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January 12, 2012

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Club Runner - Jeff Hata

Greeter

January 5 - TBA

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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www.RotaryVenturaEast.org

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

January 5 - Tim Hughes

January 12 - Husam Hishmeh

January 19 - TBA

January 26 - Jim Emch

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Presidents Message ...



Tom Swan
President 2011-2012

Happy New Year Rotarians;
What did you think about the year-end meeting at the Derby Club on Wednesday. I was very impressed with the overall numbers of people in the room, although I was a tad bit disappointed in two ways; I had thought more of our members would attend, and I expected more than just a make-up meeting. As to the latter, it seems to me that with the exception of (South Club President) Bob Braitman and I having the chance to tell a few things about our clubs, the downtown club simply ran a regular meeting. Oh! and apparently our presence gave them the opportunity to have something besides chicken for lunch. Woohoo!!

Am I being too sensitive to the spirit of territorialism? During my Rotary career, we have expressed a definitive this-is-us and that-is-them philosophy. The downtown club does their thing, and we do ours and I suppose the South club does something or other. Occasionally one of us goes to a make-up meeting and listens to what another club is planning, but there does not seem to be any cohesion.

On the district level, there is a monthly meeting between club presidents, and we have the opportunity to share ideas, which is quite helpful. We aspire to plan projects together, but nothing comes of it. What if our three clubs actually formed together for one big project each year? Imagine the difference 200+ Rotarians can make if focused on the same goal. Maybe we should have a true joint meeting, where all three of the clubs' avenues of service tell about their plans, and we actually have a commingled meeting. I bet that would be something.

So as to the first disappointment, I am going to ask for your feedback. What can we do to get more club involvement in off-site meetings? This is not just us this time, but every club seems to have the same problem. We want to have off-site meetings to have fun, break up the monotony, and inform the club members of worthy happenings around town. We have our last offsite meeting of this Rotary year scheduled for March 16 at the Ojai Valley Inn to listen to guest speaker, sports figure, John Robinson. Do you have a suggestion to make attending that meeting more important? What can we do to achieve higher attendance at this meeting in March or any other off-site meeting in the future?

I wish you all a prosperous and fun-filled new year.

Tom

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Reach Within to Embrace Humanity

Meeting December 22, 2011

Reported by Jeff Hata



Julio Rocha visited all the way from Chile!

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

Tyler led us in the salute to the Flag.

President Tom thanked our greeter Jeff Hata. Jeff introduced guests and visiting Rotarians. We did not have any visiting Rotarians. Each table introduced their family members that were in attendance.

Wendy Pazen announced that the raffle prize was \$50 cash donated by A.C..

President Tom announced that our meeting next week will be our annual joint meeting with Downtown and South. We will meet on Wednesday at the Derby Club.

Vocational Minute: Bill Spellman called on Rich Stewart to give a Vocational Minute. Other than traveling Rich sometimes gets around to selling a house in his job as a realtor.

Jeff Hata announced the Fat Tuesday party at Main Course scheduled for Tuesday February 21. Please register for this event on the website.

Rich Stewart told the club about his experience using his Axxess card when out with friends. The Axxess book costs \$30 and Rich saved \$50 his first time using the Axxess Card!!! Remember, we are selling the Axxess book as a fundraiser. If you spend any time out and about in Ventura or Oxnard you are wasting money by not having the card!

December 27th the Interact club from Buena will be going to Pasadena to decorate the Rose Parade Float. They still need a few people to carpool down so if you want to go, let President Tom know.



John Borneman led us in a song!

President Tom reminded everyone of the March 16th John Robinson speech in Ojai. If you would like to go, let Tom know so he can make sure you get a reservation.

January 28th will be the STEPS seminar. This is the Poverty Conference that was started by our club and Go Care many years ago.

President Tom presented René, Ericka & Eddie with Christmas tips for the great service they provide us during the year!!!

John Borneman then called all the children to gather round to read 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'. We then sang a few Christmas Carols and while singing Santa himself appeared and handed out presents to all the children who were present!

Merry Christmas everyone!!!



Thanks René, Eddie & Ericka for your great service every week!!!





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

At today's joint meeting with the Ventura, Ventura South and Ventura East Rotary Clubs, we had the pleasure of hearing John Zeretzke talk about his organization, Flutes Across the World.

John immediately captivated us as he began his presentation. He played a very small flute – very high like a piccolo – and made it sound like bird calls. Incredible. He used electronic reverberation to set up a repeating background, then switched to a Hawaiian Nose Flute and played a different melody to his own accompaniment. It all sounded very tribal and was very beautiful.

John explained that most people groups throughout history have used flutes. His program involves teaching children about flutes in various cultures, then helping the children make flutes. They make two: one to keep and one to give away to another child somewhere around the world. The kids make flutes out of bamboo or plastic pipe and then hand decorate them.

We were shown slides of individual children who had received a flute. Many held it close as a prized possession. Each donated flute has a tag showing the name and picture of the boy or girl who made it. For Prati, in Nepal, the flute is a symbol of hope and also a wonderful gift. Prakash's

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Weekly Raffle

This weeks raffle prize was \$50 cash donated by A.C.

Our lucky wwner this week was Wendy Pazen! AGAIN!!! We collected \$120 which will go towards Buena High School Scholarships this spring!

Congratualtions to Wendy and thank you to A.C. for your generous contribution!

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hand is partially paralyzed, but he runs it across the flute holes to help him make music. Durga in Nepal has dwarfism, but now he can make some music.

The flute music has an amazing ability to relax and sooth children who are facing operations, such as for cleft palate correction. The doctors who came into the ward asked what had happened to the children. They were all relaxed with some even sleeping. They wanted to bring that experience to all their patients.


John and his team have been in some dangerous areas of the world. They have had support from the United Nations peacekeeping forces or other military protection. He has had generals come up to him and thank him, saying "this is what we need more of in the world."

He finished up his talk by playing a Philippines bamboo mouth harp – very different than any mouth harp you ever heard before.

If you missed the program, you missed a good one! Much more information is available at flutesacrosstheworld.org.


Thank you, John, for a very touching and inspirational program. It was so fitting for this holiday season.

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New phone scam targets Rotarians

Rotary International News - 16 December 2011

A number of Rotarians have received phone calls from someone impersonating RI President Kalyan Banerjee or his assistant, claiming he was stuck at an airport and needed the recipient to send money to help.

This phone scam has been reported to authorities in Australia and the Philippines, where the calls appeared to originate. Calls are now being reported in Hawaii, USA, and the scam may continue to spread.

Please be aware of these other scams:

An email scam targeting Rotarians and Rotaractors claims the recipient has won hundreds of thousands of euros through an international promotional program conducted by the "Euro-Millones Lottery". Attached to the e-mail is a PDF letter signed by "Luis Alberto, Vice President" with a photo of Past RI President Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar.

An email scam with the subject line "Dear Award Beneficiary!!!" has targeted Rotarians claiming the recipient has won US\$500,000 and two HP laptops from RI. The email asks for contact information and is signed by "Mrs. Sarah Olic, Programme Co-ordinator, Rotary International".

RI encourages Rotarians and Rotary clubs to avoid becoming victims of such scams by deleting any e-mail that appears suspicious.



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