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Tom Shilton & Nikki Sloan

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Important Dates

SoCal PETS	Feb. 25 - 27
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RYLA	Apr. 15 - 17
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Deepa Willingham's Stepdown	Jun 25
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Tom Swan's First meeting	Jul. 7

Fundraisers

Nightmare on the Hill
October 29, 2011???
Next meeting is

at

time

Poinsettia Sales
Delivery Date
December 1, 2011

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Date TBA
Next meeting is

at

time

Raffle Prize Donors

February 24 - Dick Gallagher
March 3 - Bill Spellman
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Presidents Message ...

Wendy Pazen
President 2010-2011

Please keep Tom Swan and Georganna Hawley in your prayers. Georganna's mother passed away this last weekend in Seattle. Our thoughts are with them.

The NID team has left for India. What an exciting time for them! Midge and Dave had certainly been looking forward to it especially after their last NID, which Judy Hoag and I were fortunate enough to attend. I can't believe that it was 4 years ago.

It is such a great feeling to be part of an event that will change lives and the drop only costs 65 cents.

February 23 is the Annual Programs Fund (APF) double recognition. For every $100 that you pledge on-line, you will receive a matching $100 towards a Paul Harris Fellow and at the same time help the people of Pakistan, Afghanistan, India and Nigeria (PAIN). These are the 4 countries in the world where the threat of Polio is still on-going.

If you would like to contribute on February 23 until midnight, go on-line to www.rotary.org and then click on member access on the upper right hand corner. Then follow the directions to register and get a password emailed to you. This may take more than 24 hrs, so register ASAP by calling 866-976-8279. If you have any questions, go to contactcenter@rotary.org.

If you do not get registered in time to take advantage of this double recognition, please register anyway. You only have to do it once and then you will be all set for the next opportunity from RI.

Please keep in mind the 500 matching amounts from DG Deepa. If you are close to 500 in recognition points, DG Deepa will match it. This will be especially important for our newest members who are not yet Paul Harris Fellows. Any member can transfer 500 points to another member and DG Deepa will match it. Please take advantage of this if you possibly can. Go on-line and make your contribution or fill out the form to transfer 500 pts to another member and let me know. I will contact DG Deepa's people and make sure it goes through smoothly.

Have a great week,

Wendy

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Meeting February 24, 2011

Reported by Jeff Hata

Bill Gray led is in the Salute to the Flag.

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

President Wendy thanked our greeter Craig Miller.

Bill Gray led us in the salute to the Flag.

Midge Stork gave our Inspirational Message.

Terry McBreen introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians. Guest of Bob & Wendy Pazen was their granddaughter Oni Garman. Guest of Terry McBreen was Sher Herd & Tressa Golden. Guest Floyd Gill was Andy Kelly.

John Borneman then led us in a song. Thank you for that John.

Terry McBreen introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians.

Terry McBreen announced that our raffle today was a bank bag filled with $50 in silver dollars & $2 dollar bills donated by Floyd Gill.

Jordan Eller thanked the club for all of the hard work put into the BBQ on Sunday for the Ventura Botanical Gardens. This event made the club $2,800 dollars. Midge Stork then presented Jordan with a check to make the profit to the club an even $3,000! Thank you Midge.

Jeff Hata announced that we had to cancel the Fat Tuesday party due to lack of participation. We needed to guarantee 35 and we only had 12 people sign up.

Rocky Ludes made an announcement that former club member Mike Ray has passed away after a fight against cancer. Mike left the club 3 years ago after his job moved to Santa Barbara.

Presidents Announcements:

President Wendy announced that there will be a club social at the home of Jan & Pam Lindsay on March 12th! This will be a pot luck event and we will have the Irish Band Shenanigan's performing for us during this event.

Wendy also announced that on February 23rd if you make a donation to the R.I. Foundation R.I. will match your donation. 2 for 1, it doesn't get much better then that!

Midge Stork gave our Inspirational Message.

Avenues of Service:

Vocational/New Generations (Bill Spellman) - Job Shadow still needs 2 drivers, if you will be available to drive that day, you will need to fill the proper forms and bring a copy of your insurance declarations page. See Bill if you can drive.

Happy dollars: John Borneman, Jim Word, Bill Hicks, John Masterson, Midge Stork, Dick Gallagher & Wendy Pazen.

Terry McBreen then conducted our raffle and the lucky winner of the Bank Bag filled with $50 in silver dollars and $2 bills donated by Floyd Gill was Sher Herd. Sher then donated the money back to the raffle and the funniest thing happened. An auction broke out between Husam Hishmeh and Wendy Pazen for the Bank Bag and even funnier then that the auction came to a screeching halt when Bill Spellman bid $100 dollars! Thank you Bill for your generosity and thank you Sher for creating this spectacle!

Deborah Perkins then introduced our speaker.

Our presentation today was given by Deputy District Attorney Dominic Kardum. Mr. Kardum works in the real estate fraud department which was recently formed after receiving a $1.6 million federal grant. The grant was part of the Stimulus Bill and was intended to be used to fight mortgage fraud.

Anyone may submit a claim to the District Attorney. One of the easiest ways to submit a claim is through the District Attorney's website. Each claim is reviewed by an attorney. If the claim appears to have merit, it is then turned over to an investigator.

Loan modification fraud has become a big problem

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as one of the effects of the downturn in the economy. The first step in the foreclosure process is for the mortgage lender to record a Notice of Default in the public records. As a result, the identity of homeowners who are having trouble paying their mortgage becomes public knowledge. People then use this information to send solicitations for loan modifications to the troubled homeowners. Often these solicitations claim they can guarantee a loan modification for a specific sum of money, usually a few thousand dollars. Once the fee is collected, very little, if anything, is done to obtain a loan modification. Recent laws have been passed that make it unlawful for a loan modification consultant to accept a fee prior to delivering results to the homeowner.

Husam Hishmeh lost in the auction to Bill Spellman

Mortgage fraud is considered a white collar crime. The general goal with prosecuting white collar crime is to get restitution for the victims. Unfortunately, this often means that judges either give light jail sentences or only order probation.

The charges stemming from real estate fraud include grand theft, identity theft, forgery, securities fraud, notary fraud, money laundering, and elder abuse among other things.

Mr. Kardum discussed a recent case against a Moorpark couple, the Tuckers. They were convicted of bank and wire fraud in pushing through $88 million in loans so that they could get the commissions. They were sentenced to 12 years in prison.

Overall, Mr. Kardum's advice is that if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Mr. Kardum took the technically difficulties he experienced in stride and delivered a very interesting presentation. Thank you Mr. Kardum.

Deborah A. Perkins

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Multidistrict project fair gets its start during dinner conversation

By Megan Ferringer
Rotary International News -- 18 February 2011

A joint project fair between districts 4150 (Mexico) and 5130 (California, USA) arose from a dinner conversation between two California Rotarians who were visiting Mexico.

Eighteen years later, that encounter is still inspiring Rotarians to serve others. More than 150 projects have been sponsored throughout Mexico because of the fair, and US$1.6 million raised.

The Rotary Club of Culiacán Humaya, Sinaloa, Mexico, an all-female club, showcases a service project during the multidistrict fair in November. Photo courtesy of District 4150

The idea for the multidistrict project fair, formally known as the Festival of Brotherhood, began in 1992, when a priest overheard two Rotarians discussing Rotary business over dinner in a plaza in Tlaquepaque, Mexico. The priest was involved with Mano Amiga, a nonprofit that facilitates hospice-like care. Familiar with Rotary's reputation, he approached the pair and began explaining the needs of his organization. The Rotarians were moved by the priest's account and sought the help of the Rotary Club of Guadalajara Chapultepect, Jalisco, on a project to provide reliable transportation for Mano Amiga.

The two districts held their first joint project fair three years later. The event has grown each year and exists for one primary purpose: to review proposals from District 4150 and area nonprofit groups for projects seeking funding through Rotary.

According to Dale Knight, grants coordinator for District 5130 and a member of the Rotary Club of Rohnert Park-Cotati, the event offers her district the chance to collaborate with Rotarians in other clubs and districts on international projects.

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Weekly Raffle

Our weekly raffle was a Bank Bag filled with $50 in silver dollars and $2 bills donated by Floyd Gill.

We raised $236 this week bringing our total to $3,256 for this Rotary Year!

Our lucky winner was Sher Herd! Congratulations Sher.

Remember, all proceeds from the weekly raffle go directly to help fund college scholarships for Buena High School Seniors.

Again, thank you to Floyd Gill for his generous donation and congratulations to Sher Herd! And Thank you Sher for your generosity!

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"This multidistrict conference is so successful because it allows Rotarians from California to see the maximum amount of projects possible in a short amount of time," Knight says. "Participants are then able to work with not only the District 4150 clubs but also various clubs in their own district."

15th annual fair

In November, Rotarians gathered for 10 days in Guadalajara and surrounding cities for the 15th annual event. Nearly 100 project proposals that had been screened in advance by District 4150 were presented with specific requests and budgets. Rotarians from District 5130 selected 60 projects to pursue.

Club members often have a chance to visit the sites of proposed projects, which focus on health, education, clean water, and vocational training in the states of Colima, Jalisco, Nayarit, and Sinaloa. Knight says clubs are more likely to sponsor a project they visit.

One recent effort, supported by a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant totaling $13,000, provided computers and computer training to Escuela Primaria Zapata in Ixtlahuacán de los Membrillos, Jalisco, according to Margarita de Alba, a founding organizer of the fair and a member of the Rotary Club of Guadalajara Chapultepec. The project gave 280 students enhanced research and learning tools.

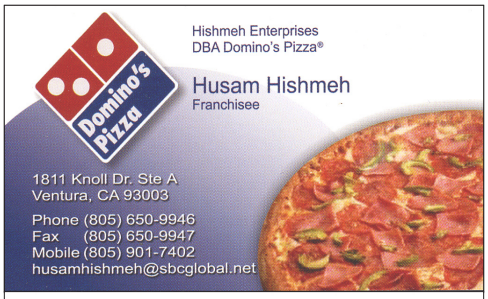
"When we visited the completed project, the children came up to us and told us everything they had learned," Alba says. "We felt great joy when we saw the first graders working at their computers with their big, proud smiles."

Knight says all it takes to create a multidistrict project fair is a single connection to a Rotarian or club in another district with a similar interest. Group Study Exchanges are a great way to establish those connections, she says.

"Just imagine how much more can be done if the clubs in your district get together with another district," Alba says. "There's no better way to see what Rotarians can accomplish than when they work together with those in other countries."

The events also build better understanding between cultures.

"When I first started putting the event together 15 years ago, I was very interested in making sure there was a good relationship between the American and Mexican cultures," Alba says. "The festival really allowed all of us to see how people from two different worlds can work together to benefit others."



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