct. 22 |
| District Conference..... | Oct. 22 - 24 |
| Halloween Fundraiser..... | Oct. 30 |
| Master PRLS3..... | Dec. 11 |
| Children's Christmas Party..... | Dec. 23 |
| Master PRLS4..... | Jan. 22 |
| Master PRLS1..... | Feb. 5 |
| Master PRLS2..... | Feb. 26 |
| Irish Festival..... | Mar. 12 |
| Master PRLS5..... | Mar. 12 |
| Basic PRLS..... | Apr. 8 |
| District Assembly..... | Apr. 9 |
| RYLA..... | Apr. 15 - 17 |
| R.I. Convention New Orleans..... | May 22 - 25 |

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document at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie.

Spungen often invites Holocaust survivors to speak at his presentations, and instead of displaying the collection in glass cases, he sets the materials, protected by plastic sleeves, on tables so people can hold them.

The Spungen Holocaust Postal Collection includes a letter from a man in Prague to his father in the Schwarzheide concentration camp, lamenting the difficulty of finding warm clothes to send. The stamp was removed by Nazi authorities to search for hidden messages and the letter doused in chemicals to check for invisible ink. Another item, a swastika-marked envelope addressed to a Herr Dachwitz, is displayed with its contents: a summons to an interrogation. A postcard from a guard at Dachau to his family was sent in May 1933, shortly after the Nazi government set up the concentration camp; it bears a view of the Würm River canal flowing past the compound.

The fragment of Hebrew scripture, which recounts the story of David and Goliath, is folded and covered with stamps and postmarks. An annotation explains that it was plundered from a Jewish synagogue and later used by a Wehrmacht corporal as wrapping paper to send a parcel home to Vienna in 1942.

Adding to the collection, Spungen has acquired samples of money used in concentration camps and ghettos. He also has obtained counterfeit British pound notes, which bear witness to Operation Bernhard, a Nazi scheme to force Jewish inmates at the Sachsenhausen concentration camp to print fake currency. (It was dramatized in the Oscar-winning 2007 movie *The Counterfeiters*.)

Spungen, who has hosted several students through Rotary Youth Exchange, says his conversations with young people have reminded him how important it is to teach kids about the Holocaust, and about tolerance. "Racism is not dead," he observes.

Of his collection, Spungen says: "I really believe that each piece is a witness. It's great to put all these witnesses together in one room to tell a whole story."



Top: Spungen at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, where he volunteers. Bottom: The fragment of scripture that a soldier used to wrap a package.

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Weekly Raffle

Our raffle this week was an autographed book written by our own John Borneman.

Our lucky winner was Libby Pierce!

We raised \$54 this week bringing our total for the year to \$142.

Thank you to John Borneman for your generous donation and congratulations to Libby Pierce!


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Push 'N' Pullem 2010

by Floyd Gill

The July 4, 2010 Push-em Pull-em Parade was a huge success thanks to the hard work of Ventura East Rotarians and the participation of thousands of Ventura County residents.

The parade was lead by Cub Scout Pack 3179, which was followed by at least five other packs including Pack 3155. Wagons, bicycles, scooters, and strollers were all decorated with American flags

and red, white, and blue. Children and adults were dressed in their finest patriotic clothing and costumes.

The enthusiastic sea of parade participants marched down Main Street, waving and throwing candy to the curbside onlookers. Main

Street was crowded with children who eagerly ran for the candy that was thrown by parade participants. The parade was a great start to the Fourth of July celebrations in Ventura, and all the pictures of smiling families show that a good time was had by all.

Thank you to the following Rotarians that volunteered at the parade: Floyd Gill, Wendy and Bob Pazen, Jeff Hata, Bob Lynn, Tom Swan, Husam



Hismeh, Pete Gallagher, Michelle Mercado, Hank Oster, Carol Marquez-Olson, Midge Stork, Deborah Roberts, Bill Gray, Caitlin Hata, John Masterson, Dick Gallagher, Jeff Coyner, Jim Emch, Bill Hicks and Jordon Eller. Plus we had Cheney Caldwell and Nicole Nellis from the Ventura Rotaract Club.



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Announcement

The following
has been proposed as new member of
the Ventura-East Rotary Club:

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| Name: | Kenneth Kagan |
| Classification: | CPA |
| Proposer: | Jeff Hata Lillian Canterbury, President Moorpark Morning |

Any objections to this person becoming a member of our club should be brought to the attention of the President, President-Elect or any Director within ten (10) days of this publication.

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