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September 22, 2011

New Generations - Jeff Hata

September 29, 2011

Diamond Mining - Bob Lynn

October 6, 2011

CMH Hospital Update - Mike Ellingson

October 13, 2011

Rescue Mission Alliance - Offsite

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September 8, 2011

Carol Marquez-Olson

Fundraisers

Octoberfest

October 1, 2011

Poinsettia Sales

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December 1, 2011

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Club Events

Important Dates

GSE Korean Incoming team.....	Sep 25 - Oct 25
Basic PRLS	Oct 8
District Conference	Oct 20 - 23
Master PRLS3	Oct 29
D.G. Wade's Visit.....	Nov 3
Master PRLS4	Nov 19
Master PRLS1	Dec 10
Club Christmas Party.....	Dec 10
Mid Terms	Jan 7
Mid Terms	Jan 14
Master PRLS 2	Jan 21
Mid Terms	Feb 4
Poverty Conference.....	Feb 4
Foundation Gala	Feb 4
Master PRLS5	Feb 11
PETS	Feb 24 - 26
District Assembly	Apr 7
Basic PRLS	Apr 7
RYLA	Apr 19 - 22
Rotarians at Work Day	Apr 28
R.I. Convention.....	May 6 - 9

Raffle Prize Donors

September 22 - Jesse Gonzalez

September 29 - Ron Polito

October 6 - Danielle Brinkman

October 13 - Monte Widders

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Presidents Message ...



Tom Swan
President 2011-2012

Thanks to all who came to the Piggy BBQ. For those who missed it, you missed a great opportunity to have fun eat some great food and learn more about your fellow Rotarians and their families.

Jordan Eller and his barbecue crew provided us with their wonderful tri-tip, chicken, chili and garlic bread. This is becoming the tradition Ventura East Rotary meal. We learned more about the progress of the new barbecue trailer along with the TWO new barbecues they are fabricating. They have installed an awning on one side of the trailer and will have a full enclosure attachment this week to wrap around the sides of the awning, providing us with a fully enclosed serving area immediately outside the trailer. All food preparation can be conducted inside the trailer, served from inside the enclosure, then all pots, and serving utensils can be cleaned inside the trailer using hot and cold running water in the three compartment sink. This is because they have installed an on-demand hot water heater, and will be installing three water tanks under the trailer. I am really impressed with the job they are doing putting this trailer together.

Also at the Piggy BBQ, we were graced with the presence of Wade Nomura, the current District 5240 Governor and his wife Roxanne. Wade will be visiting our club on Thursday November 3rd for his official club visitation; I highly recommend getting to know him as he has had a wealth of experiences. Of course you will have an even better opportunity to meet him and get to know him when you attend the District Conference on October 21-23. On Sunday October 23, the conference will offer a day in the park and will provide lunch and other functions for only \$10. And if you want to hang around for Sunday evening, they are providing a CRABFEST for only \$35. This will be an event you do NOT want to miss.

Live well, and have fun,

Tom

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Meeting September 15, 2011

Reported by Jeff Hata



Jim Emch led us in the Flag Salute.

in the salute to the Flag.

Tom thanked our greeter Terry McBreen.

Terry introduced our guests and visiting Rotarians. Visiting Rotarians were David Pollock from Moorpark Morning and Jim Black from Bakersfield. Guest of Hank Oster was Bruce Will, guests of Jeff Hata were Kimberly Bridges and Michelle Mercado and guest of the club was Katrina Dangleman.

Terry then went on to announce that our raffle prize was a \$50 Trader Joe's gift card donated by Dick Gallgher. Dick will bring the gift card to the winner next week. Dick was in the hospital and is expected to be out and about in time for next weeks meeting.

Jordan gave us a Rotary Educational meeting this week in lieu of the vocational minute. Jordan just got back from his president elect's retreat and has a wealth of information he wants to share with the club. This week Jordan spoke about Rotary zones and districts. We are in zone 26 and district 5240.

Jordan also shared pictures of the new BBQ trailer. We are all excited to break it in! Thank you for all your hard work on this project Jordan. We really do appreciate all the work you and your friend Auggie have put into

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

President Tom asked everyone to keep Alison Thompson and her family in their thoughts and prayers. Alison's grandfather passed away this past week. There will be a celebration of his life at the Lexington at 1:30 on Saturday..

Jim Emch led us in



Terry McBreen greeted and introduced guests and visiting Rotarians.

this project!

John Borneman then lead us in a song.

Presidents announcements:

The GSE team from Korea will be arriving on October 15th. Volunteers are needed to provide transportation and lodging for the team while they are in our district.

District Conference is October 21 -23 in Carpinteria. You can register online at the district website.

There will be a Basic PRLS class on October 8th.

President Tom then asked David Pollock to speak about Moorpark Morning's Beer Festival coming up on September 30th.

International Service (Judy Hoag) gave a recap of the recently concluded Nicaragua trip. Sounds like we have some very exciting things going on there!

Happy \$'s - Bill Hicks, Terry McBreen, Jeff Hata, Michelle Mercado, Husam Hishmeh and John Borneman.

Terry conducted our raffle and the lucky winner was Husam Hishmeh!!!

Deborah Perkins introduced our speaker Erin Gill with Gill Investigation Service.

Erin Gill, Floyd Gill's wife, gave an interesting presentation about her experience as a private investigator. Erin spent eight years as a Ventura County Probation Officer before starting her own investigative firm, Gill Investigative Services. In addition to her investigative work, she also teaches college level criminal justice classes.

In order to offer services as a private investigator in California, you must be licensed by the state. Before you may apply for a license, you need to have at least 6,000 hours of law enforcement experience. Then, you must pass a background investigation and an extremely difficult 150 question exam. Once licensed, you have access to DMV records and other databases that are not available to the public.



Deborah Perkins introduced our speaker, Erin Gill.

Although the common perception of a private investigator is that of a person covertly following a spouse accused of cheating, Erin assured us that she does not do this. Erin focuses more on gathering facts and preparing witnesses. She will go to crime scenes and other locations to take measurements and look for new evidence. Her findings are then turned over to the attorney who hired her. Erin's goal is to find the truth.



Erin Gill spoke about the life of a private investigator.

Erin stated that in her role as private investigator she no longer has any affiliation with law enforcement. As such, she makes it very clear to everyone she interviews that she is working for the defense. Since the attorney-client privilege does not extend to her work, there is no confidentiality between her and those people that she interviews. As such, she is often called as a witness to testify about the interviews that she conducted and the evidence that she collected.

Erin occasionally prepares Sentencing Mitigation Reports. This is where she lays out the facts and prepares an argument for why a person should get some type of alternative sentence, such as probation instead of prison. Erin believes that there are only a few cases in which this is warranted and therefore is very selective in determining when to prepare such a report.

Erin created a new program that assists for-profit colleges in keeping their accreditations. The colleges have certain standards that they need to meet in the admissions process. Erin and her staff will send people through the entire admissions process to determine where problems exist. She reports that this has been highly successful.

Erin also conducts pre-employment background checks, which she says have been on the rise. In her experience, many employers do conduct credit checks.

Erin stated that it is amazing the amount of information that is available on the internet. She recommends being very careful about what information you post on Facebook and other sites as this can always be brought up in the future.

Thank you Erin for sharing your experience as a private investigator.

Deborah A. Perkins

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E-club recruits former Rotary Peace Fellows for global project

By Maureen Vaught

Rotary International News -- 19 September 2011

Daniel Sturgeon knew he'd be a Rotarian someday. He just imagined a day far off in the future, not one a few days shy of his 30th birthday. But since 2007, this former Rotary Peace Fellow has been a member of two Rotary clubs.

Today, Sturgeon and his current club, the Rotary E-Club of the Southwest, USA, are encouraging all alumni -- peace fellows, in particular -- to make today the day they join Rotary.

"We Rotarians are poor stewards of Foundation funds if we don't reach back and tap the intellectual capital that we've created through our investment in the Rotary Peace Fellowship," says Sturgeon, who was a 2004-06 peace fellow at International Christian University in Tokyo.

Peace experts

During a rare in-person meeting in April, the Southwest e-club decided to make world peace its international service project. Members set a goal of recruiting 50 former peace fellows from around the world to join their club over the next three years.

Sturgeon envisions his club becoming a resource for Rotarians seeking advice and help with their club's or district's peace projects.

"With their academic background and field experience, we can work smarter and be more effective. Many fellows are already with nongovernmental agencies in the area of peace; they're everywhere we want to be," says Sturgeon, who works as a political analyst and speechwriter for the Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

Fellow e-club member Larry Levinson agrees and adds that alumni will also benefit from the collaboration. "Many of them aren't leveraging Rotary's energy, money, and expertise to accomplish their goals," he



Daniel Sturgeon (far left), a member of the Rotary E-Club of the Southwest, USA, and other former peace fellows gather at the 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. Photo by Alyce Henson/Rotary Images

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Weekly Raffle

Our raffle prize today was \$50 gift cards to Trader Joe's generously donated by Dick Gallagher.

We raised \$115 bringing our total for this young Rotary year to \$938!!!

Our lucky winner was Husam Hishmeh.

Congratulations to Husam on his big win and thank you to Dick Gallagher for his generous donation!

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says.

Recruiting tips

Both Rotarians are optimistic that they'll be able to achieve their club's membership goal. To ensure success, they're employing a variety of techniques that any club looking for an alumni connection could use.

* Just ask. "Recruiting for an e-club is no different from a regular Rotary club. You just have to ask," Sturgeon says.

* Build a relationship It may not result in membership, Sturgeon says, but a relationship with alumni may lead to other opportunities for involvement.

* Remove the barriers Be flexible about meeting times, dues, and attendance.

* Promote involvement Rotary's strength is that it doesn't want "paper" members, Sturgeon says, and alumni want to make a difference.

* Provide networking opportunities Sturgeon says that for alumni and other young adults, networking is simply a different term for what Rotary calls vocational service and fellowship.

2011 Christmas Party

Ventura-East Annual Adult Christmas Party Saturday Dec. 10th Hosted by Dr. Bill Spellman 1008 Amber Lane Ojai Bill's home phone is 646-1399

There will be the traditional gift exchange for all who wish to participate please bring a wrapped unmarked gift to exchange. Historically these gifts have ranged from gag gifts to highly sought after and aggressively traded items from \$10 to ~\$30. As of now the format and menu are developing, any input is appreciated. We are trying to accommodate as many as possible, do to multiple events some people have this time of year. Bill said we could start as early as 2 pm and go until whenever. For our new members this event is for members and significant others are encouraged to come. The bar will be open and abundant food will be provided, extensive hors d'oeuvres and buffet style foods are available. Generally this event is billed to those who attend based on the cost of the event. Every effort is made to keep the cost down to approx. \$20-25 per person.


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

Name:	Katrina Dangleman
Classification:	Financial Planning
Proposer:	Ken Kagan

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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