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The Breeze

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Programs

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December 22, 2011

Children's Christmas Party

December 28, 2011

Joint Meeting with Downtown and South

Greeter

December 22 - Jeff Hata

Fundraisers

Poinsettia Sales

Delivery Date

November 29, 2012

Rotary Bullseye Shooting Contest

July 4, 2012

Latin Music Festival

July 28, 2012

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Club Events

Important Dates

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 22 - Arnulfo Carbajal

January 5 - Tim Hughes

January 12 - Husam Hishmeh

January 19 - TBA

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Presidents Message ...



Tom Swan
President 2011-2012

Last week I played Rotary hookie. Hey, everyone except Bob Beckwith has done it, and I wanted a break from you guys, so right after the flurry of Christmas parties, Georganna and I split and went to New York city for a week. We had never been to New York in the winter season (technically we still haven't been there during the winter) and did all the usual tourist visits. We went and watched the ice skaters at Rockefeller Center, and peered into the NBC studios. We went to see the Radio City Rockets but didn't feel like going to another Broadway show. We DID go to Macy's and I wanted to order some of the custom-made tree ornaments, but Georg didn't want to wait in the line. And we did some great shopping too.

We stayed at the Waldorf-Astoria and explored different parts of Manhattan. We even walked the new Hiline Park. Interesting, but as we move into winter months most of the plants have died back so it was not as welcoming as I bet it is in the summer months.

We had some good dinners out, and also ate street food, which is arguably some of the best in the country, although the best hot dog from a street vendor is still in Prague, Czech Republic. New York hot dogs: What's the hype all about anyway? I don't think they are all that great. I can do better in my back yard. New York pizza is pretty darned good too, but I can no longer eat more than one slice at a time.

The best news of all from this trip is I brought back some cool gifts, saw some fun things, had some good times, and I did NOT gain any weight back...kind of unbelievable given the pizza and gyros.

Now I am back in Ventura; ready for our children's Christmas Party on Dec 22, the end of year Rotary meeting on Wednesday Dec 28 with the South and Downtown clubs at the fairgrounds, and a round or two of New Year's parties.

BTW, I sent some reminders about the Coats for Causes project this year. While we have not made a big deal of it, the project is still going full swing at the downtown club and it would be really cool if we could dump a few hundred coats in their collective laps on December 28. Do you have any old (or new) coats you can donate.

Be well, and God bless,

Tom

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Meeting December 15, 2011

Reported by Jeff Hata



Julio Rocha visited all the way from Chile!

and his friend Richard Castro from Chile! Guest of Tom Swan was Cecilio Murillo, guest of Deborah Roberts was Steve Wester and guest of Katrina Dangleman was Jennifer Montoya. Our speaker was Wendy Gillette and Jaylen.

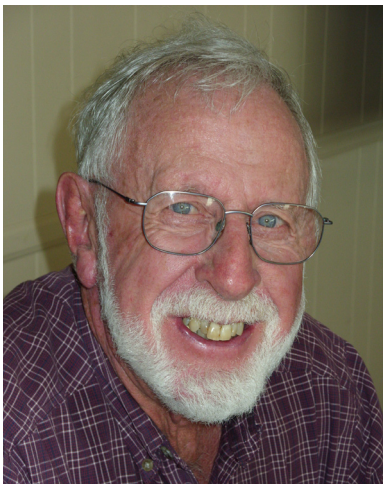
John Borneman then led us in a song.

Craig Miller announced that the raffle prize was \$50 cash donated by Dick Norman.

Deborah then invited Julio to come up and tell us about his club in Chile. Julio lived in Ventura many years and has moved back to his home town in Chile. Julio's club is new and they hope to receive their charter just after the New

Year. Deborah presented Julio with one of our club pins and Julio promises to bring us a flag once his club is chartered and has their flag made.

Vocational Minute: Bill Spellman called our speaker Wendy Gillette up for a vocational minute. The much surprised Wendy came and Bill proceeded to announce to the club that he and Wendy were once married and have a child together! Then going on and further explaining himself, Bill and Wendy did a play in Ojai together where Wendy played Bill's wife! Such a small world.



John Borneman led us in a song!

Past President Deborah Roberts invited everyone to lunch, guests and visiting Rotarians first!

Husam Hishmeh led us in the salute to the Flag.

Past President Deborah thanked our greeter Jim Word. Jim introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. Visiting Rotarians were Bob Noville from Santa Clarita and Julio Rocha

Deborah thanked Bill for hosting the Club Christmas party this year.

Rich Stewart and Harriet Clune presented the club with a flag from the Rotary Club of Moorea. They also brought back a calendar which promptly

auctioned off and sold to Husam Hishmeh for \$30!

Avenues of Service:

New Generations - Husam Hishmeh the next meeting of the Balboa Intereact club will be the 1st Wed. in January.

Community Service - Craig Miller said that he met a person that has a \$10,000 grant for a project similar to Rotary Rehab. Anybody know of any projects???

Judy Hoag told the club that we are taking orders for new club shirts. Please let her know the size and quantity. We also will have women's shirts.

President reminded everyone that next Thursday will be our Children's Christmas Party and we need RSVP's for the John Robinson speech in Ojai.

Happy \$'s: Bill Gray, Wendy Pazen, Nikki Sloan, John Borneman, Bob Pazen, Rocky Ludes, Bill Spellman, Danielle Brinkman, John Masterson, Husam Hishmeh, Harriet Clune and Mark Rook.

Craig conducted our raffle and the lucky winner was Wendy Pazen! Congratulations Wendy and thank you to Dick Norman for his generous donation.

Deborah Perkins introduced our speaker Wendy Gillette.

Wendy Gillett gave a very inspiring presentation about the Lake Casitas Rowing Association ("LCRW"). Wendy and her husband, Eric Gillett, started this non-profit organization in March 2008, with just six children and one adult participating. They have grown rapidly and now have 54 children and 71 adults as members.

The LCRW offers rowing instruction and teams for anyone 13 years or older. Rowing can be done with four or eight person boats. All but one of the people



Rich Stewart & Harriet Clune presented Past President Deborah Roberts with a flag from the Rotary Club of Moorea.

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in the boat actually rows. The non-rowing person is called a coxswain and is the person who directs the rowers and steers the boat. The rowers rely greatly on the coxswain especially since the rowers face backwards and cannot see where they are going.

Rowing offers many benefits to the young people who participate. It is a great workout that helps children learn the strength of their bodies. It requires great mental focus and teamwork both of which help the children build self confidence. Not only does this productive activity keep kids out of trouble, but some of the children are receiving college scholarships as a result of their rowing skills.

When Wendy and Eric took the very first team to a race, it just happened to be a championship race, one of the hardest around. Regardless, they felt that the kids really needed to jump right in. They made an agreement with the kids that the event would be considered a success if they could just pass one boat before the finish line. During the last race of the day, the kids did just that! Since then, the goals keep getting higher and the kids keep reaching them.

The LCRW is currently operating on an annual budget of \$100,000. Wendy does not get paid and there are many other volunteers who help them. It costs approximately \$1,600 for each child per season. This amount includes uniforms, equipment, travel expenses, etc. Approximately 25% of the children receive some type of scholarship. The LCRW never turns a child away, they always find the money somewhere. If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring a child, you may contact Wendy at www.casitasrowing.org.

If you think that you might enjoy rowing, you can attend a free event being held on January 14, 2012. You will get free instruction and be able to actually try rowing.

Thank you Wendy for a great presentation and for bringing rowing to Ventura County.

Deborah A. Perkins



Our speaker today was Wendy Gillette & her coxswain Jaylen

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The comeback of Comely Bank

by Diana Schoberg
The Rotarian -- December 2011

For nearly 40 years, Paul and Jean Harris hosted Rotary board meetings and entertained visiting dignitaries in their home on Chicago's South Side, which they affectionately called Comely Bank after the street where Jean grew up in Edinburgh, Scotland. Today, the house stands in disrepair, its walls stripped to bare studs, as the group of Rotarians that owns it struggles to raise the money for a restoration.

"Comely Bank is the Mount Vernon of Rotary – it's the home of our founder, and it's too important an asset to not do something about it," says Robert Knuepfer, 2010-11 governor of District 6450 (Illinois) and president of the Paul and Jean Harris Home Foundation.

After Paul Harris died in 1947, Jean sold the home. It remained in private hands until the spring of 2005, when the Harris Home Foundation, headed by local Rotarians who had frequently inquired about the house, purchased it with \$500,000 borrowed from the charitable foundation of the nearby Rotary Club of Naperville. The group made some immediate structural repairs to the century-old, Tudor-style home, such as putting in a new basement floor and shoring up the old stone foundation, so the site would be safe for Rotarians visiting during that centennial year.

The Harris Home Foundation's vision for the future is to restore the house to the way it looked in 1947, but with a few "special technical surprises," as Knuepfer puts it. The foundation plans to digitize archival materials including videos, recordings of Harris' speeches, and still photographs, and to install digital monitors in each room to show visitors what life was like there.

But without the money to complete the repairs, the restoration project has been at a standstill, the rooms littered with bundles of insulation and construction debris.

Rotarians of the Harris Home Foundation have embarked on a campaign to raise \$3 million to pay off the debt and interest on the house, complete the renovations, and establish an endowment to pay for maintenance in perpetuity. When the restoration is complete, Knuepfer says, the home could be used as a meeting place for the RI Board and local or visiting clubs, and as a venue for Rotary Foundation functions. The Harris Home Foundation board also envisions creating a Rotary history trail, with stops at Comely Bank, the nearby gravesite of Paul Harris, and Room 711 at RI World Headquarters in Evanston – a re-creation of the office where the first Rotary meeting was held.

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Weekly Raffle

This weeks raffle prize was \$50 cash donated by Dick Norman.

Our lucky wwner this week was Wendy Pazen! We collected \$75 which will go towards Buena High School Scholarships this spring!

Congratualtions to Wendy and thank you to Dick Norman for your generous contribution!


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
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H2Optimist

by Susie Ma

The Rotarian -- November 2011

During a presentation at a recent club meeting, Val Johnson saw one Rotarian nudge his neighbor and whisper, "We've been outdone by a bunch of eighth graders." Johnson chuckles as she recounts the story because those students were talking about a nonprofit she'd cofounded in 2007.

H2O for Life matches schools in the United States with schools in developing nations without clean water and sanitation facilities; the students from Highview Middle School in New Brighton raised \$13,000 to build a dam in the Kwa Kasolo region of Kenya. The nonprofit helps students hold fundraisers such as water walks, which simulate the chore of fetching water, sometimes from miles away, that many children around the world perform every day.




Photo by Darin Back

So far, students have raised more than \$1 million for projects at schools in 26 countries. Each effort requires a dollar-for-dollar match from the nongovernmental organization responsible for implementing it.

In May, H2O for Life launched a pilot project with the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group, Procter & Gamble, and Africare. The organization also provides resources to help teachers talk about water, conduct experiments, and teach students about the culture of the recipient country.

"We went into this thinking we were doing great things for people in developing nations," says Johnson. "What we saw was how it was developing and changing our U.S. students – that middle school kids could say, 'I made a difference and saved a life.' They will grow up to be great philanthropists and great Rotarians."




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