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Programs

Program Chair: Rocky Ludes & Deborah Perkins

December 8, 2011

Rotaryact update - Cheney Caldwell

December 15, 2011

Casitas Rowing - Wendy Gillett

December 22, 2011

Children's Christmas Party

December 28, 2011

Joint Meeting with Downtown and South

Greeter

December 8, 2011 - Deborah Roberts
December 15, 2011 - Jim Word
December 29, 2011 - Terry McBreen

Fundraisers

Poinsettia Sales Delivery Date November 29, 2012

Rotary Bullseye Shooting Contest July 4, 2012

> Latin Music Festival July 28, 2012

for information on fundraisers go to: www.RotaryVenturaEast.org

Club Events

Important Dates

Master PRLS1	Dec 10
Club Christmas Party	Dec 10
Mid Terms	
Mid Terms	Jan 14
Master PRLS 2	
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	
R.I. Convention	May 6 - 9
D.G. Wade's Demotion	Jun 23
Rotary Bullseye Shooting Contest	Jul 4
Latin Music Festival	

Raffle Prize Donors

December 8 - Bill Hicks December 15 - Dick Norman December 22 - Arnulfo Carbajal January 5 - Tim Hughes

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Presidents Message ...



Tom Swan President 2011-2012

As any past president over the past 15 years or so will tell you, we get tons of emails. No matter how big of a font I use to empasize the sheer volumes of "important" and "urgent" emails I receive from Rotary International, District 5240 and all the various clubs, not to mention the off-hand email from some other Rotary district or non-profit who received a grant from their local Rotary club and are now convinced that we would like to donate to them.

As president of Ventura East RC, I take it as my responsibility to filter through all the superfluous emails and only pass on the stuff that is important to our club. Of course this is a strictly objective viewpoint as there are some club members who undoubtedly think supporting methane research in Tazmania might be beneficial to us and help us understand the effects of global warming; I personally don't think it important so I will not forward that email to you. Maybe Jordan will in his year.

Only a sitting president or past president has the full understanding of how much information is truly available. I often delete about 70% of the emails I receive from contacts outside our club and archive 20%, leaving about 10% that I forward either to the club as a whole or to individuals the subject matter would pertain to. If you are want to find out more about what is Rotary, I would encourage you to click on www.Rotary.org and begin the adventure. But I digress.

While I was filtering and trashcanning emails I came across one that I thought to be important. I sent out a quick notice to the club members, but I don't think I did a very good job of driving the point home to you, so I want another crack at it.

The notice in question was regarding the fact that Rotary International's Polio Plus campaign has received notice of ONE new case of polio in India.

Wait a second, India had THOUSANDS of new cases every year, just a few years ago. Last year, India has about 100 new cases. In 2011, they only have ONE!!! That is remarkable. Remember on Nov 17 of this year, when Monte Widders presented us with the state of the Rotary foundation and the pursuit of the eradication of this dreaded disease? When we were reporting how difficult it has been to access the remote regions of India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria? About how the dysentary is so bad that we are forced to innoculate children 5, 6 and 7 times to make the vaccine effective? How millions of volunteers are struggling to make sure EVERY LAST ONE of 16 MILLION BABIES PER MONTH are being innoculated? All these hurdles are thrown at us, yet we are overcoming each one and eradicating polio. You are eradicating polio.

But we are not done yet. We are on the final inch and we still

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The Four Way Test

First ... Is it the TRUTH? Second ... Is it FAIR to all concerned? Third ... Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS? Fourth ... Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Meeting November 17, 2011

Reported by Jeff Hata



Chad Gibson greeted our guests and introduced them.

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

Al Jonas led us in in the salute to the Flag.

President Tom asked everyone keep former member Past President and Joe Amandoli in their thoughts and prayers. Joe's brother passed awav unexpectedly last week. Also, Allen Olson, husband to Past

President Carol Marquez-Olson suffered a stroke last week.

President Tom thanked our greeter Chad Gibson. Chad then introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. Visiting Rotarian was Bob Noville from Santa Clarita. Guest of Tom Hashbarger was Cynthia Hashbarger.

then Judy Hoag handed out our poinsettia delivery assignments.

Cynthia Hashbarger made an announcement to the club about the Christmas Shop.

President Tom presented Rick Shimmel with his blue badge.

John Borneman then led us in a song.

Avenues of Service:

> President Tom

thanked everyone who helped with the recent Rotary Rehab project. It was a long project, but in the end very worthwhile.

Judy Hoag handed out our

poinsettia delivery assignments.

GREAT JOB JUDY!!!

Vocational Service - Bill Spellman thanked everyone who attended the Vocational Service meeting at Buena High School. We will be awarding the Vocational Students of the Ouarter next week and Harriet Clune volunteered to sponsor the award.

Job Shadow day will be on February 23rd.

We will be doing sign-ups for the Balboa Interact

Club on December 7th at 12:30. Please try and attend this meeting.

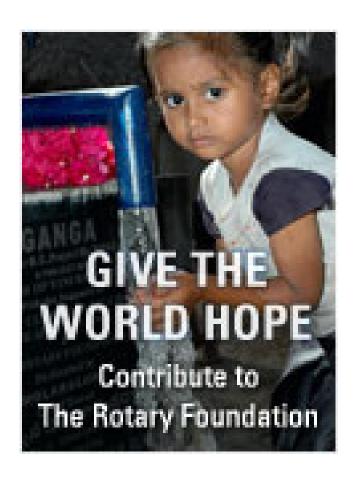
Vance Thompson about spoke our Christmas Party.

Happy \$'s: Bill Gray, Chuck Yuncker, Nikki Sloan, Jeff Hata, Tom Hashbarger, Hank Oster, Al Jonas, Tim Hughes, Rocky Ludes, Deborah Roberts. Danielle Brinkman & Rick Shimmel received his blue badge Jan Lindsay.



today.

President Tom then adjourned the meeting so we could deliver Poinsettias!!!



Three generations traveling to Bangkok in May

By Arnold R. Grahl Rotary International News – 22 November 2011

Three generations of the Simmermon family are planning to attend the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, 6-9 May.

The convention will be the ninth for James E. Simmermon, 85, a member of the Rotary Club of Oakmont Verona. Pennsylvania, who attended the New Orleans convention last year. He says that hearing Bill Gates, cochair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, commend Rotarians for their polio eradication efforts ranks as one of the highlights of his Rotary experience.

When James suggested making the 2012 convention family affair, his son William, a member of the Rotary Club of Highlands Ranch (Littleton). Colorado. agreed. And William and his wife decided that the convention would be an invaluable experience for their son Denver as well.





William, Denver, Renee, and James Simmermon at a recent Rotary club meeting. Three generations of the family --William, Denver, and James -- plan on attending the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, (bottom).

The middle school student is involved in the district's youth leadership program.

"The opportunity to spend time with my father, and for us to experience

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a big Rotary event together, is priceless," William says. "I have traveled around the world for business, and I have been to Bangkok before. I sort of see this as a once-in-a-lifetime experience, to have three generations of my family going."

New perspective

For his part, James feels every Rotarian should attend at least one convention.

"You get a whole new perspective on what Rotary does," he says. "You may know a lot about what your own club is doing, but when you get to a convention, you gain a better understanding of what Rotary is doing around the world."

William, who has been a Rotarian for six years, says he took part in service projects with his dad as a child and attended Rotary club lunches. Now he is making a deliberate effort to include his family in the Rotary experience.

"My wife and son attend meetings and club activities, so Rotary does not conflict with family time," William says. "It has enhanced our family time because we are all there together."

William says Rotary also helps him as a parent. "The same values Rotary stands for are values we believe in as a family. We want to pass along those values."

Early deadline

It's not too late to make plans to join the Simmermons and thousands of other Rotarians in Bangkok. Register by 1 March for reduced pricing.

Rotary's 103rd convention will offer attendees an unforgettable experience in a city filled with exotic temples, unique museums, and ancient attractions. The convention also promises inspiring speakers, including two who have spent their lives promoting economic and community development, one of Rotary's areas of focus.

Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus is the founder of Grameen Bank, which provides small loans to entrepreneurs, particularly women, in impoverished communities. And Hugh Evans is cofounder and CEO of the Global Poverty Project, an organization dedicated to motivating people to take action to end extreme poverty. Recently, the organization added polio eradication to its list of campaigns.



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Weekly Raffle

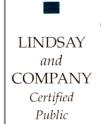
We did not have a raffle today.



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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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