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Programs

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December 1, 2011

Poinsettia Delivery Day!!!

December 8, 2011

Rotaryact update - Cheney Caldwell

December 15, 2011

Casitas Rowing - Wendy Gillett

December 22, 2011

Children's Christmas Party

Greeter

December 1, 2011 - Chad Gibson

December 8, 2011 - Deborah Roberts

December 15, 2011 - Jim Word

December 29, 2011 - Terry McBreen

Fundraisers

Poinsettia Sales

Delivery Date

December 1, 2011

Rotary Bullseye Shooting Contest

July 4, 2012

Latin Music Festival

July 28, 2012

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Club Events

Important Dates

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
Fat Tuesday Party	Feb 21
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
D.G. Wade's Demotion.....	Jun 23
Rotary Bullseye Shooting Contest.....	Jul 4
Latin Music Festival.....	Jul 28

Raffle Prize Donors

December 1 - Alison Thompson

December 8 - Bill Hicks

December 15 - Dick Norman

December 22 - Arnulfo Carbajal

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Presidents Message ...



Tom Swan
President 2011-2012

This was a fun week. We had a great meeting on Thursday with Monte Widders reminding us of the significant impact Rotary has made on the world through the eradication of polio. Consider this: most young people today do not know how devastating polio has been in America. I would wager that a great many men and women under the age of 40 do not even know what polio is. Yet with some quick research, I would also bet that someone they

know has an immediate family member that was affected by the dread disease. If most of the younger generation have not heard of polio, then that reflects just how hard Rotarians have worked to eradicate polio in America, and throughout the world. When I joined Rotary seven years ago, there were approximately 2,000 new cases being reported globally per year. Last May, at the RI Convention, Bill Gates updated us with new information; there were only 314 new cases worldwide last year. We ARE making a difference, and very soon we will see no new cases reported. This is all due to The Rotary Foundation (TRF), Polio Plus, and your contributions.

Additionally, TRF has already begun sighting on the next task at hand; to eliminate malaria, and begin providing clean water systems everywhere in the world. So many places in the world have horrible drinking water. Many of the diseases that afflict us are water-borne, such as polio and malaria. Now that we have a good idea how to eliminate the disease, the thought is to go after the source too. Rotary clubs around the world are already tackling clean water projects. In fact, our quarterly excursions to Nicaragua began as a project to drill water wells there and has morphed into so many other projects to improve the quality of life in Pantanal, Nicaragua.

For all that we have done around the world, it is nothing compared to so many wonderful things Rotary in general and our club specifically have done closer to home to improve lives and given people without hope the opportunity to become so much more than a product of their surroundings. This past Saturday several of our members turned out to help a very sweet little old lady in Oxnard. A very special thanks to Rick Shimmel, Chad Gibson, Ken Kagan, Craig Miller, Husam Hishmeh and Jeff Hata, Victor from Ventura Rotaract, and several teens from local high schools for clearing Una Mae's yard, and creating a pathway with stone pavers. Separately members including Bill Spellman and Jim Word built a new set of stairs leading from the driveway to the house for Una Mae. Currently she must sidestep up the existing stairs, while leaning her forehead against the side of the house to stabilize herself. It is a sad thing to watch, yet observing the fortitude this woman has to make her way despite her handicap is

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Meeting November 17, 2011

Reported by Jeff Hata



Jeff Hata greeted our guests and introduced them AND led us in the Salute to the Flag!

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

Jeff Hata led us in the salute to the Flag.

President Tom thanked our greeter Jeff Hata. Jeff then introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. Visiting Rotarians were Dave Schultz and our new Ventura Chamber of Commerce CEO Ed Summers. Tawnee Pena was a guest of

Monte Widders and Monte's able assistant for Monte's presentation.

John Borneman then led us in a song.

Alison Thompson announced that our opportunity drawing was a 2-1/2 pound box of Whitman's Chocolate donated by Harriet Clune.

Tom reminded everyone that the club will be dark next week and that the following week will be our poinsettia delivery day.

Tom asked for help with Salvation Army bell ringing and also announced an opportunity to help decorate the Rotary Rose Parade float.

December 22 will be our club's annual Children's Christmas Party.

The Ojai club will be hosting a talk by John Robinson on March 16th. The cost of the event will be \$45 per person.

Katrina Dangleman spoke about the need for help with the Christmas Shop on December 10th. We will need two shifts of volunteers. One for the morning and one for the afternoon.

Vance Thompson spoke about our Christmas Party.



Alison Thompson spoke about the Christmas Shop and did our raffle today.

Avenues of Service: International Service - Judy Hoag pleaded with everyone to keep selling Poinsettias! Only a few more weeks to go.

Jan Lindsay is currently in Nicaragua.

New Generations - Husam Hishmeh announced there will be a Rotaract meeting on Monday at the Wedgewood at 6:30

pm. The first meeting for the Balboa Middle School Interact Club will be December 7th. Room 700 at 12:30.

Club Service - Jordan Eller had nothing to report.

Community Service - Craig Miller reminded everyone that our next Rotary Rehab event will be on October 19th from 9 - 2. Craig will email out specifics about the project.

Vocational Service - Bill Spellman announced that the next Vocational Service will be December 1st at 11:00 am at the Buena Career Center.

Alison Thompson conducted our raffle and the winner was Bill Spellman! We raised \$105 today. The raffle prize was a 2-1/2 pound box of Whitman's Chocolates! Just in time for Christmas.

Happy \$'s: John Borneman, Husam Hishmeh, Midge Stork, John Masterson, Craig Miller, Danielle Brinkman, Bob Pazen and Ken Kagan.

Deborah Perkins introduced our speaker Monte Widders.

Monte Widders, our Club Foundation Chairman, gave a presentation explaining what the Rotary International Foundation ("Foundation") does and how it works. The Foundation is one of the largest charitable foundations in the world and has given away more than \$2 billion over sixty years.

The Foundation came into existence in 1917 when Rotary International established a Permanent Endowment Fund. The first contribution to the fund was made by the Rotary Club of Kansas City in the amount of \$26.

Paul Harris asked for and received the first grant from



Jordan Eller had nothing to report...

the Fund which was \$500 for the Crippled Children's Society. Upon his death in 1947, Clubs were asked to make donations in his name. Today, the largest mechanism for contributions to the Foundation is the Paul Harris Fellow program.

Contributions to the Foundation go to one of three programs: PolioPlus, the Annual Program Fund, or the Permanent Fund.

The Foundation received two grants from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to the PolioPlus program totaling \$355 million. The Foundation is required to match \$200 million of the grants by June of 2012.

The Annual Program Fund consists of programs such as the Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarships, District Simplified Grants, and Matching Grants. Most of the funds for the Annual Program Fund come from Club dues and the Paul Harris Fellow program.

The Permanent Fund requires that the contributions be invested and that only the income earned from the investment may be spent. Funds for the Permanent Fund usually come from outright gifts.

The Rotary Club of Ventura East was the first in its district, and 34th in the world, to be a 100% Paul Harris Club. Contributions from our Club to the Foundation average \$11,322 per year. Our Club has its own foundation, but this is distinctly separate from the International Foundation.

Thank you Monte for a very informative presentation.

Deborah A. Perkins



Our speaker today was Monte Widders.

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

I always knew that I wanted to be part of a service organization for many reasons. Whenever talking with other professionals in the community about the different organizations that would provide an outlet for doing this, Rotary always appealed to me the most. I was fortunate to meet Ken Kagan who graciously invited me to visit the Ventura East club as his guest.

Prior to attending I did some research on Rotary and really gave a lot of thought to whether or not I was ready to make the type of commitment necessary to be a value to the group. I had for the most part decided that, yes I was ready and yes Rotary was the organization that I'd like to be a part of so the rest of my decision really just came down to what my experience would be like when I visited the club. I was so impressed by the makeup of the Ventura East club and the commitment the members have made throughout their years. Everyone was very warm and welcoming to me and during the meeting I was quickly able to learn about many of the programs the club facilitates in the community. In addition to everyone being very welcoming I enjoyed the humor that seems to be the norm amongst many of the members. It is the type of humor that is only shared amongst people who really know and care about each other. Additionally, it appealed to me that there were many avenues that I could participate and make contributions to based on my interest, time and skills. So needless to say, the decision was made on that day that I wanted to be a part of this group and give back to the community that has given me the opportunity to be a service to them in my profession.

I believe that at the end of our lives we won't be thinking about the one sale that wasn't made, the case we didn't win, the deal we didn't close, but the impact we made on the lives of others that will really matter. There is a reason I am so passionate about helping others and I will simply say that in my life due to certain circumstances, I have been a recipient of people wanting to reach out and help others. Believe me when I say that it DOES make a difference. So it is with great honor and happiness that I am now a member of the Ventura East Rotary club and I look forward to now be at a place in my life where I can make a difference. Thank you again to Ken Kagan and everyone else in the club that has welcomed me.



Katrina Dangleman

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Weekly Raffle

Today's raffle prize was a \$50 gift card to Macy's donated by Carol Marquez-Olson.

Our lucky winner was Bob Noville!
We raised \$105 today.

Congratulations to Bob and Thank you to Carol!

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amazing.

This holiday season, I ask you to give thanks for Rotary International, The Rotary Club of Ventura East, Craig Miller for showing us Una Mae's need, and for all of the members of this great club for responding to the need of those less fortunate around us.

God bless you all,

Tom

Have you bought or sold any Ventura Axxess books?

Remember, the club gets \$10 for every book sold.

So far we have sold 16 books!

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 4 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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